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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.

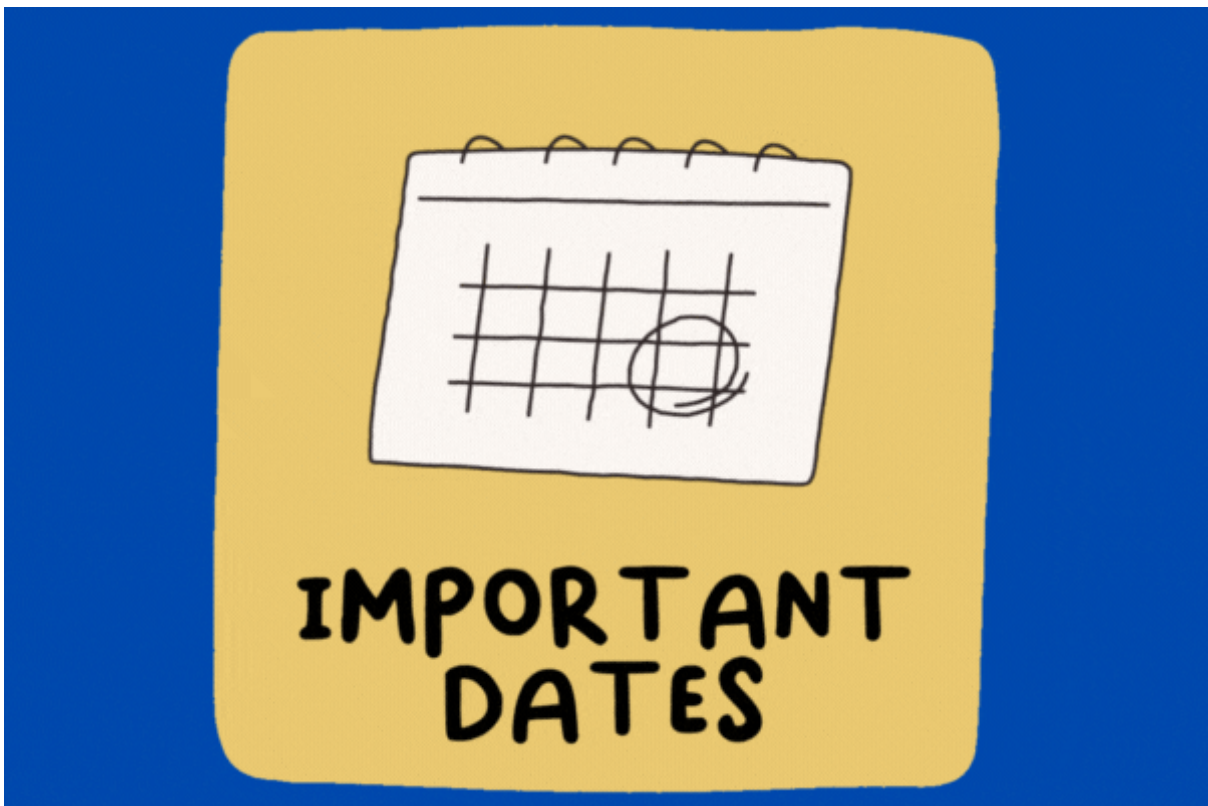
Committees are listed at the end of the email.

Call for **Committee Volunteers**



Star Dedication Mike O'Brochta, President-Elect

All Club members are invited, dare I say encouraged, to attend the Star Dedication at 11 am on August 31; the event will be held at the base of the Mill Mountain Star. We will be unveiling a plaque and dedicating the Star to this year's winner of our KPAD auction, Bower Heating and Air Conditioning. The Mayor is confirmed, representatives of Bower are confirmed, several City Council members are expected, the Chamber of Commerce and Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge are expected, and press coverage is expected. This is an all-hands-on-deck, show-of-force, more-is-better, type of event; this is a great opportunity to extend the reputation of our Club further into our community.



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

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

September 6 - No meeting

September 13 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Jonathan Lee/Meghan Jester, Roanoke College's PLACE - On Campus Career Center

September 20 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Robert Turcotte, Entre
Computer Center

