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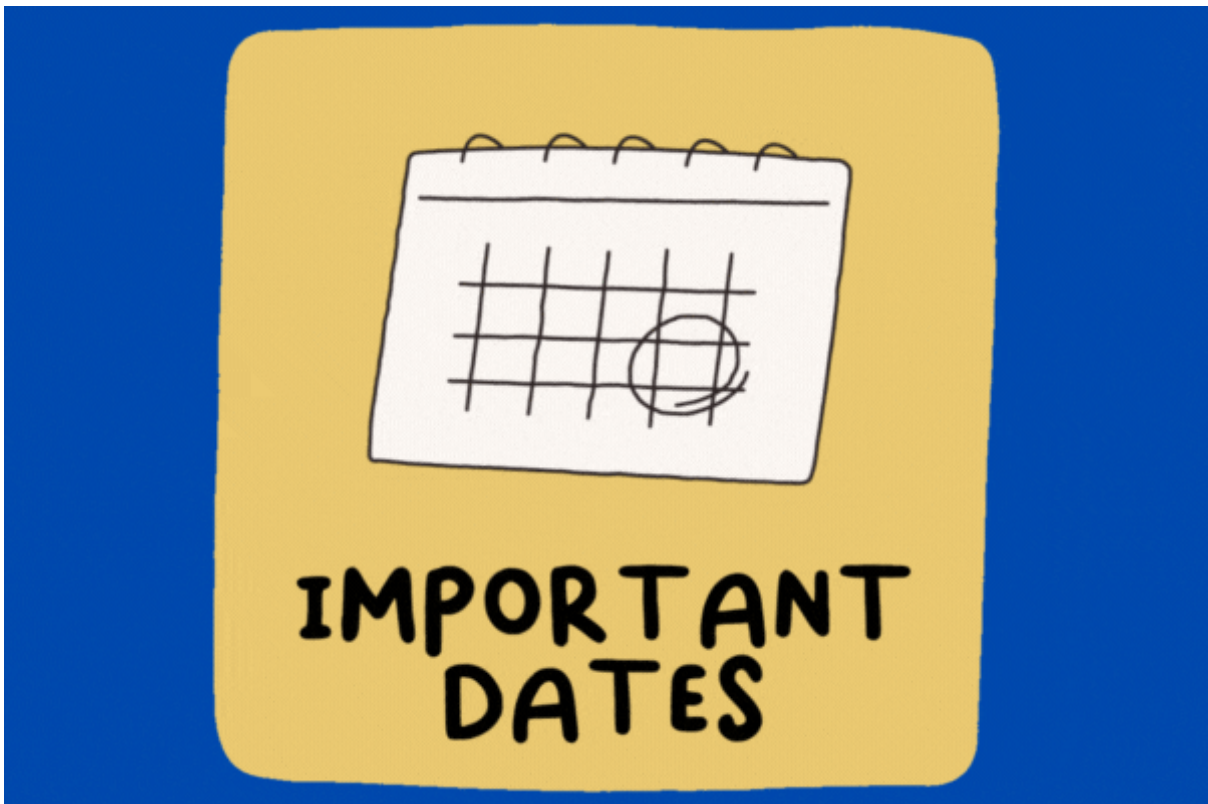
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President's Message

Wrist Watch

by Mike O'Brochta

This week's President's Message in the Newsletter is different; it is an invitation. I am inviting you to come to Wednesday's Club meeting for a President's Message experience. I want you to come wearing a wrist watch; even better if it is your favorite wrist watch. You will experience something that will be fun and perhaps a bit unfamiliar. You will be diagnosed by the world's leading "medical" expert on a common, and very serious, condition. Fortunately, that expert will offer a sure-fire cure. Non-watch wearers will enjoy the show. Not to over-hype things, but you will likely not soon forget this experience.



February 7 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Milton Hardy, Everyone Deserves A Chance To Be Great

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

February 8 - (3 - 4:30 pm) Officer's Meeting

February 8 - (5:00-8:00pm) Fun Social at Awful Arthur's

February 9 - (7:45-8:45am) KPAD Operations Meeting

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

February 12 - (12:15 - 1:15 pm) Board Meeting

February 12 - (4-5 pm) Nature Park Project Meeting

February 14 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, J.C. Taylor, Moments in Black History

February 15 - (7:45 - 8:45 am) Membership Committee Meeting at Panera

February 19 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Environment Committee Meeting

February 21 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Preston Tyler

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

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

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

May 2, 2024 - (6:45 - 8:30 am) Kiwanis Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

May 4, 2024 - Kiwanis Pancake Day

Wednesday, February 7th - Club Meeting, Milton Hardy, Everyone Deserves A Chance To Be Great

Milton Hardy currently serves as Athletics Coordinator for the Roanoke City Parks and Recreation department. A Roanoke native and graduate of William Fleming High School, he is committed to ministry, music (as both a vocalist and an instrumentalist), his family and his community.

Milton also is an enthusiastic patriot, having served his country in both the United States Navy and the United States Army. He has been a Kiwanian since 2022.



Wednesday, February 14th - Club Meeting, J.C. Taylor, Moments in Black History

Next week's speaker, J. C. Taylor, will present "Moments in Black History," a message focusing on individuals who have made a difference over the years. A Franklin County native, J.C. has been a local realtor for more than 45 years, following stints in the military and working for the government. He has volunteered his free time for a number of cherished causes, including Shiloh Baptist Church.

J.C. has been a Roanoke Kiwanian since 2002. He served as club president in 2013-14. His presidential theme was "What More Can I Do?"



