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Committee Membership **Mike O'Brochta, President-Elect**

All forty committees for next year have been established and each has a volunteer leader. Now it is your turn. Each and every member of our Club, and we have very active members in our Club, each and every member of our Club can volunteer for as many committees as they wish. Just contact each individual Chair of the committees you are interested in joining. Or, fill in a Committee Volunteer form available at our Club meetings. Note, and this is important, we are scrubbing the Directory to eliminate ghost committee members (names previously listed on a committee for people who have not been actively participating). Consequently, this is important too, we will not automatically carry over a name of a committee member from last year's Directory, you must re-volunteer. The deadline to volunteer for a committee is September 30. The Directory will be published in October. Now, on with the committee volunteering.

Committees are listed at the end of the email.

Call for **Committee Volunteers**



August 26th Cleanup

Another opportunity to clean up Melrose Avenue - sponsored by a partner of ours in the effort to improve the watershed affecting Horton's Branch and the Roanoke River (and our logperch!). Did you miss our August 5th Clean Up?

You've got another chance to help at this event sponsored by SERV (Standing for Equity in the Roanoke Valley).

See flyer below - thanks!

Cheri

Cheri W. Hartman, Kiwanis Nature Park Co-chair with Rupert Cutler and Don Witt

SERV "Adopt a Street"

SERV has adopted a few blocks of **Melrose** in partnership with the Clean Valley Council (CVC). Join us, with support from **Goodwill Industries**, to beautify our community.



Meet us on August 26th, 2023 at 10:00 am on the sidewalk in front of Goodwill Youth HQ
2502 Melrose Ave

CVC will help with some supplies but we encourage you to bring water proof shoes, trash bags, gloves, grabbers, etc.

Email us at roanokevalleyequity@gmail.com if you are interested in coming so that we can get an accurate count

Roanoke Well-represented at Richmond DCON

No less than 11 Roanoke Kiwanians descended upon Richmond this past weekend for the 103rd Kiwanis Capital District Convention, one of the largest contingents from the Roanoke club ever to travel such a distance as a group.

With 149 members, Roanoke is currently the largest club within the district.

Roanoke's voting delegation included President Ben Spiker, President-Elect Mike O'Brochta and Vice President-Elect Joyce Montgomery. Also making the trip were Past President Cheri Hartman and Dave Hartman; Past Lt. Governor Don Witt and Ellen Witt; Beth Spiker; Beth O'Brochta; Past Lt. Governor Hiawatha Nicely; and Secretary-Treasurer John Montgomery.

The House of Delegates elected Eric Lamb from Charlottesville to the office of governor for the coming year; Josh Hiscock from Ellicott City, Maryland, as governor-elect; and Tim Gillette from Leesburg as vice governor. More than 200 Kiwanians and guests representing 66 clubs attended. There currently are 162 clubs within the district which includes Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. The Richmond Marriott served as 2023 convention headquarters.

The three-day conference included educational and motivational workshops (the Hartmans and John Montgomery were among 13 presenters); social opportunities (including a Casino Night where attendees dressed in 1920s attire – representative of the era when Kiwanis was founded); the governor's banquet, where achievements of the past year were lauded; the election of next-year's officers; and a district-wide work project, where 2,000 meals were prepared for those in need in the Richmond area.

Roanoke contributed \$1,145 to the Ducky Derby, the Capital District Foundation's fundraiser, whose proceeds go toward yearly contributions to 11 children's pediatric trauma centers within the Capital District, including Carilion Children's. The second-highest club in Ducky Derby ticket sales was Frederick, Maryland, with \$1,000. Alas, no one from Roanoke was a door prize winner this year.

Hi Nicely, a dual member of the Botetourt and Roanoke clubs, will serve as president of the Foundation for the coming year.

