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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.

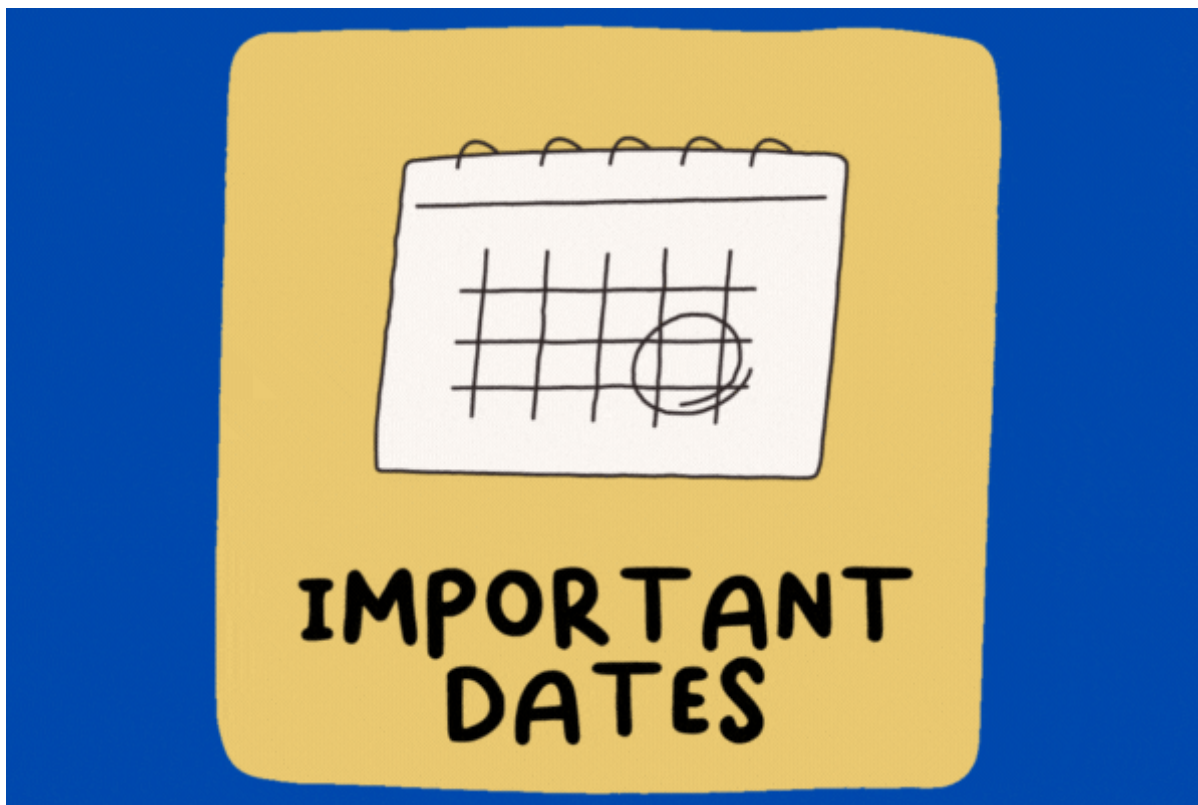
Committees are listed at the end of the email.

Call for **Committee Volunteers**



Officer Installation and Dinner

Take advantage of the opportunity to thank our outgoing and incoming leaders at our Officer Installation ceremony and dinner (New Orleans Gumbo) at Carvins Cove Wednesday September 27 at 5:00pm; RSVP soonest to John Montgomery.



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 - Gumbo at Carvins Cove

September 31 - Committee volunteer deadline

October 21 - Bocce Ball Tournament

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.



Wednesday, September 20th, Club Meeting - Robert Turcotte, Entre Computer Center

Robert Turcotte will be speaking on what is artificial intelligence (AI) and natural language processing (NLP) and why is everyone talking about it.

Robert has been senior system consultant at Entre Computer Center for 34 years. He is a leader in the business community and numerous community organizations.