Highlights from our last meeting



Blue Ridge Conservancy receives
Kiwanis grant check



Jodie Judge accepts a grant check
for Brain Injury Solutions



Guest Tom Fitzpatrick of the city schools will introduce students to Kiwanis Nature Park



Speaker Katie Slusher receives honorarium from President Mike



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Happenings

Meeting Recordings

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

Roanoke City Science Fair

The Roanoke City Supervisor of Science, Tom Fitzpatrick, who continues to be a big supporter of our Kiwanis Nature Park project, is in need of judges for the February 15 Science Fair. Volunteering for this event is something we can do in return for his support of our Club. The deadline to sign up is February 8.

Judges will arrive at William Fleming High School by 1:00pm to check-in and review projects, will interview students from 2:00-3:30pm, and will evaluate/submit judging results by 4:00pm.

Forms were included in the January 31 club-wide email and will be available at the February 7 Kiwanis Club meeting.

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Book Club

Congratulations to Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Past President Rupert Cutler, who is featured on the cover of the February issue of Valley Business Front. [You can find it here.](#)

Rupert's story begins on page 20.

Also prominently featured in the issue are Roanoke's power couples -- and included on the list are Chris and Betsy Head (both members of our club) and Kiwanian Bert Boyd and his wife, Trish Boyd-White.

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 (Wednesday) 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.

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

1) We extend our sympathy to Past President Jenny Lee on the loss of her brother Gordy Lee on Feb. 1 after a three-year battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held at a later date. His obituary can be found [here](#).

2) Perfect attendance (through September 2023) and legion of honor awards announced at our 104th club anniversary meeting last week:

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR 2023 (Ending September 30, 2023)

Make-up opportunities include committee meetings, board meetings, projects, socials, visiting other clubs

1 YEAR Jeanne Bollendorf

Harry Zulauf

2 YEARS Amy Carter

3 YEARS John Ewart

Stephanie Moon Reynolds

Mike O'Brochta

4 YEARS Ben Spiker

5 YEARS Clark Goodman

Mike McEvoy

8 YEARS Reif Kessler

Joyce Montgomery

9 YEARS Cheri Hartman

Don Witt

16 YEARS Ken Briggs

18 YEARS Andree Brooks

24 YEARS John Montgomery

32 YEARS Don Wilson

38 YEARS Steve McGraw

LEGION OF HONOR AWARDS (25+ YEAR MEMBERS,
RECOGNIZED IN 5-YEAR
INCREMENTS)

25 – Dick Clemmer

30 – Dirk Kuyk

Judy Clark

Eric Danielsen

35 – Tom Miller, PP

40 -- Lee Osborne, PP

David Lemon

Hello dear Spring FunDay and Job Fair Festival planning group!

Coach/Deacon Joe Gaither (and fellow Kiwanian) has asked me to reach out to all involved from last year (and some new prospects as partners) to again join forces to show the love to our children, our families, and to strengthen commUNITY! The date we decided on at our last meeting in 2023 is June 1st, 2024 (again, a Saturday!). This will avoid Local Colors, or other neighborhood-based festivals, and gives more breathing room from our Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day mega-event on May 4th. Goals include environmental stewardship - linking us all to our precious gift of nature; youth engagement through their sharing of

talents; breaking bread together thanks to Shiloh Church's generous grilling; lively activities that encourage children's play and movement and FUN for all! This is achieved by each of you joining us in unity as we kick off the summertime -- when school is out and the outdoors is calling us to leave our homes and look for ways to engage with one another.

Shiloh Baptist Church's Deacon, Joe Gaither, (and fellow Kiwanian) has been inspired to pull us together in UNITY. You ALL have contributed so much ever since we created the first event in May 2021.. We are looking to bring on board EnVision at a larger scale perhaps this year - as they are now fully operational as led by Greg Goodman. We have lots of planning to do -- working around the exciting Melrose Plaza construction - we may rely more on going up the hill to EnVision. Bring your ideas!

Joe would like us to kick off our planning on Friday, February 9th at 8 am. Here is a Zoom link -- HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US. FEEL FREE TO ADD OTHER POTENTIAL PARTNERS TO OUR PLANNING GROUP.

Joe Gaither and Cheri Hartman are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: Spring FunDay and Job Fair Planning led by Joe Gaither

Time: Feb 9, 2024 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting using this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451287895?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451287895?pwd=OEetobXpGcU5FSVhZTnZsVWlwdURlQT09)

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Meeting ID: 844 5128 7895

Passcode: 779345

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Hope to see you this coming Friday, February 9th, at 8 am on Zoom.

On behalf of Joe Gaither,

Cheri

Cheri W. Hartman, Spring FunDay secretary, Kiwanis Club of Roanoke
volunteer

In partnership with Shiloh Baptist Church

Outreach Awards (initiative and follow through):

- Greg Lionberger
- Cheri Hartman
- Bart Wilner
- Harry Zulauf



Bart Wilner Greg Lionberger Harry Zulauf Cheri Hartman

Lunch Invitation Cards

Every Club member is being asked to take lunch invitation cards and use them during the next few weeks to invite guests to our lunch meetings. The invitation cards will be available at each meeting. We want to build on the momentum of the past couple of weeks where we enjoyed large numbers of meeting guests.

You Are Invited To Lunch



Kiwanis Club of Roanoke

Share The K

*For more information you can find us online at
www.RoanokeKiwanisClub.org*

From:

Date:

Every Wednesday

Time:

Lunch at 12 / Program at 12:30

Location: Charter Hall, 3rd floor of the Roanoke Market Building

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

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

 **Forward**

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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