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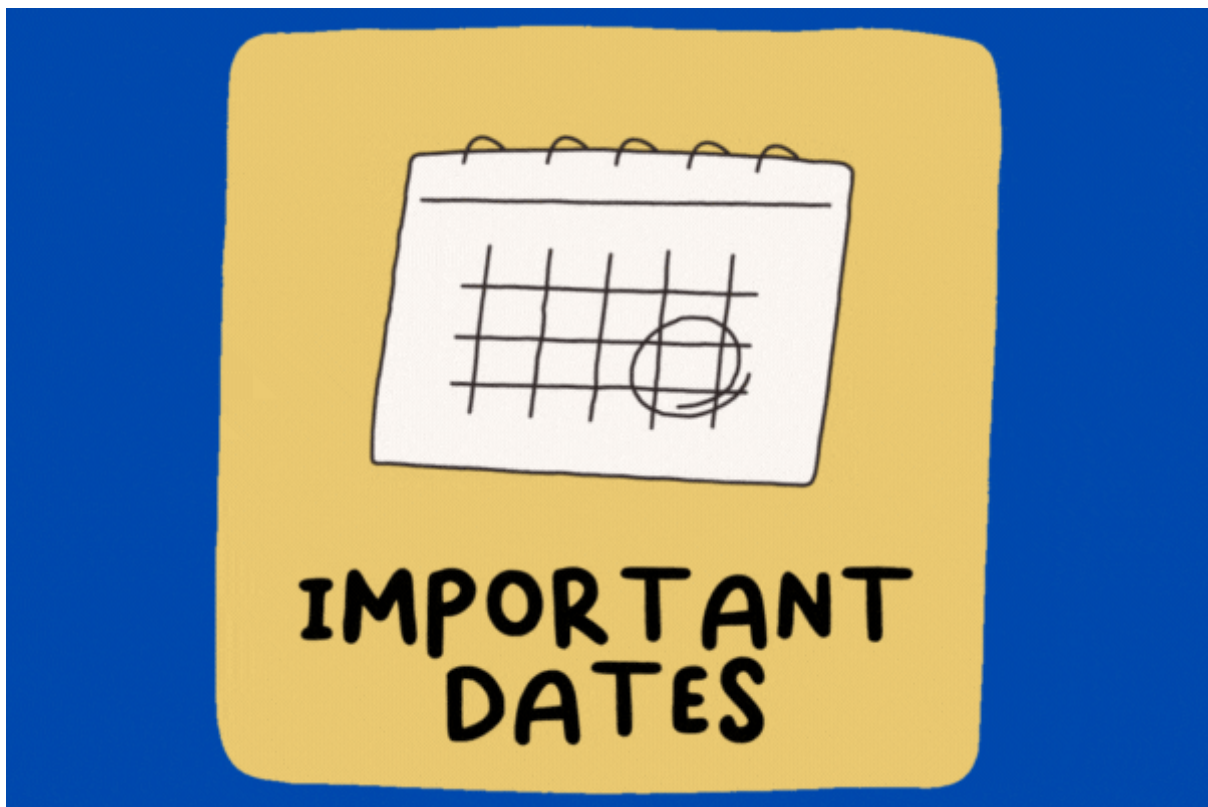
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President's Message

No Message

by Mike O'Brochta

Let's concentrate on KPAD!



- April 10** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Legislative Update *12:15 special performance by Kevin Matheson
- April 12** - (8 - 9 am) Prayer Breakfast Committee Meeting
- April 12** - (8:15 - 9:30 am) KPAD Operations Meeting
- April 13** - (8 am - 2 pm) Daisy Art Parade KPAD Promotion
- April 13** - (3:00 - 8:00 pm) Wasena Bridge Party KPAD Promotion
- April 17** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Andrew Downs, Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- April 18** - (7:45 - 8:45 am) Membership Committee Meeting
- April 19** - (8 - 9 am) Fun Day Committee Meeting
- April 19** - (8:15 - 9:30 am) KPAD Operations Meeting
- April 20** - (6:45 - 10:45 am) Blue Ridge Marathon
- April 24** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Chad Brady, Roanoke Star Cycling
- April 26** - (8:15 - 9:30 am) KPAD Operations Meeting
- April 27** - Nature Park planting
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- May 2** - (6:45 - 8:30 am) Kiwanis Interfaith Prayer Breakfast
- May 4** - Kiwanis Pancake Day
- May 15** - Scholarship Awards
- May 18** - Kids' Fishing Day

Come early to this week's Club meeting:

Beginning at 12:15PM, local violinist Kevin Matheson will perform for us. He is a member of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and teaches at Hollins University. He has been invited to record a movement from the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with the Bohuslav Martinů Philharmonic Orchestra in Zlin, Czech Republic for the Cicerone Music and Arts label.

April 10 - Club Meeting, Legislative Update with Sam Rasoul and Chris Head

State Senator Chris Head represents the 3rd district in the Senate of Virginia. Previously served 12 years in the House of Delegates and served as Co-Chair of Virginia's Small Business Commission. In 2022, he was awarded the Free Enterprise Award from the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Strength Leadership Award from the Virginia Manufacturers Association. He is a husband, father, grandfather, business owner, and Kiwanian who lives in Botetourt County and owns a senior care business in Roanoke along with Betsy, his wife of 34 years.

The son of immigrants from Palestine, Sam grew up in Roanoke, where his family operated a corner store. As a religious and ethnic minority in Southwest Virginia, Sam learned the value of building bridges wherever he could find them.

