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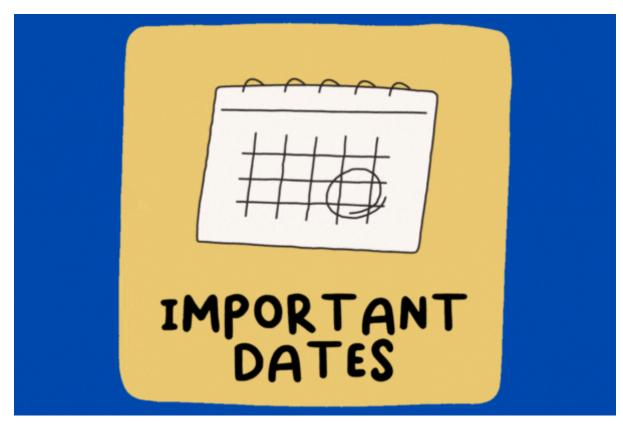
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President's Message Happiness by Mike O'Brochta

Who better to quote during Black History Month than Martin Luther King, Jr. "The surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others." Over the years, I have given much thought to that quote about happiness. I still do today. I look for opportunities to have its importance reinforced. Now, I want to briefly tell you about some reinforcement that I experienced last week. My wife and I attended a most joyful event. Many others were there. Different ages, different backgrounds, different socioeconomic situations, geographical differences; you get the idea. And, all were as happy as can be. All were there, not for themselves, but as Dr. King said, "to seek happiness for others." Being around so many people focused not on themselves, but on others, was infectious. It was a wedding and reception. What kind of event could be more happy than that. It was the wedding of our own Preston Tyler and his beautiful bride Chauna. It is in these Kiwanis Club meetings and other Club activities I am involved with that happiness also comes into play. Admittedly, not at the same level of intensity as at a single event such as a wedding, but the kind of happiness that is spread over time and multiple events. The kind of happiness that comes from seeking it for others. After all, isn't that at the heart of what we do and why we do it here in our Kiwanis Club? Isn't that really what will draw others into our Club when we reach out to them?



Let's act on our theme – Outreach!



February 21 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Preston Tyler, Helping Someone Along the Way

February 23 - (7:45 - 8:45 am) KPAD Operations Meeting

February 23 - (8 am) Spring FunDay Planning Meeting via Zoom

February 28 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Stephanie Moon Reynolds

February 28 - (1:45 - 2:45 pm) Presidential Advisors Committee Meeting

February 29 - (54 - 5 pm) Officer Meeting

February 29 - (5:30 - 7:30 pm) KPAD Ticket Team Draft

March 1 - (8 am) Interfaith National Day of Prayer Breakfast Planning Meeting, Zoom

March 6 - (5:30 pm) Not Your Mother or Father's Book Club - South County Library

March 7 - (7:45 - 8:45 am) KPAD Operations Meeting

March 11 - (4 - 5 pm) KPAD Nature Park Project Meeting

March 14 - (6 pm) Kiwanis Social at Mill Mountain Theater - Margaritaville

March 25 - (7:45 - 8:45 am) Membership Committee Meeting at Panera

April 20 - Blue Ridge Marathon

May 2 - (6:45 - 8:30 am) Kiwanis Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

May 4 - Kiwanis Pancake Day

June 1 - Spring FunDay

Wednesday, February 21st - Club Meeting, Preston Tyler, Helping Someone Along the Way

Preston Tyler, the pastor of Hill Street Baptist Church, will talk about "Helping Someone Along the Way," his personal life journey. He has been a clergyman for the past 16 years and was a lay preacher before that. He also worked as a meatcutter with Kroger for 25 years and served as a union representative. Preston joined the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke in 2022 and coordinates our weekly introspections. He also doubled as Santa at our West End Center Christmas Party last December.



Wednesday, February 28th - Club Meeting, Stephanie Moon Reynolds, A Purpose Driven Destiny

Stephanie Moon Reynolds will be speaking on her seasons of change, whether it be sowing, growing, or thriving - personal and professional. Stephanie is a lifetime Roanoker with a 42 year municipal government career and three years as an elected official.



Highlights from our last meeting



President Mike delivers flowers to his favorite valentine (Beth)



Kathleen Thorell receives a grant for Tudor House which addresses suicide issues



J.C. Taylor presents his experiences of growing up in the south and what lit his fire.



President Mike, J.C. Taylor and Steve McGraw closeouts J.C.'s presentation



Meeting Recordings

Note that club meeting recordings can be found on our YouTube channel <u>here.</u>

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Book Club

The date for the next Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Book Club meeting convened by David Hartman will be on March 6th at 5:30 at the South County Library on Merriman Road-held IN PERSON ONLY. Remember - this is not your mom's book club! We share a favorite book we've read - author, genre, key elements - what we enjoyed about the book and why we recommend it. You leave with great ideas about what to read next! Hope you can join us on March 6th.

Save the Date - Spring FunDay at our Kiwanis Centennial Playground IS June 1ST!

Another date for our calendars - June 1st at the Kiwanis Centennial Playground, we will gather with Shiloh Baptist Church who cooks us hot dogs (the best you ever tasted!) and hamburgers. The Building Bridges collaborative of various churches serves us ice cream! There are activities for the children, usually live music, gardening day activities, the fire department and police department,, talent on display by the youth (cheerleaders, for ex.). It is a grand day to celebrate commUNITY.

