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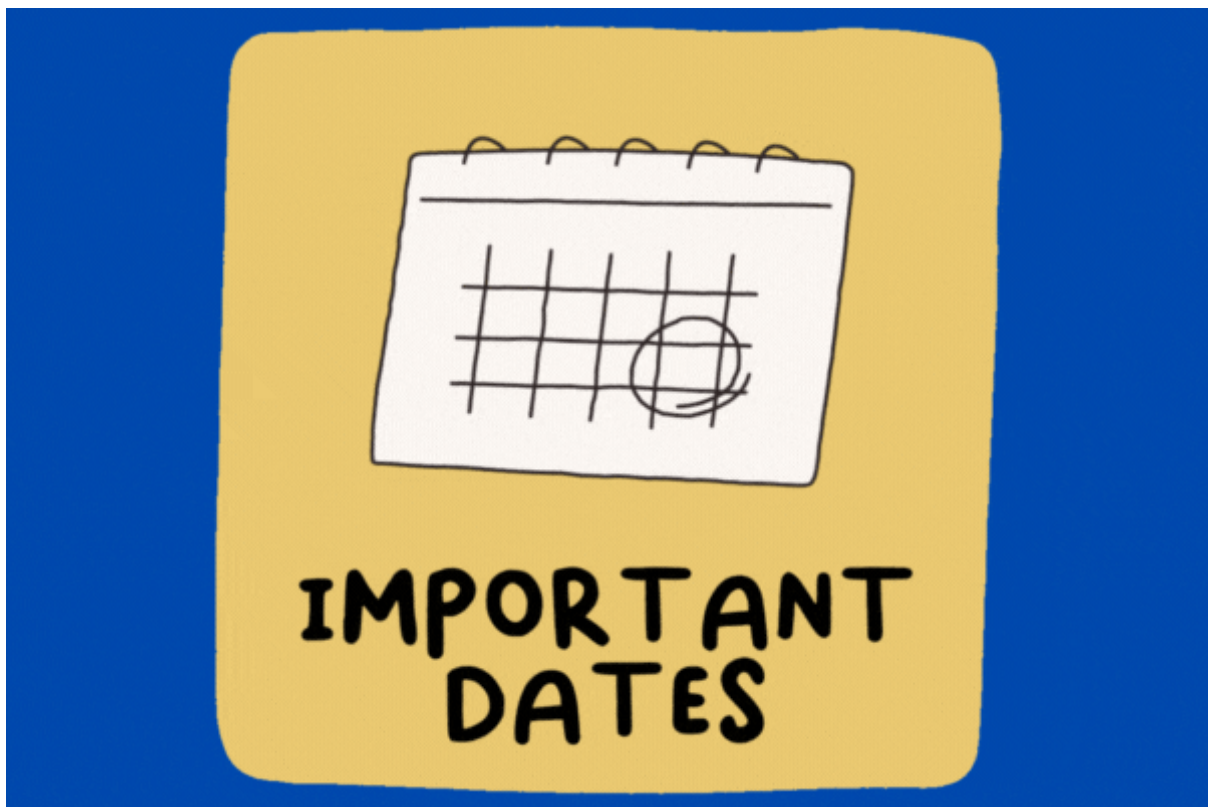
Mike O'Brochta, President-Elect Kiwanis International Convention

Two thousand Kiwanians just spent four days in Minneapolis for the annual international Convention (saw a lot of blue shirts). Joyce and John Montgomery, and Mike O'Brochta attended from our Roanoke Club; Beth O'Brochta rounded out the foursome. A consistently prominent convention theme was about the importance of mentoring, not only to our youth, but to each other as well.

By and large, the food was mediocre (the rubber chicken analogy applies), and the speakers were very good (informative and interesting). Motivational speaker Mark Lindquist gave a convincingly passionate plea for Kiwanis chapter support of humanitarian efforts in Ukrainian; he is an Air Force veteran who gave up his run for Congress to volunteer full time with humanitarian efforts in that country (could be an opportunity for our Club to help). Emmy award winner Clint Pulver played a mean set of drums (sure looked a lot like John Montgomery - wonder if Photoshop was involved). Serious attention was given to the \$30 annual member dues increase proposal; it failed. Dues will remain unchanged; serious cuts to Kiwanis programs are

now predicted. Lastly, a big Taylor Swift concert occurred while we were there. Since not all of us are “Swiftes,” we remained focused on Kiwanis (we are not quite sure about Mike O’Brochta in this regard).





