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CLUB OF ROANOKE

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Join Us

by Mike O'Brochta

At our last Club meeting, I announced that two new members had already joined since the October start of our year. I also announced that Cheri Hartman, who followed Greg Lionberger, was the second winner of the Outreach award. What a joy it is to see our Club members increasing awareness about our Club in our community. Thank you for all that you are collectively doing toward that objective. The expression “many hands make light work” comes to mind. Let’s keep it up.

These types of outreach successes happen because individual members of our Club take specific actions to reach out to others. I will continue to encourage you to do that. Often, those actions include the sharing of information about our Club, about what we do, and about joining our Club. It just so happens that a page on our Club’s website is dedicated entirely to the subject of

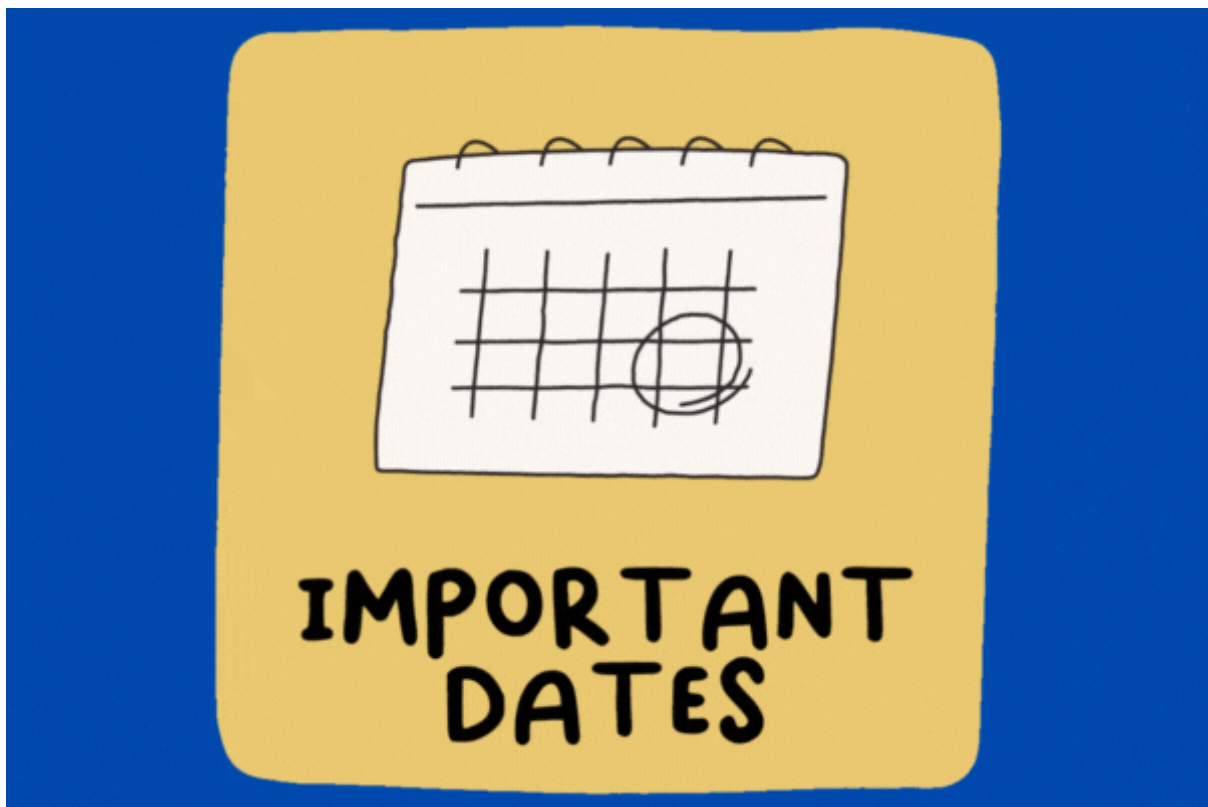
joining. It provides an easy-to-read summary of information non-members can benefit from including the weekly meeting time/location, membership dues options, and a membership application. Feel free, as you perform your individual outreach efforts, to share the link to the “Join Us” page on our website: <https://www.roanokekiwanisclub.org/join-us/>

Let's act on our theme – Outreach!



Calling all Volunteers!