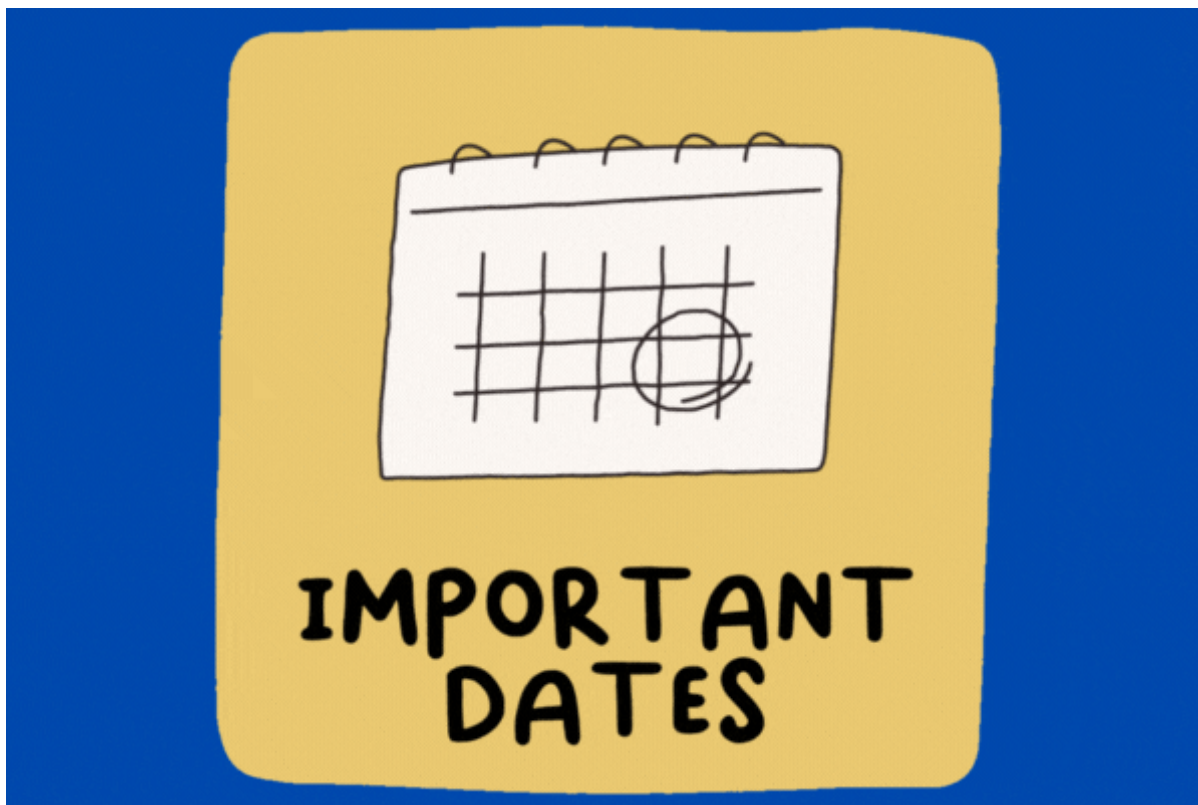
Pictured below:

Among those attending Saturday evening's Casino Night were: Roanoke

President-Elect Mike O'Brochta, Beth O'Brochta, Vice President-Elect Joyce Montgomery and Secretary-Treasurer John Montgomery.

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke President Ben Spiker and wife, Beth, demonstrated that they knew their way around a casino.





August 23 - (12:20 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Amy White, Western Virginia Community College

August 24 - (6 - 8 pm) Fun Social Dance

August 30 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Guy Byrd, Adult Care Center

August 31 - (11 am - noon) Mill Mountain Star Dedication

Wednesday, August 16th, Club Meeting - Amy White, Dean of STEM and Workforce Solutions at Virginia Western Community College

Join us Wednesday for our weekly meeting at 12:20 PM (note early start time) to listen to Amy White, Dean of STEM and Workforce Solutions at Virginia Western Community College. Amy will talk about the spectrum of opportunities the multiple new initiatives at VWCC.

