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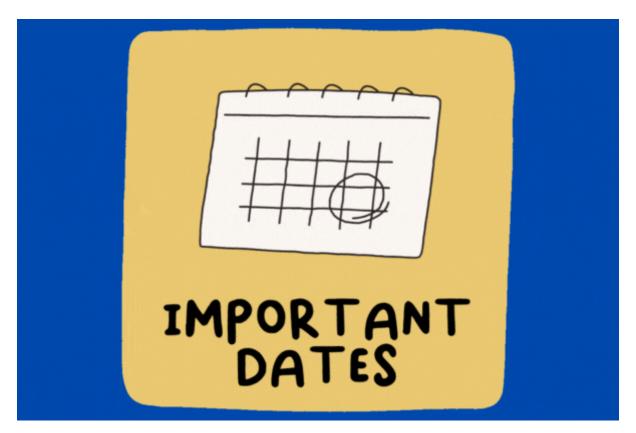
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## President's Message No Message by Mike O'Brochta

Let's focus on KPAD!



**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 22 - (8 - 9 am) Fun Day Committee Meeting

March 22 - (7:45 - 8:45 am) KPAD Operations Meeting

March 25 - (12 - 1 pm) Environment Committee Meeting

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

April 3 - (6 pm) Book Club

April 5 - (8 - 9 am) Fun Day Committee Meeting

April 5 - (7:45 - 8:45 am) KPAD Operations Meeting

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

April 6 - (10 am - noon) Melrose Clean-up

**April 8** - (4 pm) Nature Parke meeting at Melrose Library, zoom available

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

**April 27** - Nature Park planting

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

May 3 - Scholarship Awards

May 4 - Kiwanis Pancake Day

May 18 - Tentative Fishing Day

June 1 - Spring FunDay

# 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, 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.



## March 27 - Club Meeting, Sherriff Antonio Hash, Roanoke City Sherriff's Office

Sherriff Antonio Hash's presentation will include how to involve the community with our agency, which includes those who work for our agency, those individuals in our custody and our community at large.

Sheriff Hash began his tenure on January 1, 2022. He has been with the department for fifteen years. As Sheriff, he has focused on increased opportunities for residents formally known as inmates, the needs of the agency, and broadened the agencies involvement in the community through both the creation of the Law Enforcement and Community Engagement divisions.



## Highlights from our last meeting



John Montgomery and V.P Jeanne



Speaker Ken Belton accepts



# 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.

#### **Notes from John**

Please keep Cheri and Dave Hartman and their family in your thoughts and prayers today as the funeral for their brother-in-law, Matt Sharin, Jr., is held this morning in New Jersey. Cheri and Dave are attending the service and will be away part of this week.

Matt passed unexpectedly last week after suffering a massive heart attack. He was 68.

### Calling all Marchers!

Larry the Logperch is making his debut at the Daisy Art Parade on Saturday, April 13!

We need some Kiwanians to join us in a short march along Market Street to support Larry and the Kiwanis Nature Park.

Families and friends are welcome to join us - this is a fun and easy parade route. Meet behind the Taubman Museum at 11am to line up and then we will march down Market Street to Elmwood Park. We'll carry our Kiwanis banner and hand out some flyers promoting upcoming Kiwanis events. After the parade you can hang out at the park for some activities or go home for a nap before you head over to the Wasena Bridge Party at 3pm. Please wear your blue Kiwanis t-shirt and if you want to add a funny hat - go for it!

Daisy Art Parade Informational Video; Daisy Art Parade website;

More info about Kiwanis at the Wasena Bridge Promotion

#### **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**

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke is sponsoring its annual Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on May 2nd at the Kazim Temple. Tickets go on sale on March 27th at \$8 each that buys you a breakfast catered by our own Amy Carter and signs you up for an inspiring morning of prayers, shared by believers of varying faiths, and a keynote speech by Dr. Lee Learman, dean of the VA Tech Carilion School of Medicine and a fellow member of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, The buffet line opens at 6:45 am with music by Judy Clark on the keyboard. Tom Miller will welcome all at the start of the meeting at 7:15. On the program agenda are: breakfast, prayers, a song (by Milton Hardy), table discussions on "Lighting Up the Darkness", the keynote speech by Dr. Lee Learman and fellowship.

Please feel free to get your tickets from Ken Briggs or Bruce Swanson immediately following club luncheon meetings. Please keep in mind

that buying a ticket for \$8.00 is only appropriate IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND the breakfast. We do accept donations toward this event from those who wish to support it, but cannot join us - however, you don't need a ticket to do so. John Montgomery will accept those donations to apply to the costs of this activity.

Hope you can join us on May 2nd - the National Day of Prayer. It is an event that our club highly values as a way to promote diversity appreciation and inclusion. Be on the lookout for ticket sales to begin on March 27th. ALL are welcome!

## The Kiwanis Club of Capital – Next Generation e-Club presents "The Game of Life:"

A FREE webinar-based event focused on college and career preparation for students ages 14-22. The event will feature a variety of sessions on topics ranging from applying to college, navigating the financial aid process, exploring trade schools, tips for finding a job, building a resume, developing financial literacy, and more! Please share this information with any of your SLP students or individuals who may find this webinar useful.

There is a spectacular lineup of speakers from the educational system, community career services, and across industries. We hope the event will provide motivation, education, a space to ask questions, and a sense of community for participants. We hope attendees will leave feeling prepared to tackle new challenges as they prepare to further their education and enter the workforce.

For session details, please visit: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/gameoflife2024">http://tinyurl.com/gameoflife2024</a>

The 2024 Game of Life event will take place on Saturday April 6th and Sunday April 7th from 1-3 PM EST both days.

Please RSVP using this **form**:

(https://forms.gle/3tEpXnTJSM8UnBXeA) to let us know which day you will attend and we email out Zoom link information closer to the event date. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at nextgenerationkiwanis@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Kiwanis Club of Capital – Next Generation e-Club

## **Meeting Recordings**

Note that club meeting recordings can be found on our YouTube channel <a href="here.">here.</a>

## Margaritaville

A good time was had by all who attended Mill Mountain Theater's presentation of Margaritaville and the reception. Thank you, Larry!







## **April 6th Clean-up**

Kiwanis is partnering with SERV for a Community Clean Up on April 6th from 10 to 12. - meeting at the Goodwill Youth Headquarters parking area... Decca Knight of SERV is taking the lead. Please join us! It is in our "workplan" to do quarterly clean ups at our Nature Park site - this is the one for this quarter! Sign up by emailing Cheri Hartman at: <a href="mailto:kiwanis.cheri.hartman@gmail.com">kiwanis.cheri.hartman@gmail.com</a>.

# JOIN SERV & OUR PARTNERS TO CLEANUP OUR ADOPTED BLOCKS OF MELROSE AVE.

April 6th, 2024 10am-12pm









Meet us in front of Goodwill Youth HQ 2502 Melrose Ave.

We will provide all cleanup supplies but we encourage you to wear comfy/warm clothes and supportive shoes.

## Outreach Awards (initiative and follow through):

- Greg Lionberger
- Cheri Hartman
- Bart Wilner
- Harry Zulauf
- Bill Bestpitch
- Keith Hartman
- Bob Habermann



Bill Bestpitch Bart Wilner Greg Lionberger Harry Zulauf

## Center in the Square parking

The new gateless parking system is slated to become effective late Marchearly 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 <u>abarge11@gmail.com</u>.

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!



## 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



# 2023-24

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