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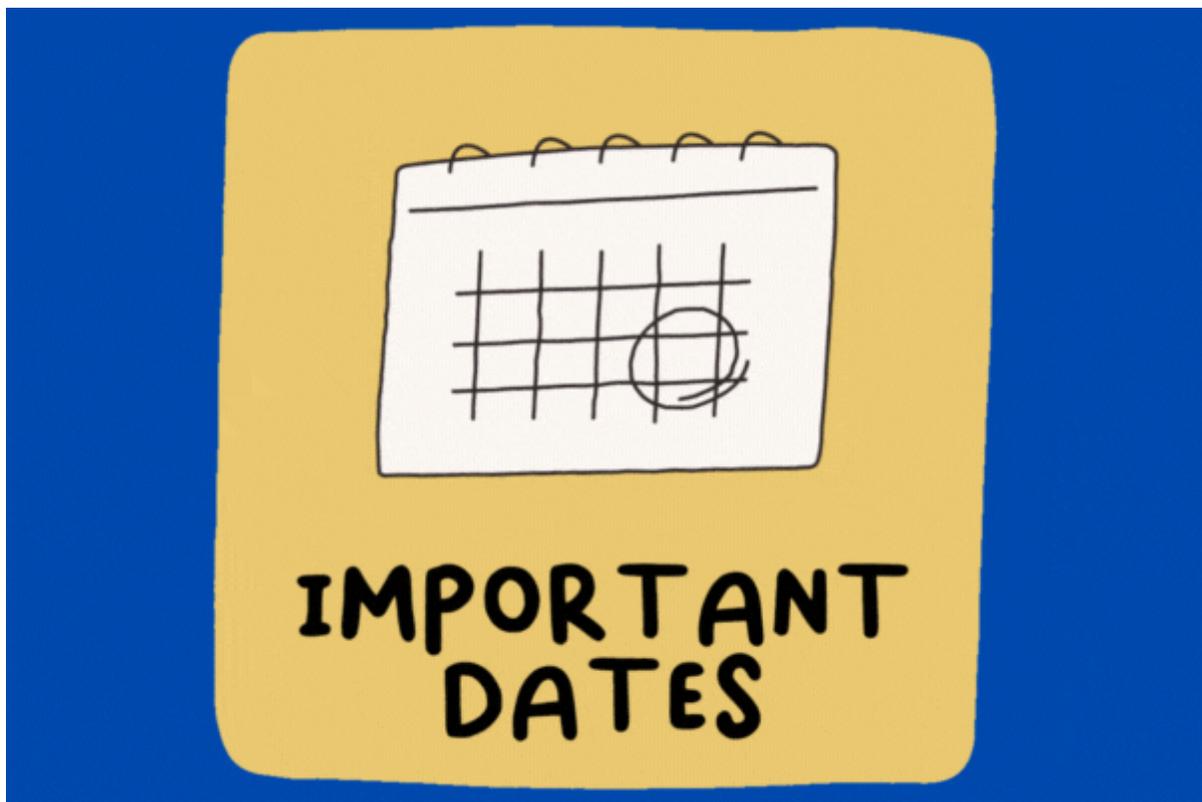
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by Mike O'Brochta

Let's focus on KPAD!



March 13 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Kenny Belton, Your Church Partner

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

March 18 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Environment Committee Meeting on Zoom

March 20 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, India Houston, Apple Ridge Farm

March 21 - (7:45 - 8:45 am) Membership Committee Meeting at Panera

March 21 - (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) Mill Mountain Playground Mulch

March 27 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Sheriff Antonio Hash, Roanoke City Sheriff's Office

April 3 - (6 pm) Book Club

April 6 - (9:00 - noon) Strategic Planning Committee, Carvins Cove Cabin

April 13 - (8 am - 2 pm) Daisy Art Parade KPAD Promotion

April 13 - (3:00 - 8:00 pm) Wasena Bridge Party KPAD Promotion

April 20 - Blue Ridge Marathon

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

May 4 - Kiwanis Pancake Day

May 18 - Tentative Fishing Day

March 13 - Club Meeting, Kenneth Belton, We Were Meant to Be Builders

Join us Wednesday for our weekly meeting at 12:30 PM to hear Kenneth Belton, President of Your Church Partner, talk about church building. Ken will address the topics of architectural designs, financing, and construction budget estimates.

Kenneth has gone from success on the basketball court to success in business management. He graduated from Roanoke College in 1981 with a B. A. in Criminal Justice. In his four years on the Roanoke College Basketball team, he helped lead Roanoke to two NCAA tournament appearances. He was the best shooting player in team history, making 59.5% of his shots from the field.

Kenneth was ordained as a deacon at Shiloh Baptist Church, worked as a Senior Market Claim Manager for Allstate, and serves on the Roanoke College Board of Trustees and the Western Virginia Community College Board of Directors.



March 20 - Club Meeting, India Houston, Apple Ridge Farm "Helping Kids Grow!"

Founded in 1989, the Apple Ridge Farm Academic Summer Camp offers youth ages 6-16 an opportunity to meet new friends and gain crucial life skills to help them succeed. For over 30 years, the primary focus of our camp has been to strengthen academic development and prepare campers for the school year. We use the great outdoors to help our kids develop an interest in Reading, STEM, Agriculture, and Environmental Education. For six weeks each summer, round-trip bus transportation is provided from multiple sites in Roanoke to our beautiful mountain-top facilities in Copper Hill, VA. Our nutritious meals help our campers enjoy traditional summer camp activities like swimming, tennis, basketball, and hiking. Apple Ridge Farm campers also look forward to our High & Low Ropes courses and find it exhilarating to reach new heights on our Climbing Tower and Zip-Line. Through the joys of mindful physical activity and structured outdoor adventure, we utilize the lessons learned to build self-esteem, foster communication skills, and create a supportive community where kids can just be kids and have fun!