She began at VWCC twenty years ago as a biology professor, and her passion for educating led her to the role as STEM dean. Amy focuses on educating

and mentoring those interested in STEM careers, as well as creating equal opportunities for all students wishing to make an impact on the healthcare system. She received her Bachelor's degree in biology from James Madison University and Master's degree in microbiology and immunology from Virginia Commonwealth University.

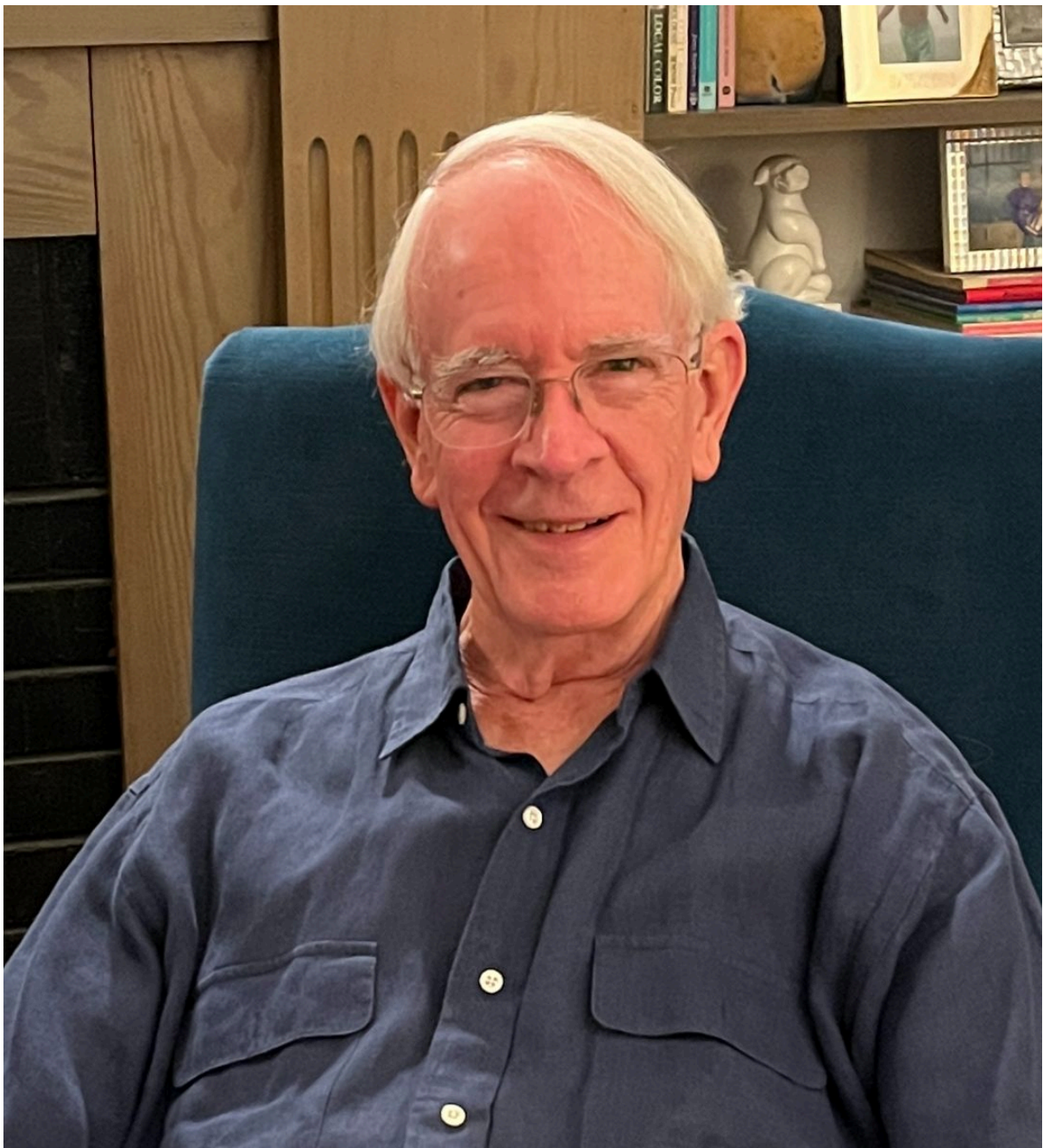


Wednesday, August 30th, Club Meeting - Guy Byrd, Adult Care Center

In 1983, members of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke led the effort to create an adult medical daycare facility in the Roanoke Valley. It was the first of its kind in Virginia, and required years of effort in Richmond to gain approval from the legislature. Adult Care Center of the Roanoke Valley (ACCRV) has weathered significant challenges through the years, but next month will celebrate its 40th anniversary of serving dependent seniors who are still living at home, but cannot be left alone.

Guy Byrd is a graduate of Davidson College is married to his first wife for 55 years so far. Son and daughter both have returned to live and work in Roanoke after starting careers in Seattle and Chicago, respectively. Member of the Board of Pathfinders for Greenways (worker bees for the Greenway Commission). Enjoys bicycling, fitness walking, and running Lionel trains.

Guy's first career was in banking, spanning 33 years. It began in NYC, went through New Orleans, and ended in Roanoke following the successful launch of Valley Bank, which was the first community bank to be organized here in a generation. His second career has been working with smaller non-profits, helping with fundraising. They include CHIP (Child Health Investment Partnership), New Vision, and currently the Adult Care Center in Salem.



Highlights from our Last Club Meeting



New board member, Greg Lionberger



A thank you for Kiwanis CHIP backpack program



Bruce Swanson showing off his designer socks



Milton's drop box. Is the mouth big enough?



Guest speaker Tim Miller presenting at our last meeting.



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Happenings

Notes from John

* We will be starting the meeting at 12:20 tomorrow (10 minutes early) to accommodate a full agenda.