June 28 - (EARLY START 12:25 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Maureen McNamara Best, LEAP

July 5 - No Club Meeting

July 12 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Amanda Livingston, Salem-Roanoke County Chamber

July 19 - No Club Meeting

July 19 - (5:30 pm) Evening Social Event, Cookout at Carvins Cove

July 26 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Virginia Children's Theatre Performance

July 27 - Salem Red Sox Game

June 28th Club Meeting - Maureen McNamara Best, Executive Director: Local Environmental Agriculture Project (LEAP)

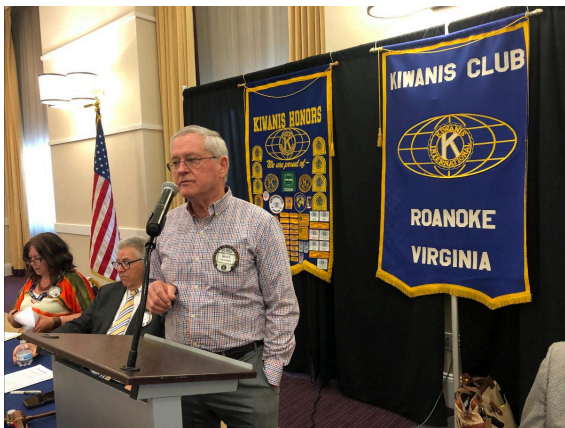
Maureen McNamara Best is the Executive Director with Local Environmental Agriculture Project (LEAP), a 501c3 non-profit based in Roanoke, VA. LEAP nurtures our food community to create an equitable food and farming system

which prioritizes health and abundance by supporting community initiatives, markets, farms, and farmers. To tackle the complicated problems in our food system, LEAP works closely with community members, farmers, and organizational and government partners. LEAP programs include LEAP Farmers Markets (West End and Grandin Village), LEAP Mobile Market, LEAP Farm Share, Healthy Food Incentives (financial incentives for produce for people who participate in SNAP, Medicaid, WIC), The LEAP Kitchen, farm to community planning, and regional food system development. LEAP also serves as the fiscal agent for Virginia's statewide Nutrition Incentive Network, Virginia Fresh Match, to make fruits and vegetables more affordable for people who participate in SNAP (food stamps) at over 90 farmers markets, farm stands, and community-based grocery retailers across the Commonwealth.

Maureen has over fifteen years of experience working with food, agriculture, and community. Her work and professional experience is wide-ranging and includes teaching high school agriculture in Raleigh, NC, working with migrant farmworkers in eastern NC and in the Colorado plains, doing food safety inspections in Boulder CO, and studying the economic viability of the local food system in Northern Colorado. Maureen has a Master of Arts in Anthropology from Colorado State University and undergraduate degrees in Agriculture Education, Spanish, and Anthropology from North Carolina State University. Maureen is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University where she is a Bloomberg Fellow. You can contact Maureen at maureen@leapforlocalfood.org.



Highlights from our last club meeting!





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Happenings

July 19th

No regular club meeting though a cookout social will be happening starting at 5:30 pm at Carvins Cove. More info to come!

Spring Fun Day

Our 2023 Spring Fun Day video has been produced and will be shared this Wednesday at our luncheon meeting when we are inviting our event partners to join us for lunch as our expression of appreciation for their support for this year's event. Come on Wednesday and join us as we get the bird's eye view of the fun on May 20th. Literally! ~ Cheri W. Hartman, Kiwanis Nature Park co-chair with Don Witt and Rupert Cutler

From the Fun Committee

We look forward to our next outing at the Salem Red Sox game on July 27th where we'll be singing our National Anthem. Don't forget to sign up, as usual, "all the cool kids are gonna be there!"

Meeting Recordings

Note that club meeting recordings can be found on our YouTube channel [here](#).

KPAD Highlights Video: [Watch here!](#)

Please email any potential happenings to Alex at abarge11@gmail.com.

Kiwanian June Birthdays

Dan Karnes - 2
Ben Spiker - 3
Joe Gaither - 4
Steve McGraw - 7
Mike Bell - 8
Reif Kessler - 11
Dan Chitwood -13
Jill Sluss - 14
Sherman Holland -15
Greg Lionberger -16
Steve Willis - 16
Bart Wilner -20
Phil Shiner - 22
Milton Hardy - 25
David Hartman - 25

Peg McGuire - 28
Ray Sarver - 28
Jim Arend - 29
Jeff Leatherwood - 30
Sam Rasoul - 30



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