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## **President's Message Outreach Times Four by Mike O'Brochta**

Let's pause for a moment and celebrate the four Club members who have received Outreach awards. First, there was Greg Lionberger who employed new twist with our October Bocce event when he increased non-member participation by offering them discounts. Then came Cheri Hartman, who as far as I am concerned is the Queen of Outreach, when she held a November Nature Park clean up where half of the volunteers were from outside of our Club. Next up was Bart Wilner who, by January, had already recruited two new Club members; powerful stuff. And most recently was Harry Zulauf who, as our new Membership Committee chair, has led that committee to the next level by implementing some systematic practices that are already paying off.

Let's think for a moment about what these Outreach awardees have done. Let's think about the common thread among their accomplishments. Let's think about how each of us in the Club, regardless of role or tenure, can do

similarly. Let's recognize that all four of these people have taken initiative and followed through with action. They have built upon the past to implement something new and different that furthers the Outreach goal, that furthers our Club's future. They have earned our appreciation. I am hoping, by example, they have stimulated others. Let's show that appreciation with a round of applause.

Let's act on our theme – Outreach!



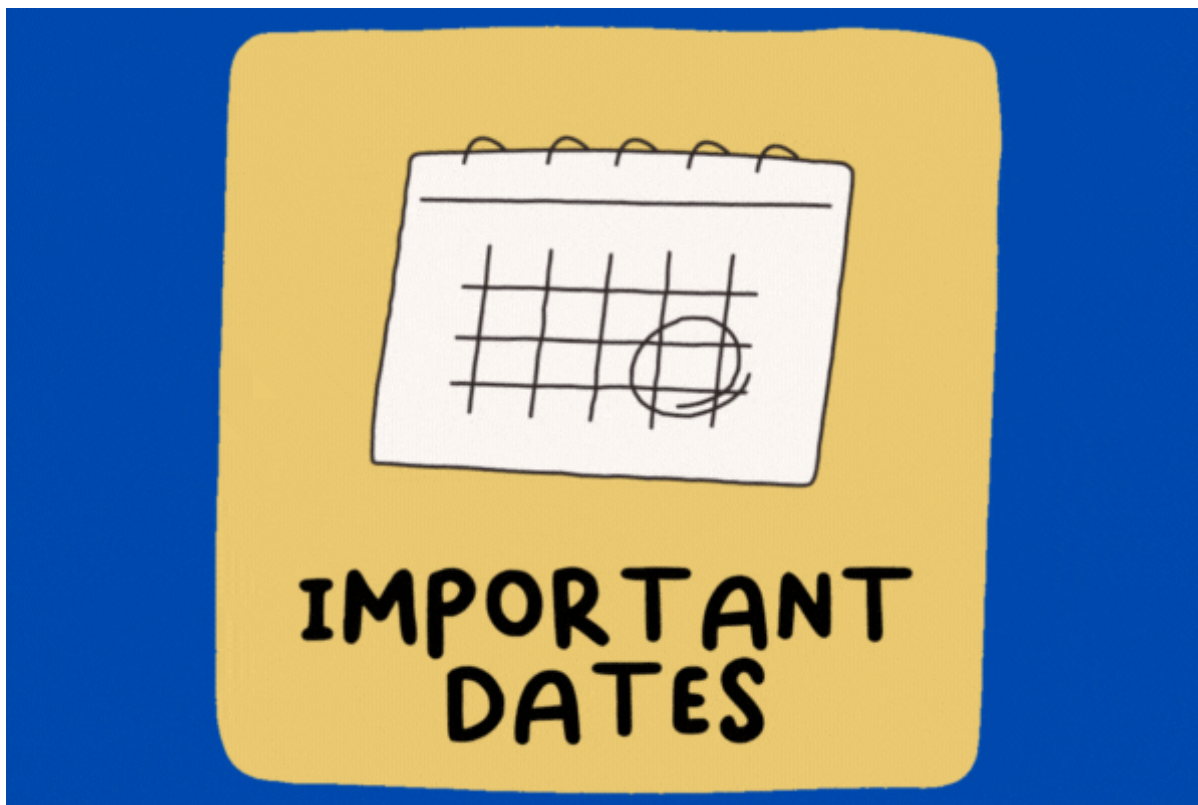
**Bart Wilner**

**Greg Lionberger**

**Harry Zulauf**

**Cheri Hartman**

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**January 17** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Vice Mayor Joe Cobb, Gun Violence Prevention Commission