India has been serving as the Director of Administration & Development at Apple Ridge Farm for the past 5 years. India has also filled the roles of Finance Director and Interim Director for the organization. India also has an extensive background in banking and finance in the corporate sector.



Highlights from our last meeting



Last year's KPAD sales team
leaders



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Don Wilson welcomes new members Addie Lucchesi and Taylor Medley



Bob Habermann is about to receive President Mike's Outreach Award



Sales team coordinators Amy Carter and Ben Spiker. Guess what the theme is this year.



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Happenings

Join us on March 21 from 9:00 am – 12:00pm and help mulch the Mill Mountain Playground

Meet at the covered picnic pavilion near the playground. Mulch and tools are being provided; bring work gloves if you wish. Lite refreshments and snacks will also be provided We are doing this project as a show of appreciation for the City of Roanoke allowing us to “auction” the Mill Mountain Star as part of last year’s KPAD.

Corporate Membership Option

Our Kiwanis Club now has a Corporate Membership option. This membership affords all the benefits of an individual membership (including meals) plus the opportunity for secondary corporate representatives to substitute for the designated primary member. This substitution element affords the corporation the ability to have different employees, one-at-a-time, participate in our Club meetings and events. Either the primary representative or a substitute for the primary representative is welcome to invite guests to attend meetings as well.

Only the designated primary member has voting privileges, however, or can serve on our board or as an officer. Should the primary corporate representative leave their organization the company can designate another representative to take their place, thus maintaining without disruption the corporation’s membership.

The Corporate Membership option is priced at \$1,269. The "[Join Us](#)" page on our website has additional details.

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 April 3rd at 6 pm 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! - OPEN to ALL. RSVP to Cheri and Dave Hartman at

kiwanis.cheri.hartman@gmail.com

**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.

**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.

Thanks!

Cheri and Dave Hartman

Co-chairs of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Prayer Breakfast

Notes from John

We were saddened to learn late last week of the passing of Margaret Zerbst, widow of Kiwanis Club of Roanoke past president and longtime member Howard Zerbst. Margaret was 101.

The Zerbsts moved to Roanoke in 1968 when Howard accepted an executive transfer within Exxon Corporation. Howard joined our club in

November of that year and quickly proved to be an exceptional member. He is the only Roanoke Kiwanian to date to serve as club president in non-consecutive terms, filling an unanticipated vacancy during the 1978-79 Kiwanis year, when he was vice president, and then serving a full term two years later.

Howard later served as president of the Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke.

Howard passed at the age of 89 in 2010 after serving as a very active member of our club for 42 years. Margaret continued to support Kiwanis, occasionally attending special club meetings and KPAD events.

A native of Newfoundland, where she met Howard during World War II, Margaret resided at Brandon Oaks in recent years. A memorial service will be scheduled later this spring.

Meeting Recordings

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

Kiwanis Midyear Conference

About 150 Kiwanians from many clubs within the Capital District gathered in Daniels, WV at The Resort at Glade Springs this past weekend for “The Wild and Wonderful Midyear Conference.”

As the state of West Virginia is a recent addition to the district (joining Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia), it was an ideal setting to introduce the state to the rest of the district.

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, the largest of more than 160 clubs in the CD, was well represented at the conference with eight attendees – Cheri and Dave Hartman; Don Witt; Hi Nicely; Jeanne Bollendorf and Ben

Baird; and Joyce and John Montgomery.

Board members Jeanne, Joyce and Dave were our club's official representatives, serving as Kiwanis Club of Roanoke President-Elect, Vice President and Director, respectively.

Cheri, Dave and Don helped lead four of the 16 workshops scheduled during the 48-hour event, and Hi, who currently serves as president of the Capital District Foundation, addressed the conference at Saturday's Fellowship Luncheon.

In addition to ample educational sessions, the conference included a service project and many opportunities for fellowship and entertainment. Kiwanians had the resort's eight-lane bowling alley to ourselves Friday night for a buffet dinner and bowling; and we were entertained at Saturday night's dinner by the New River Youth Symphony and Karen Vuranch performing as "Mary Draper Ingles."

It was an invigorating weekend (in spite of rain), "a great day(s) to be a Kiwanian!"



Larry the Logperch

Our mascot for water conservation, Larry the Logperch, swam his way into the classroom at Round Hill Elementary - who learned the importance of water quality for keeping our endangered logperch (Larry's family) from

going extinct.

See the photo below of the Roanoke City School's Science Supervisor Tom Fitzpatrick sharing the book we are publishing and distributing at our Spring FunDay -when it will be officially released (on June 1st, 2024). Students were touched by his story and quickly became Larry advocates!



Outreach Awards (initiative and follow through):

- Greg Lionberger
- Cheri Hartman
- Bart Wilner
- Harry Zulauf
- Bill Bestpitch
- Keith Hartman
- Bob Habermann (pictured above)



Bill Bestpitch Keith Hartman Bart Wilner Greg Lionberger Harry Zulauf Cheri Hartman

Center in the Square parking

The new gateless parking system is slated to become effective late March-early April. It will require patrons to use their smartphone to scan a qr and pay using their smartphone.

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

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

 **Forward**

Kiwanian Birthdays

March 3 – Bruce Swanson

March 5 – Joyce Montgomery, Matt Trantham

March 11 – Don Wilson, Reggie Wood

March 13 – Sherman Lea

March 15 – David Lemon

March 19 – Preston Collins

March 20 – Donna Lynch

March 24 – Cheri Hartman, Joe Lemmer

March 27 – Dick Clemmer

March 30 – David Perry

March 31 – Bill Bestpitch



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