September 27 - No meeting

September 27 - (5:00-7:10pm) Officer Installation

September 31 - Committee volunteer deadline

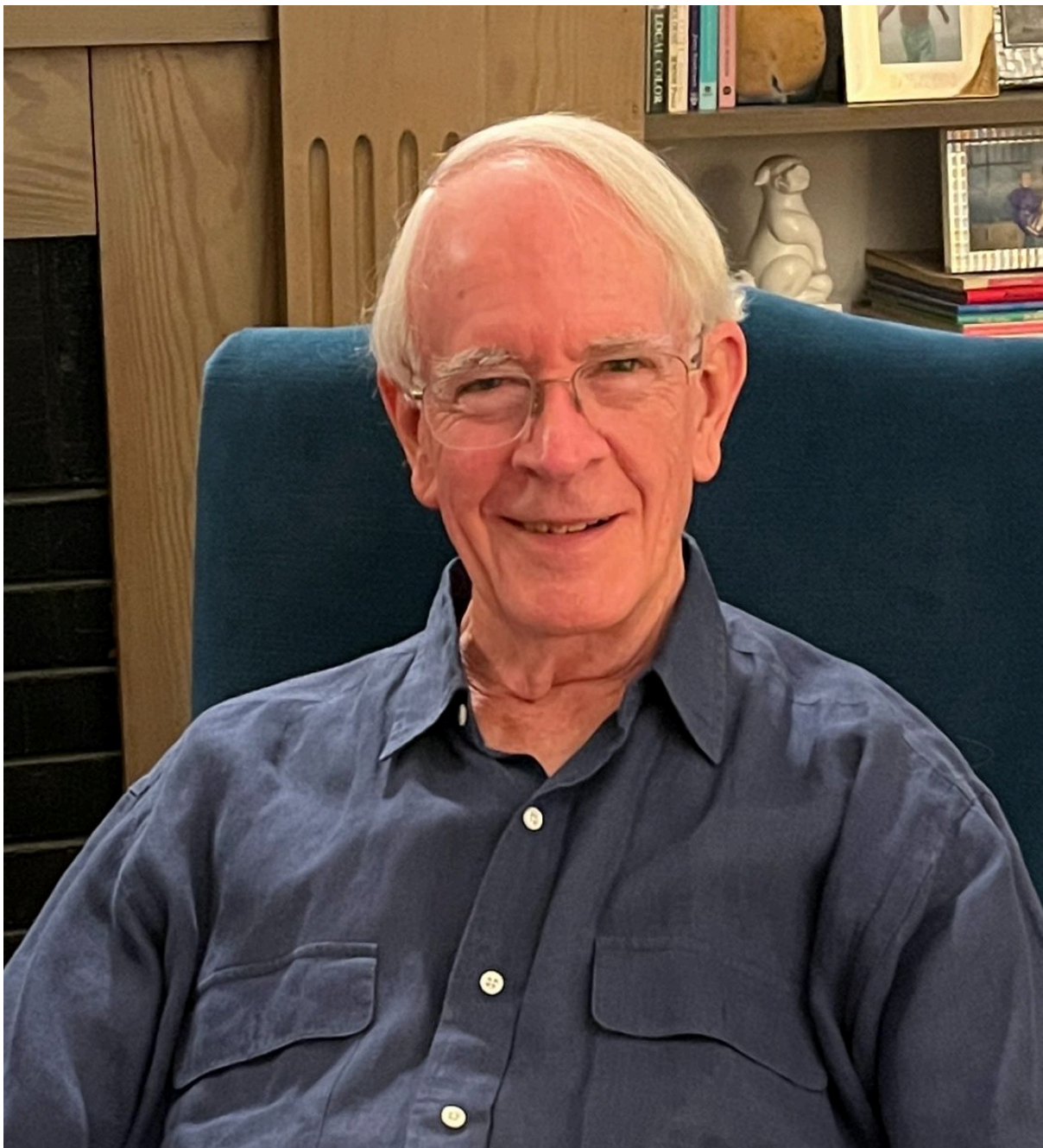
October 21 - Bocce Ball Tournament

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.



Wednesday, September 13th, Club Meeting - Jonathan Lee/Meghan Jester, Roanoke College's PLACE - On Campus Career Center

Roanoke College's PLACE is the on campus career center dedicated to helping students find their place through purpose, life, and exploration.

Jonathan Lee graduated from Roanoke College and received a graduate

degree from Virginia Tech. Meghan Jester graduated from Virginia Tech and received a graduate degree from the University of Lynchburg.

Highlights from our Last Club Meeting



Steve English receives his permanent member badge.



Bruce Swanson, this week's gardener, wonders why the homeless person sleeping on the garden bench, wakes up and ask where Don Witt is.



Keyclub Lt. Governor Courtney Ngo speaks to club.



Mike O'Brochta and John Montgomery show of District Conference costumes for Saturday affair.



Speaker Amy White, Virginia Western STEM program.



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Happenings

Meeting Recordings

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

Steve McGraw Travels

Hello, Roanoke Kiwanis Club members; I just wanted you to know that - even though I did not have a close encounter with Richard Dreyfuss at Devil's Tower National Monument today - I did run into this little guy (pictured below) in their gift shop, and after hearing about our club's out of this world successes, he agreed to join us!

His name is Al (NMN) Ien, he travels extensively via time portals, and once he lands in Roanoke, he will contact me in the future, or in the past...

We don't need a board vote on his membership application just yet, but I will let you know when the time is right - thanks!

Also, according to Kiwanis International, the Rapid City Kiwanis Club meets at 12 noon on Friday at the Black Hills Community Bank.

I was there today at that time, but they weren't...

However, I did locate and photograph the Kiwanis built and dedicated Mary Hall Park and Trail here, so please see those photos here soon...



Nature Park in the News

WFXR TV and The Roanoke Times Covered Saturday's Nature Park Tree Cutting Project - [Watch the segment here](#)



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 Birthdays

September 3 Vern Danielsen
 September 4 Betsy Bohannon
 September 4 Joe Bradney
 September 5 Sam Lionberger III
 September 7 Jackie Bledsoe

September 9 Lee Learman
September 11 Calvin Witt
September 13 Neal Kinsey
September 13 Jessie Coffman
September 14 Eric Danielsen
September 15 Mike Leigh
September 16 Ken Briggs
September 16 LeeAnn Linkenhoker
September 16 Glenn Pierce
September 21 John Ewart
September 23 Mike Loveman
September 23 Mike Adams
September 24 Dave Spangler



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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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