**January 18** - (7:45 - 8:45 pm) Membership Committee Meeting at the Tanglewood Panera

**January 19** - (8 am) Prayer Breakfast Committee Meeting via Zoom

**January 24** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Molly Hunter, Roanoke Neighborhood Services

**January 31** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Katie Slusher, Roanoke City Parks and Recreation

**January 31** - (5:30 - 6:30 pm) Book Club meeting at the South County Library

**January 31** - (7:30 - 8:30 pm) DEIBA Webinar

**February 7** - (1:45 - 2:45 pm) Presidential Advisors Meeting at Charter Hall

**February 10** - (9 am - noon) Strategic Planning Committee Meeting at Carvins Cove

**May 4, 2024** - Kiwanis Pancake Day

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## **Wednesday, January 17th - Club Meeting, Vice Mayor Joe Cobb, Gun Violence Prevention Commission**

Rev. Joe Cobb believes that our greatest calling as human beings is to love one another by honoring and celebrating what makes us unique and by discovering what we can create together. This calling both inspires and informs his devotion to public service in the Roanoke city, region and around the world.

Joe is the Vice Mayor and a member of the Roanoke City Council (elected 2018 and re-elected in 2022) He served as Vice Mayor from 2018 - 2020. He also works as Chaplain at Hermitage Roanoke, a senior living community in Northwest Roanoke.



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## **Wednesday, January 24th - Club Meeting, Molly Hunter, Roanoke Neighborhood Services**

Born and raised in Iowa, Molly Hunter graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelors degree in journalism. Shortly before graduating in May 2020, she landed a job at a newspaper in Columbus, Nebraska and met her



current partner, Zack. After living in Nebraska for almost two years, she took a job at The Roanoke Times and she, Zack, and their cat Buffy moved to Virginia to be closer to Zack's brother, who lives in Norfolk, and Molly's brother and parents, who relocated to her dad's home state of Maine a few years ago. Upon joining The Roanoke Times, Molly accepted a leadership role with the Timesland News Guild. She remains proud of the work the union has done to preserve local journalism jobs in the Roanoke Valley, but after a year-and-a-half decided that it was time for a career change. In August, she applied for an accepted her current position as the City of Roanoke's Neighborhood Services Coordinator. Since starting the new job in September, she has been able to continue the kind of public service work that made her fall in love with journalism, but has been thrilled to take on a more active role in making connections and building community.



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**Highlights from our last meeting**



Virginia Children's Theater accepts grant from Kiwanis



Grant awarded to Kelly Key and Maureen Best of Local Environmental Agriculture Project



Captain Matt Trantham brags about his Michigan football national champions



The new Roanoke City police chief, Scott Booth explains his strategy for community policing





14 guests attended Wednesday's meeting



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Happenings

### **Meeting Recordings**

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

### **Note from John**

We want to extend our sympathy to Reif Kessler and his family. Reif lost his mother last week.

### **Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Book Club**

Next meeting - IN PERSON this time! At the South Branch of the Roanoke County Library - 6303 Merriman Road starting at 5:30 pm on January 31st. Come tell us about a favorite recent book - at this club meeting we share what we have chosen to read, NOT requiring that everyone read the same book. THIS IS NOT YOUR MOTHER'S OR FATHER'S USUAL BOOK CLUB!!! Let us know the book, its genre, the author -- a bit about the author; basic plot without necessarily giving away the ending; what you especially enjoyed about the book, what is noteworthy about the author's writing talent, and why you recommend it

to others. Who would be most likely to like your book? Anything else you could mention within 5 minutes! A few munchies will be shared too - and of course camaraderie, best of all! Bring a friend! (Remember our President's theme -- outreach!)