*Our sympathies are extended to Stephanie Moon Reynolds on the loss of her mother last week.

*Greg Lionberger was elected by the membership to a three-year term as a director starting October 1 due to an unexpected vacancy.

Meeting Recordings

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

Joe Gaither Honored

Below is the front page of the Tribune reporting that the Boy Scouts of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council honoring Joe Gaither!

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hit with another indictment

nts outline Trump's fifth indictment across four cases



FANI WILLIS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, FULTON COUNTY, GA

sel Jack Smith's cases brought against him, Trump could not be pardoned by a president or pardon himself in Georgia if he is convicted because they are state charges. Presidents may only be pardoned for federal crimes, such as Smith's case accusing Trump of

attempting to subvert the 2020 election or his allegations of mishandled classified records.

The only way a defendant can be pardoned in the state is by an independent board composed of five members appointed by the governor. Additionally, "you must have

completed all sentence(s) imposed upon you at least five (5) years prior to applying and have lived a law-abiding life since the completion of your sentence(s). You can have no pending charges against you. Your fines must be paid in full," according to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Trump could attempt to move the case from state to federal court, as he has so far unsuccessfully tried to do in his New York case accusing him of engaging in a "catch and kill" scheme to give hush money to a porn star.

Steve Vladeck, a professor at the University of Texas School of Law, said that whether Trump can remove the Georgia case to federal court raises questions about the scope of the "federal officer removal statute," which (See *Indictment*, Page 6)

Joe Gaither honored with prestigious Whitney Young Award

BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Each year, the Boy Scouts of America Blue Ridge Mountains Council names its Whitney Young Award winner. To receive the prestigious honor, an individual or organization must exhibit outstanding service in the community, among other things.