Even though our annual pancake fundraiser is still several months away...we are getting our promotions out early. Our Club is setting up a vendor space at the Holiday Craft Show at the Berglund Center and help is needed to man or woman our booth for a 4-hour shift, where we will promote our pancake fundraiser and sell our new Roanoke Star ornament! Dates are **Saturday December 2 (9am-4pm) & Sunday December 3 (10am-4pm)**. If interested please email **Jeanne Bollendorf** at jeannekiwanis@gmail.com or call/text 757.773.3312



November 29 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Kiwanis Nature Park Update

November 30 - Elf the Musical social at Mill Mountain Theater with reception

December 1 - (6-9 pm) Salvation Army Ringing of the Bell

December 2-3 - Kiwanis table at Holiday Craft Show

December 6 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Rev. Dr. Amy Christine Hodge

December 8 - (6-9 pm) Salvation Army Ringing of the Bell

December 9 - West End Holiday Shopping

December 12 - West End Holiday Gift Wrapping

December 13 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) West End Christmas Party during Club Meeting

December 15 - (6-9 pm) Salvation Army Ringing of the Bell

December 16 - (9:00 am - noon) Strategic Planning Committee

May 4, 2024 - Kiwanis Pancake Day

Wednesday, November 29th - Club Meeting - Kiwanis Nature Park Update with Cheri Hartman, Rupert Cutler, and Don Witt

The presentation will review the progress of the Kiwanis Nature Park work over the pass year plus a presentation of what to expect in the next couple years. Among the highlights include the development of a children's environmental book "Larry the Logperch" and the pollinator garden with amenities added to the area.





Wednesday, December 6th - Club Meeting, Rev. Dr. Amy Christine Hodge

REV. DR. AMY CHRISTINE HODGE WAS BORN IN A SMALL TOWN CALLED KOELHER WHICH IS BETWEEN MARTINSVILLE AND FIELDALE, VIRGINIA. SHE IS A 4TH GENERATION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEMBER. SHE IS NAMED AFTER HER GREAT-GREAT GRANDMOTHER AMY FINNEY WHO WAS BORN A SLAVE AND IMANCIPATED AT THE AGE OF 15 YEARS OLD. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF DOROTHY FINNEY ESTES WHO WAS A LIFELONG MEMBER OF MEADOWVIEW AME CHURCH. PASTOR HODGE HAS 2 SISTERS AND THREE BROTHERS. ONE OF HE SISTERS, ELDER NAOMI HODGE MUSE IS AN ASSISTANT PASTOR AT GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MARTINSVILLE, VA. SIS. ESTES DECLARES THAT PASTOR HODGE HAS BEEN PREACHING SINCE SHE WAS FOUR YEARS OLD.

REV. DR. HODGE HAS 3 ADULT WELL EDUCATED, MARRIED

CHILDREN-MELINDA(BRIAN) FORD WHO HAVE 2 CHILDREN.
APRIL(REGINALD)JONES WHO HAVE 1 CHILD AND PAUL(NECOLE)
GILL WHO HAVE 2 CHILDREN. SHE IS THE PROUD
GRANDMOTHER OF BRANDON FORD-19, A RISING SENIOR AT A&T
UNIVERSITY IN GREENSBORO, NC., MELINA FORD 9, REGINALD
JONES III, AGE 18 WHO IS ENTERING TEMPLE UIVERSITY IN
PHILADELPHIA IN THE FALL, TRISTAN GILL 5 YEARS OLD AND
MILES GILL 2 AND 1/2 MONTHS OLD.

SHE IS A GRADUATE OF PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE-
VIRGINIA SEMINARY AND COLLEGE, AND VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
OF LYNCHBURG. SHE RECEIVED HER MASTER OF DIVINITY AT
THE SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY IN 2011. SHE HAS MATRICULATED
AT SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AS A
DOCTORAL CANDIDATE. SHE HAS RECEIVED AN HONORARY
DOCTOR OF DIVINITY FROM EASTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

SHE MOST RECENTLY WAS EMPLOYED AT THE VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
HEALTH COORDINATOR. SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
POSITIONING OF VACCINATION CLINICS IN NEIGHBORHOODS
WHERE PEOPLE OF COLOR HAD NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
BE VACCINATED. HER MOTTO IS, "EDUCATE BEFORE YOU
VACCINATE". SHE IS NOW THE FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER OF KINGDOM COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, A NON-
PROFIT THAT DELIVERS EDUCATION AND RESOURCES IN AREAS
WITH DISPARITIES AND INEQUITIES.

PASTOR HODGE WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED TO THE VIRGINIA
HEALTH COMMISSIONERS ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HEALTH
EQUITY AND DISPARITY.

SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE NAACP,
THE NORTHWEST FAITH PARTNERSHIP, AND (LOV) LADIES OF

VISION OF ROANOKE. SHE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE. SHE IS A COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. SHE ACTUALLY MADE AND DISTRIBUTED THOUSANDS OF MASKS IN THE ROANOKE VALLEY, AT THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC. SHE IS AN ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CHANGE. SHE FORMED AN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD THAT ALLOWED PERTINENT INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE TO TRAVEL TO THE PEOPLE OF COLOR THROUGH LOCAL PASTORS AND FRIENDS TO INSURE THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR RECEIVED VACCINATIONS. MOUNT ZION A.M.E CHURCH HAS HOSTED 8 CLINICS AND SEVERAL COMMUNITY EVENTS SINCE 2020.

REV. DR. AMY CHRISTINE HODGE IS A TRAILBLAZER AND HAS SUCCEEDED IN MANY FIRST. IN THE YEAR 2000 SHE BECAME THE FIRST FEMALE PASTOR OF BETHEL AME CHURCH OF ROCKY MOUNT, VIRINIA. IN THE YEAR 2002, SHE BECAME THE FIRST FEMALE PASTOR TO OVERSEE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHURCH FROM START TO FINISH IN 144 YEARS OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL. IN 2007 SHE BECAME FIRST FEMALE PASTOR OF MOUNT ZION AME CHURCH. SHE RECEIVED HER 17TH APPOINTMENT AS PASTOR OF MOUNT ZION IN MAY, 2023. SHE IS ONE OF THE FIRST FEMALES TO PASTOR A CHURCH IN THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE WITH A TOP TEN RANKING.

MANY PEOPLE KNOW REV. DR. AMY CHRISTINE HODGE AS REV. AMY HODGE ZIGLAR. SHE MADE A PERSONAL DECISION TO RECLAIM HER BIRTH NAME AMY CHRISTINE HODGE WHICH MEANS TO LOVE LIKE CHRIST WITH HONOR. THERE IS A LOT IN A NAME AND SHE BELIEVES THAT HER NAME IS THE RIGHT NAME TO SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS. HER MOTTO IS "I WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT"



Highlights from our last meeting

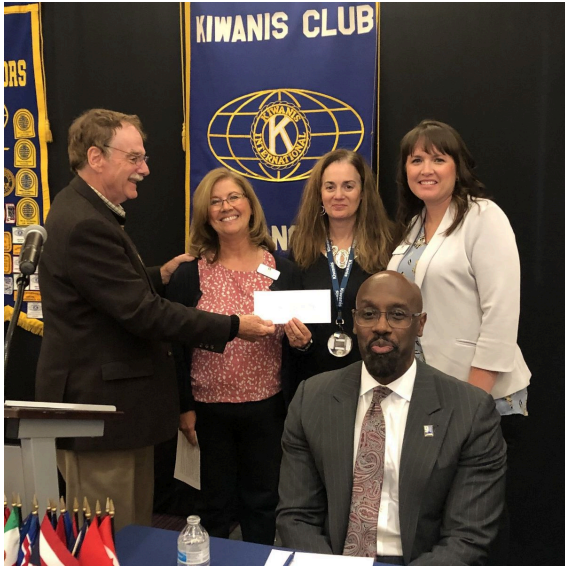


President Mike presents honorarium to Goodwill CEO, Richmond Vincent, who presented on the



Grandin Theater Foundation grant for student film making

Northwest City initiative.



Family Services team receives
Kiwanis grant



Mayor Sherman Lea provides
introspection message



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Happenings

Calendars for Residents at Salem VA

Please recycle the calendars you receive in the mail that you are not going to use by bringing them to the Kiwanis meeting for the resident at the Salem VA. They are used to help the patients follow the date. Only 2024 calendars are needed. Thanks for recycling and supporting this Kiwanis

Meeting Recordings

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

Don Wilson Receives Preservation Award

Don Wilson, owner and president of Evergreen Memorial Trust,

accepted an award for Community Outreach on behalf of Evergreen Burial Park. You can read about it [here](#).

Kiwanis Book Club

The Kiwanis Book Club led by David Hartman will have its inaugural meeting on Thursday, December 14th, 2023 at 7 pm - to be held virtually.