~ Cheri and Dave Hartman

### **Horton's Branch Watershed Clean Up**

M L K Jr Day brought about 40 of us together to complete a Community Clean Up in NW Roanoke - in spite of the weather! Thanks to the leadership by our Kiwanis Nature Park 26 bags full of trash are ready for pick up- removal of litter from the sidewalks and curbs- sparing the waterways the filth that pollutes our river. Event (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke) was inspired by a Fleming Key Club member who lives near the EnVision Center, our headquarters. Thank you to the Northside Key Club, Clean Valley Council, Shiloh Baptist, SERV, Partnership for Wellness, Feeding Southwest Virginia, Roanoke's Aktion Club. Also thanks to Heat Resilience project of Dr. Lim (and to Jane Gabrielle), of course to Envision, Miss Virginia, Roanoke Police Department and Carilion Clinic's community Health and Outreach Dept working on the walkability project. Impressive what can be accomplished by joining hands- by persons of all backgrounds and ages. M L K Jr smiled on us up there from the other side!

Thanks to all who helped!

Cheri W. Hartman

### **Kiwanis Club of Roanoke INTERFAITH National Day of Prayer Breakfast**

All are welcome to help us plan the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke INTERFAITH National Day of Prayer breakfast event. The importance of interfaith understanding seems greater than ever - again this year!

Casting light on all faiths elevates us all! Help us organize an inspiring



prayer breakfast. The event is held traditionally on the National Day of Prayer - this year that day is May 2nd, 2024, Thursday as always.

PLAN with us -- by joining our Zoom meeting Friday morning, January 19th, at 8 am. Dave and Cheri co-chair the event - let us know if you wish to get the Zoom link for this planning meeting. a brief, efficient meeting will get us started on our planning. AND SAVE THE DATE - May 2nd, 2024!

Thanks!

Cheri and Dave Hartman

Co-chairs of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Prayer Breakfast

**January 31st Capital District Kiwanis Family DEI webinar**

Improve your DEIBA IQ -- a great New Year's Resolution! A Webinar by our Governor Eric Lamb (Gov. of the Kiwanis Capital District) YOU are INVITED!

Topic: Educating Members of the Kiwanis Family About Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging & Accessibility (DEIBA) -- WHY is this vital for you and for your Kiwanis Clubs, Key Clubs, Aktion Clubs?

IMPORTANT FOR ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS WHO WISH TO ACHIEVE DISTINGUISHED CLUB STATUS. PUT JANUARY 31ST ON YOUR CALENDARS AND ON YOUR CLUB'S WEBSITE.

All clubs surely want to be inclusive -- welcoming -- to celebrate diversity, to be equitable and to provide access regardless of ability.

What does this mean?

Governor Eric Lamb is elevating this value by making the achievement of a Distinguished Club status hinge on providing DEIBA educational experiences for its members. January 31st you can hear from our

Governor of the Capital District -- Eric Lamb -- about WHY, WHAT, HOW...

Did you know there is a new requirement for clubs to complete an annual training for all members on diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, and accessibility in order to be acclaimed as a distinguished club? Learn more about this new club expectation, why it is important, and how your club can fulfill this requirement in a meaningful way that moves Kiwanis forward while earning the honor of being named a Distinguished Club. Many ideas will be shared that can be used by Key Clubs, CKI clubs, and Aktion Clubs as well! Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to achieve Distinguished Club status each year. The criteria set forth by the Capital District this year through Governor Eric's leadership create a road map for clubs to use when setting goals for the year. Join us on January 31st to learn more. Register today!