Our next planning meeting will be February 23rd at 8 am via Zoom. We will be preparing for June 1st - a grand event that celebrates our Kiwanis Centennial Playground and our Kiwanis Nature Park -- and strengthens our connection with the community we are serving.

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, March 1st, 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

Notes from John

Congratulations to Maritza and Justin Steele who welcomed a new baby!

Dr. David Points' Shared Biography



Dr. David S. Points, JD, LLM, Ed.S, PhD,

Dr. Points is the General Manager and News Director of WFJX AM, FOX Radio 910/CBS Sports Radio in Roanoke, Virginia. WFJX is a community focused, orientated news, talk and sports formatted radio station heard on 910 AM and 104.3 FM.

David S. Points graduated from Cass Technical High School, Detroit, Michigan. He attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. While at Fisk, he was elected Freshman Class President. As a sophomore, he transferred to Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), University Center, Michigan with an opportunity to be an exchange student at Poulton Le Fylde College for Teachers in Great Britain. He received a Bachelor of Arts in English. He also received an Education Specialist Certificate (Ed.S) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Wayne State University's College of Education. Dr. Points was the 2016 SVSU Alumni of the Year.

Dr. Points attended Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He completed the requirements for the law degree receiving a Doctorate of Jurisprudence (JD) from Ohio Northern University, School of Law, Ada, Ohio. Furthering his formal legal education, he received a Master of Laws in Labor Law (LLM), from the Graduate School of Law at Wayne State University (WSU), Detroit, Michigan. He was inducted into Phi Beta Delta, an honor society for international scholars at Wayne State University.

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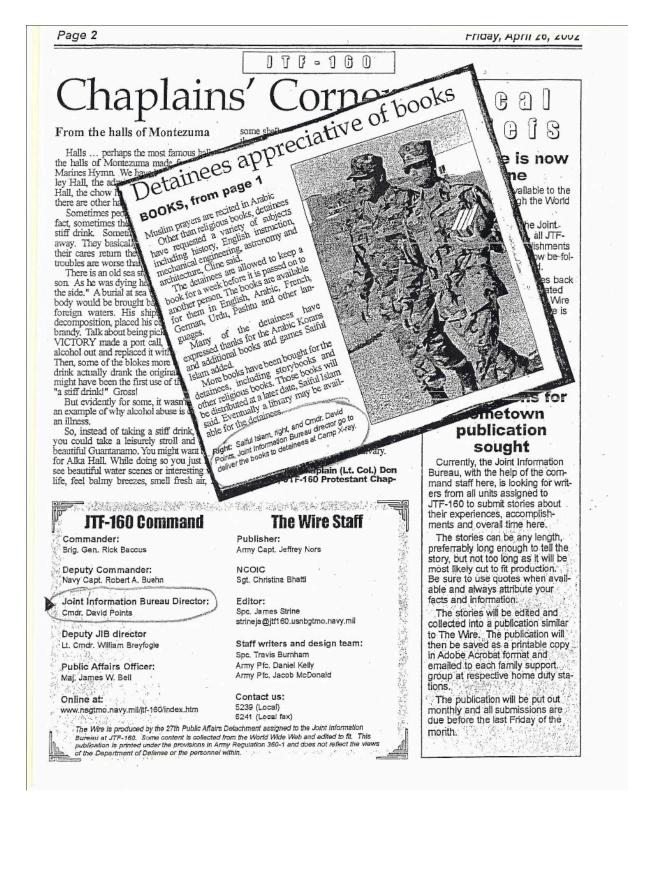
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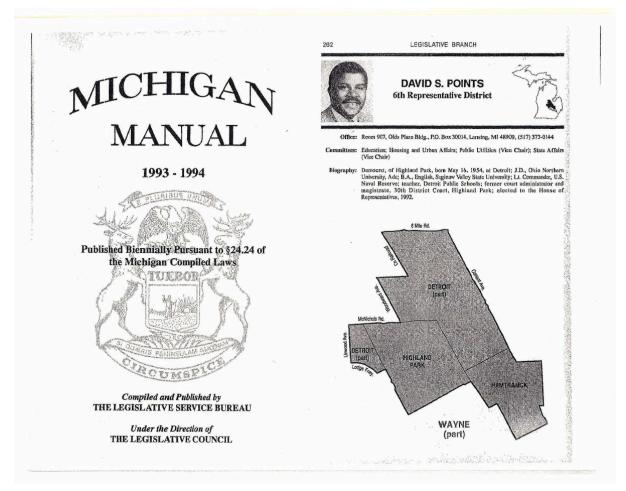
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Congrats to Preston & Chauna



Outreach Awards (initiative and follow through):

- Greg Lionberger
- Cheri Hartman
- Bart Wilner
- Harry Zulauf
- Bill Bestpitch
- Keith Hartman (pictured below)



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The vision of the Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke is to build an endowment that will support the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke in effecting meaningful and lasting changes in our community and our world. The Foundation contributes heavily towards the Club's support to the children of our community and the world, serving the needs of older adults in our community, and improving the environment of Virginia's Blue Ridge. Through donations, planned giving, and strong financial stewardship, assets exceed \$1M.

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Kiwanian Birthdays

February 6 -- Barry Akers February 11 -- Keith Hartman February 14 -- Clark Goodman February 14 -- Mike Quinn February 18 -- Kathy Cohen February 24 -- Tara Marciniak February 28 -- Betsy Head



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