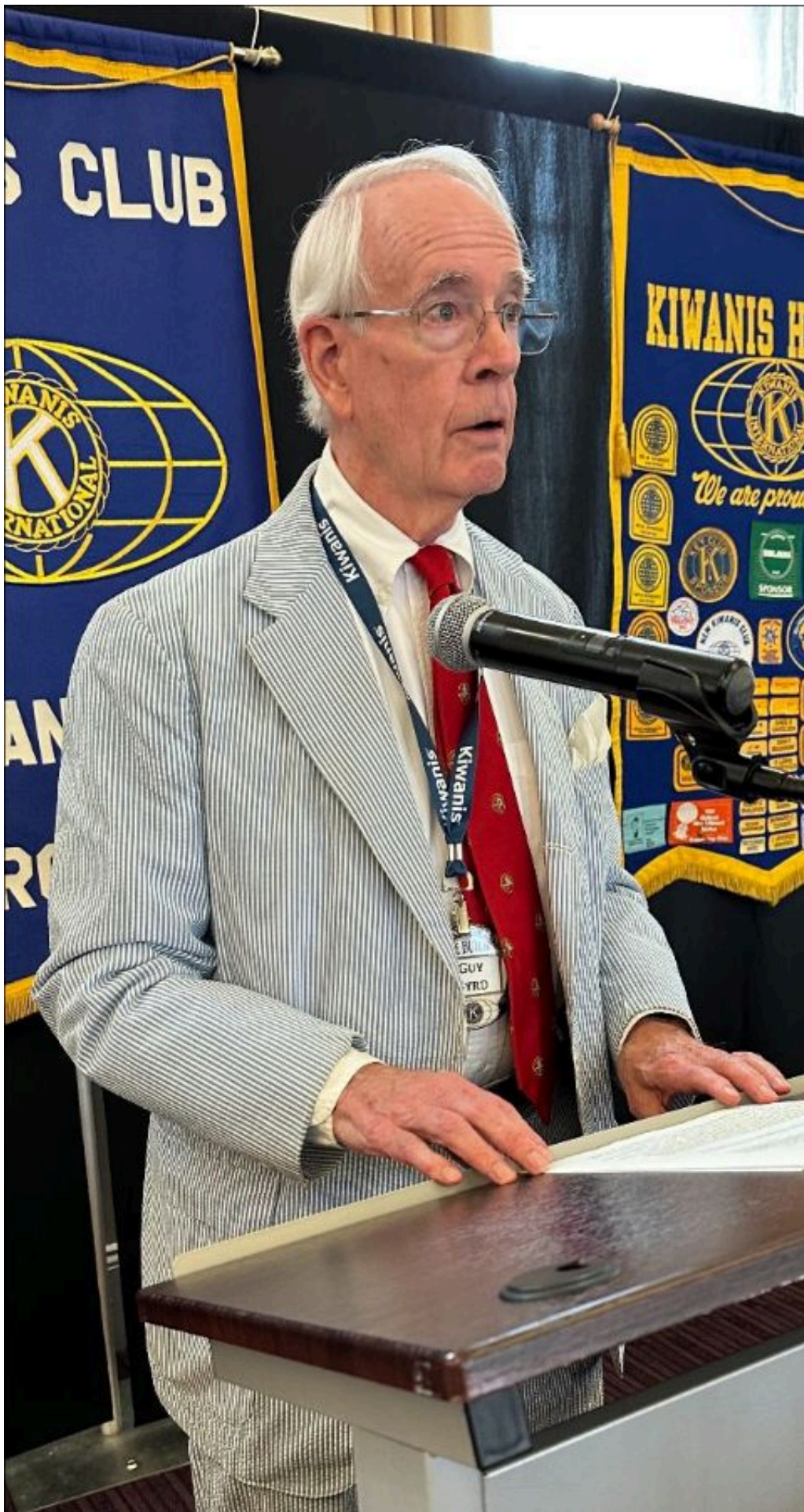
Highlights from our Last Club Meeting



Full Room At Club Meeting



Tree Cutting Project Volunteers





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Happenings

Meeting Recordings

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

Roanoke Star Dedication

We had a great turnout to dedicate the Roanoke Star to Bowers Heating and Air, winners of the Star Auction. You can watch the news coverage of the dedication [here](#).

Pictured below are the crowd at star dedication and the star plaque unveiling.



Nature Park (photos and captions by Ken Briggs)

Pictured below:

Farmer Steve McGraw delivered and spread a scoop of mulch at the Wildflower Garden.