Topic: Kiwanis Book Club inaugural meeting

Time: Dec 14, 2023 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting using link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84323534099?
pwd=WHZJZ1dhV2RpemZoeTIIRjlYdzlaZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84323534099?pwd=WHZJZ1dhV2RpemZoeTIIRjlYdzlaZz09)

Meeting ID: 843 2353 4099

Passcode: 592901

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David W. Hartman (davidhartman4@cox.net; phone number in directory)

Horton's Branch Watershed Clean Up

Details are finalized: the next Horton's Branch Watershed Clean Up event will be held in partnership with the Envision Center (Roanoke Redevelopment Housing Authority) at Lansdown's ENVISION CENTER facility (2607 Salem Turnpike, Roanoke) and with Shiloh Baptist Church, SERV, Clean Valley Council, our district's Key Clubs, Aktion Club - all who can join us! Start time is 10:00 am - we will finish cleaning up by 12 noon. Join us for light refreshments, camaraderie and TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Sign up sheets and flyers will soon be found on your luncheon table -- OR email Cheri Hartman to RSVP: chartman2423@gmail.com.

Dress warm and appropriately - Clean Valley Council will have grabbers, bags and vests for us. Who will use this Nature Park the most

and our adjacent playground? Answer: this very neighborhood we are joining for the Clean Up - on MLK Jr Day - a day ON, not a day OFF as they say for this holiday!

Hope to see you then!

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

Nature Park

What a great turnout! Eleven Kiwanians and a great group from Roanoke Catholic Key Club, one Fleming Key Club member, the Aktion Club provided 2 volunteers, Standing for Equity in the Roanoke Valley and Clean Valley Council all helped improve our Hortons Branch Watershed. Look at all those trash badges we filled at the Kiwanis Nature Park and Kiwanis Playground and up Melrose Ave. Thanks to John Montgomery, John Pendleton, Jeanne Bollendorf, Ken Briggs, Alec Bowman, Alex Barge (plus his daughters!), Harry Zukaf, Clark Goodman, Joe Lemmer, Randy Myers, Cheri Hartman. Next chance to roll up your sleeves and grab a grabber? MLK Jr Day in January. Save the Date! Perfect holiday for strengthening our CommUNITY!





Ringing of the Bell

We are set to "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army during the three Friday evenings of "Dickens of a Christmas". Our location will be outside the Market Square Entrance to Center in the Square.

Please see our schedule below. We have four bells, and would like to have four ringers for each 4-hour shift. If you'd like to participate, please contact Glenn Pierce, Joe Lemmer, John Ewart, Betsy Bohannon, or Ken Briggs.

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke
Salvation Army Bell Ringing, 2023
Dickens of a Christmas

Friday, December 1—"Christmas Tree Lighting"

5 to 6PM—Dan Karnes; John Pendleton; Nancy Horn

6 to 7PM—Reif & Susan Kessler:

7 to 8PM—Keith Hartman & Nancy Hartman; Mike & Tiffini Bell

8 to 9PM—Joe Lemmer; Pegram Johnson;

Friday, December 8—"The Christmas Parade"

5 to 6PM—Bob & Ann Rutherford; Will & Carol Dibling

6 to 7PM—Glenn & Sue Pierce; Ben & Beth Spiker

7 to 8PM—Ken Briggs & three Aktion Club members

8 to 9PM—David & Margarita Bowers; Preston Tyler & Chauna Hardy

Friday, December 15—"The SPCA Pet Costume Contest"

5 to 6PM—John & Sally Ewart; Andy & Marjorie Stone

6 to 7PM—Rupert Cutler & Brenda McDaniel; Betsy & Chris Bohannon

7 to 8PM—Joyce Waugh & a guest; Stephanie & Earl Reynolds

8 to 9PM—Joe Lemmer; Bruce Swanson;

This report was updated on 11/28/2023

Aktion Club

The Dean of Students at Fairview Elementary School requested snacks for hungry students. Aktion Club member Jeff Schweiger and Robert Hairston made the first delivery on November 20.



Outreach Awards (initiative and follow through):

- Greg Lionberger
- Cheri Hartman (Pictured below receiving her ribbon)



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

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

 **Forward**

Kiwanian Birthdays

November 1 Joyce Waugh
November 3 Will Dibling
November 3 Jay Massey
November 4 Tom Miller
November 8 Manly Aylor
November 10 Sheyonn Baker
November 10 David Daniels
November 13 Kevin Berry
November 15 Larry Kufel
November 28 J.C. Taylor

December 3 -- New member Fred Jeter
December 5 -- Jay Harlow
December 9 -- Lloyd Enoch
December 14 -- Jim Joyce
December 17 -- Mike McEvoy
December 21 -- New member Randy Myers
December 21 -- Diane DeHaven
December 23 -- Chuck Baker
December 26 -- Lois James
December 27 -- New member Maritza Steele
December 28 -- Judy Clark



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