JOE GAITHER

Elected officials, activists, entrepreneurs and law enforcement personnel have all won the award over the years. This year's recipient was Joe Gaither, a legendary youth basketball coach in the Roanoke Valley for nearly four decades.

The ceremony occurred on Aug. 10 in a ballroom inside the Salem Civic Center. Shiloh Baptist Church, Heywood Fralin, Shelby Dickerson, First Citizens Banks, Andre Perry and Sherman Lea Jr. were this year's table sponsors.

Gaither's right hand for many years at William Fleming High, Coach William "Boo Boo" Pannell, was among the many familiar faces in attendance

which included several former players.

"The Bible says that 'he who finds a wife, finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.' Bernice, my wife of more than 50 years, is my good thing. I'm grateful for the support and loyalty she has given me over the years. From washing uniforms to making hotel arrangements, she's done everything to help put our young men in a position to showcase their skills," he said.

One had to be of a certain ilk to play for Coach Gaither. His no-nonsense approach got results more often than not. He had a saying that all of his former players

(See *Gaither*, Page 10)

s it is investing in the growth

Us

"The nation's 1890 end-grant universities uniquely positioned to advance fundamental sciences as well as translational research and development in support of agriculture," said NIFA Director Dr. Manjit K. Ra, "and this funding will increase their capacity to continue their



Carolina State, Alcorn University, State University, Central Funding



Photos from backpacks and haircuts!



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

Committees 2023-2024

- **Administrative Budget – John Montgomery**
Implement strategies to strengthen and support the club's administrative budget and prepare budget for board approval.
- **Adult Care Thanksgiving – Don Chichester**
Coordinate Thanksgiving dinner for elderly at the Adult Care Center.
- **Bocce – Greg Lionberger**
Plan and conduct fun Bocce event.
- **Book Club (new) – Dave Hartman**
Jointly read, explore, and discuss selected books.
- **Business Outreach (new) – Keith Hartman**
Form relationships between our club and local area businesses to increase our club's visibility, and enhance community awareness.
- **CHIP Backpacks – Betsy Bohannon and Joe Lemmer**
Coordinate the collection of funds to purchase backpacks and school supplies for children entering elementary school.

- Environment – Dave Perry
Plan and implement projects which have a positive impact on our local environment.
- Environment Scholarships – Rupe Cutler and Lee Osborne
Subcommittee of Environment Committee. Solicit applications from Roanoke students currently attending one of four designated local colleges or universities and majoring in an environment-related degree, develop selection criteria, evaluate, and recommend scholarship awards.
- Fun – Lois James and Emily Bailey
Conduct a variety of fun activities to encourage social interaction among our members; promote and encourage non-members to attend.
- Grand Angel Tree – Jill Sluss
Solicit contributions to support the Family Service of Roanoke Valley gift program for the elderly in need.
- Grants – Bob Habermann
Solicit proposals from local nonprofit organizations, develop selection criteria, evaluate, and recommend grant awards.
- High School Scholarships – Steve English
Solicit applications from local High Schools with Key Clubs, develop selection criteria, evaluate, and recommend scholarship awards.
- Inductions – Don Wilson
Conduct an induction ceremony for each new club member.
- Introspection – Preston Tyler
Coordinate weekly club meeting introspection.
- Kids Fishing Day – Bob Rutherford and Mike Bell
Conduct a program for children to participate in a fishing rodeo.
- Kiwanis Foundation – Lee Osborne
Build and manage an endowment that will support the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke in effecting meaningful and lasting changes in our community and our world.
- Kiwanis Kares – Jenny Lee
Tend to members' needs outside Kiwanis meetings.
- Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day (KPAD) – Jeanne Bollendorf
Conduct annual signature fundraising event to include serving pancakes, auctioning the Mill Mountain Star, and conducting a yard sale.
- Meals on Wheels – Don Wilson
Participate in the Meals on Wheels program.