Former North Dakota Farm Boy Bruce Swanson responded to the call to attack the weeds in our Wildflower Garden.

Cynthia Gray and her son Taylor were among those who attacked the weeds in our Wildflower Garden August 31st. .



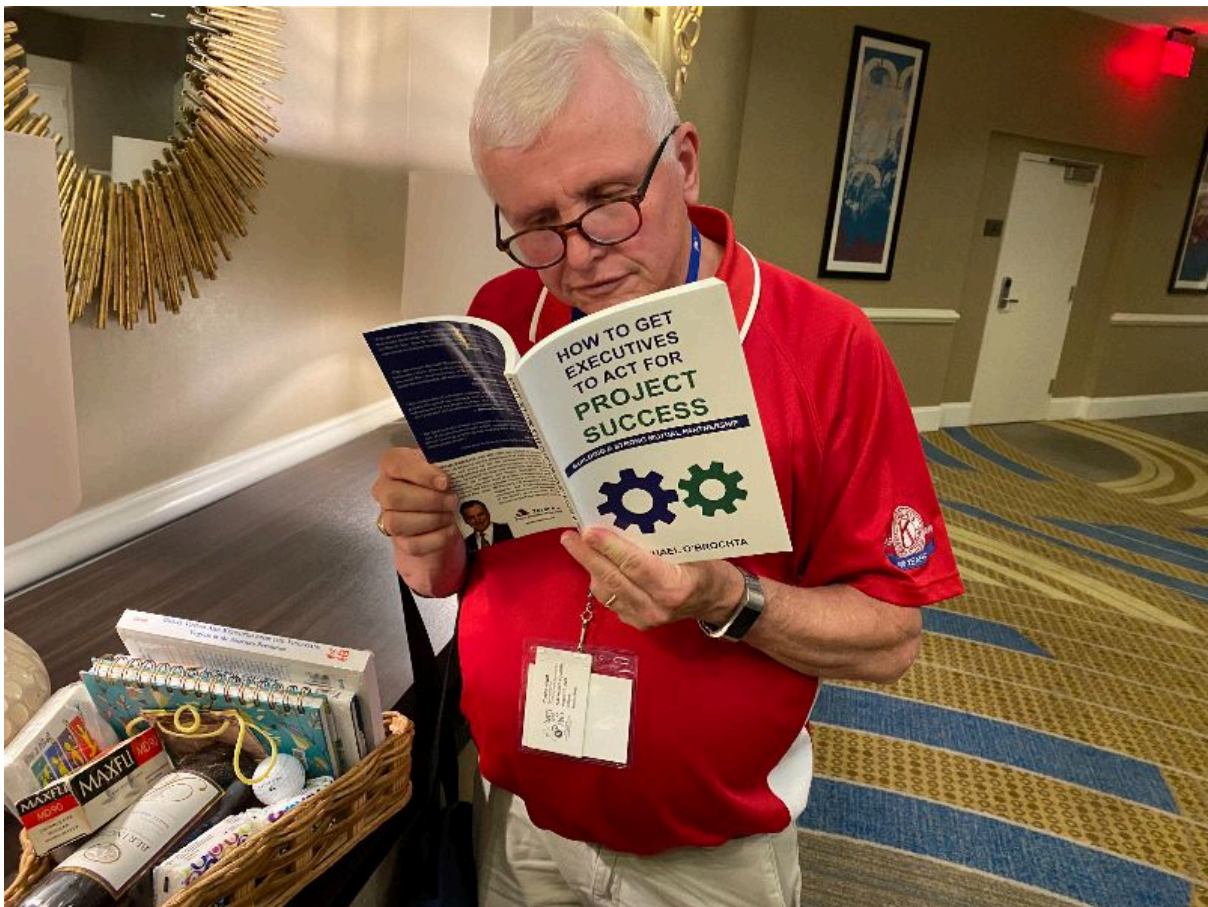
Davidson-VMI

Three Roanoke Kiwanians were spotted at the September 2nd Davidson-VMI football game. VMI Won 12-7 on a last minute touchdown.



JAM

John was spotted reading a riveting book!



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.
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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



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
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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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