January 31, 2024

7:30 PM (EST)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Message brought to you by the Capital District DEIBA Co-chairs: Cheri and Dave Hartman (Kiwanis Club of Roanoke members)

Capital District Kiwanis Committee  
on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion,  
Belonging, & Accessibility presents:



## The Importance of Educating Members of the Kiwanis Family About DEIBA

Presenter: Eric Lamb  
Governor, Capital District Kiwanis  
Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville



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**January 31, 7:30pm EST**

**Kiwanis' Own Judy Clark in Concert**

**South Roanoke United Methodist Church's  
100th Anniversary Concert**

Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



Kevin Matheson, violin ~ Julia Goudimova, cello  
Judy Clark, piano

**Dvorak Piano Trio, Op. 26**

**Faure Piano Trio, Op. 120**

**Newly composed trio by Aidan Deighan**

for South Roanoke Methodist Church's Anniversary



Aidan Deighan, composer

Admission is free, donations accepted to support future concerts

2330 Jefferson St. SE, Roanoke, VA 24014

**Outreach Awards (initiative and follow through):**

- Greg Lionberger
- Cheri Hartman
- Bart Wilner
- Harry Zulauf (Pictured below receiving his ribbon)





### **The Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke**

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke will celebrate its 104rd birthday on January 28, 2024, and for nearly two-thirds of that time the Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke has been around to support the Club's work in our community with its financial support. It has been the steady contributions from members of our club and members of our community that have allowed our Club and this Foundation to make a lasting impact on the Roanoke Valley by assisting our youth and the elderly and improving the environment. The Kiwanis Centennial Playground is a recent example of how we have been able to improve our community, and our latest project, the Kiwanis Nature Park, is well underway!

With this long history and the ability to make a significant impact in mind, we are asking our club members to make a "birthday contribution" to the Kiwanis Foundation. Please take a minute to write a check to the Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke, which is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization, and mail it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope or hand deliver it to our Secretary, John Montgomery.

Your contribution to the Foundation is a gift that will mean so much to so many in our community, and our collective gifts will support the work of our Kiwanis Club of Roanoke in perpetuity. All contributions made between the beginning of the Foundation year (November 1, 2023) and the 104th anniversary of our Club (January 28, 2024) will count toward the drawing.

As an incentive to encourage you to donate, we will have a random drawing after our anniversary next year among the eligible donors for all of the door prizes that are donated from businesses in our community. Thanks to these businesses that believe in what we do for their generosity. These are some of

the donated prizes we have received so far:

- a gift certificate for the Sunday Buffet at The Hotel Roanoke Regency Room;
- a \$50 gift certificate to Shakers Restaurant;
- gift cards for Wheeler's Fast Service Laundry
- gift cards for Lucky Restaurant; and
- two mainstage season tickets to Mill Mountain Theatre.

Every person who contributes at least \$104 will be eligible for a chance in the drawing. All donations totaling \$250 or more will receive a second chance at the drawing and will be recognized on our website (unless you indicate with your gift that you wish for it to be anonymous). All donations totaling \$400 or more will receive a Kiwanis Christmas Tree Ornament, recognition on the website as above, and a third chance at the drawing.

Many thanks for your consideration and support of the Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke.

J. Lee E. Osborne, President Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke

**Donate Today!**

*Please email any potential happenings to Alex at [abargell@gmail.com](mailto:abargell@gmail.com).*

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**Please consider sharing this email with a friend!**

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## **Kiwanian Birthdays**

January 5 -- Jeanne Bollendorf

January 6 -- Dirk Kuyk

January 6 -- Stephanie Moon Reynolds

January 7 -- John Bradshaw

January 8 -- Bob Rutherford

January 11 – Steve English  
January 13 -- Chris Head  
January 15 -- Tom Blake  
January 21 – Rhonda Perdue  
January 23 -- Terry Vandelinde  
January 28 -- Pegram Johnson  
January 28 -- John Montgomery  
January 28 -- Andy Stone  
January 29 – Don Evans  
January 31 -- Frank Rogan



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