- Meeting Set-Up and Break-Down – John Ewart and Joe Lemmer
Perform weekly set-up of club meeting elements including keyboard, pipe, drape, banners, gavel and bell.
- Meeting Zoom (new) – Stephanie Moon Reynolds
Perform weekly set-up of club meeting Zoom cameras and presentation computer.
- Membership – Milton Hardy
Increase and diversify membership; assist new members in becoming engaged with the club and its service activities.
- Nature Park – Rupe Cutler, Cheri Hartman, and Don Witt
Subcommittee of Environment Committee. Develop a park adjacent to the Kiwanis Playground that provides educational and recreational opportunities for area residents.
- Newsletter – Alex Barge
Edit and publish weekly club newsletter.
- Nominating Committee – Jenny Lee
Develop a slate of candidates for officers and directors.
- Photographer – Don Witt
Take photos of weekly meeting and other club events.
- Pledge of Allegiance – Harry Zulauf
Coordinate weekly club meeting introspection.
- Policy (new) – Lee Osborne
Conduct review of existing club policy documents, develop updates where needed, and present updated documents for approval.
- Prayer Breakfast – David Hartman
Organize and lead an interfaith breakfast on the National Day of Prayer to develop understanding and goodwill among those professing different religious faiths.
- Presidential Advisors – Mike O’Brochta
Provide information, recommendations, and guidance to the club President.
- Programs – Joyce Montgomery
Recruit speakers for weekly meetings to address meaningful topics related to the mission, vision and values of the club.
- Public Relations & Marketing – Jeanne Bollendorf and Peg McGuire
Promote and enhance the image of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke within our community.

- Salvation Army Bell Ringers – Ken Briggs
Ring the bell for the Salvation Army during the three nights of “Dickens of a Christmas.”
- Service Leadership Programs – Reif Kessler
Advise, support and encourage leadership and growth among students in local school Key Clubs, the Westside K-Kids Club, and the Aktion Club.
- Music – Judy Clark
Coordinate occasional music and songs for club meetings and other events.
- Sponsorships – Tom Miller and Ben Spiker
Solicit support from corporate sponsors.
- Spring Fun Day – Joe Gaither and Cheri Hartman
Participate in community event held in proximity to the Kiwanis Playground and Nature Park.
- Strategic Planning (new) – Bill Bestpitch
Develop a blueprint plan for the club’s future.
- Webmaster – Mike O’Brochta
Maintain content on club’s website.
- Welcome – Pegram Johnson
Greet attendees and introduce visitors at each meeting.
- West End Center Holiday Party – Lois James
Conduct the annual Holiday party for West End Center children, including the purchase and wrapping of gifts and arranging for a visit from Santa and the gang.
- Young Professionals – Kevin Reeder
Develop programs and implement strategies designed to make Kiwanis an attractive option for a younger audience of professionals within our community.

Kiwanian August Birthdays

3 -- Mike O'Brochta
 4 -- My Chung
 6 -- Amy Carter
 9 -- Cynthia Gray
 11 -- Alex Barge
 11 -- Guy Byrd
 12 -- Lance Bowen

- 12 -- Nancy Horn
- 12 -- Harry Zulauf
- 14 -- Diane Chitwood
- 19 -- John Pendleton
- 21 -- Nick Hagan
- 23 -- Don Chichester (90!)
- 29 -- Alex Bowman



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Officers:

- Ben Spiker, President
- Mike O'Brochta, President-Elect
- Jeanne Bollendorf, Vice President
- John Montgomery, Secretary-Treasurer
- Clark Goodman, Past President

Directors:

- Don Wilson, President, Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke -Term Ends 2023
- Jamie Bailey, 2023
- Luke Young, 2023
- LeeAnn Linkenhoker, 2023
- Kevin Reeder, 2024
- Stephanie Moon Reynolds, 2024
- David Hartman, 2024
- Bob Habermann, 2025
- Sheila Umberger, 2025
- Harry Zulauf, 2025



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