Sam Rasoul has served Virginians since 2014, representing his hometown Roanoke, where he lives with his wife and three children. He currently Chairs the House Education Committee and sits on the Appropriations and Public Safety Committees. Sam has a background in healthcare administration, nonprofit management, and finance.

As the only Democrat in the western half of Virginia serving in the General

Assembly, Sam works frequently across the aisle to bring positive, bipartisan, change to Southwest Virginia.

His guiding philosophy starts with the Golden Rule: Treat others as you would want to be treated. Sam leads with his values of Truth, Love, and Grit.



April 17 - Club Meeting, Andrew Downs, Appalachian Trail Conservancy

Andrew will present on the Appalachian Trail in the region and ongoing or upcoming improvements. Andrew has spent 18 years in AT management with the last 11 as Regional Director of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in Virginia, he also serves on the Recreation Facilities Authority, partnering to manage Explore Park and is the founding president of the Virginia Trails Alliance.



Highlights from our last meeting



Joe Lemmer receives the "bubble" prize for top ticket sales



New member Taylor Medley, Introduces meeting guests



Jay Gauldin and TBS Construction join Kiwanis as a corporate member



Spraker Kari Atwood introduces VirginiaForever to the club



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Happenings

Calling all Marchers! And Volunteers for Wasena Bridge Party

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! Email Cheri for more info at kiwanis.cheri.hartman@gmail.com

[Daisy Art Parade Informational Video](#); [Daisy Art Parade website](#);

[More info about Kiwanis at the Wasena Bridge Promotion](#)

Junior League event

Help is needed on April 16th to volunteer to oversee our exhibit table at a Junior League event. Outreach opportunity!!! 6 pm. Email Cheri at kiwanis.cheri.hartman@gmail.com if available. Male or female are welcomed!

KPAD Raffle

No auction this year, but a raffle for 30ish great items that KPAD attendees can buy a chance at! Raffle items should hold a minimum value of \$25, be in new or very gently used but great condition, and can be dropped off at Roanoke Valley Speech and Hearing Center Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am - 5:30 pm or on Fridays from 8:00 - 12. These can be gift certificates, collectible sets, jewelry, etc. Contact me if they want to discuss beforehand: 303-386-6551 or leeannlinkenhoker@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. Bruce Swanson or Ken Briggs will accept & record those donations.

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: <http://tinyurl.com/gameoflife2024>

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

New Members!

Beth O'Brochta has directed some of her volunteer energy toward our Kiwanis Club by becoming a new member. She had a long career as a High School English teacher, during which time she faithfully volunteered weekly with myriad organizations. In Roanoke, she has

volunteered at the Transportation Museum, Blue Ridge Literacy, Healing Strides, and Taubman Museum of Art. She currently volunteers for Meals on Wheels and at Carilion Hospital. She is energized by being with others and enjoys opportunities to socialize and make friends. She sees Kiwanis as an opportunity to volunteer and be friendly with other like-minded people.

Jay Gauldin, owner and president of TBS Construction, LLC, represents our first corporate membership. Jay's sponsor is Sam Lionberger III, who has come to know Jay through the construction field. Jay is a graduate of Northside High School, Campbell University and Virginia Tech. He holds a masters degree in architecture and belongs to several local trade organizations. Jay will be the primary member from his firm but other TBS associates will occasionally represent the firm at Kiwanis Club of Roanoke meetings. Jay and wife, Michelle, reside in Moneta. He is an avid cyclist.

Thanks to Kiwanian Keith Hartman who has developed the corporate membership option this Kiwanis year. We expect other firms soon to follow the example of Jay and TBS.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO MIKE LEIGH

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Mike Leigh at its April 8 meeting. Mike has been a Kiwanian since 2013 and is a former member of the club's board of directors. He served as facilitator for the club's 2017 Strategic Plan. Mike has been a perennial leader in KPAD ticket sales and also has been a key leader of the KPAD cooking tent team. He has addressed the club on multiple occasions. Mike has recently sold his interest in OpX Solutions and he and his wife, Jennifer, now plan to spend more time traveling.

Election of 2024-25 Officers and Directors

Our nominating committee, composed of our club's five most recent past

presidents, has put together a slate of officers and directors for the coming Kiwanis year, starting October 1.

Committee chair Jenny Lee will present the slate at this week's club meeting. Club members will elect the officers and directors on April 24.

Meeting Recordings

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

Blue Ridge Marathon



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Kiwanians – It's Marathon Time Again!

April 20, 2024

This year the Club will be running an Aid Station in support of the race. Specifically, we will be staffing BRP Roanoke Mountain Middle at the Near Roanoke Mountain Overlook, Roanoke Mountain Rd, Roanoke, VA 24014 (click the link to see the location on Google Maps <https://goo.gl/maps/gajAaWG8zaa1wbZF8>) handing out drinks and enthusiastically encouraging the runners. The shift starts at 6:45 and ends around 10:45 AM. You can drive up to the Aid Station by taking the Roanoke Mountain Parkway (on the right off the Blue Ridge Parkway just north of the intersection with Mill Mountain Parkway).

Note: Volunteers must be in place BEFORE the Blue Ridge Parkway closes at 7:00 AM!

If 6:45 AM is too early for you, we also need at least three (3) Kiwanians to be course marshals and there are volunteer opportunities on other days including Friday night (April 19th) at the welcome concert. Fifteen (15) volunteers are needed overall. Use the QR code below or click this link to <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/VA/Roanoke/BlueRidge#43929>. After it loads, scroll down to BRP Roanoke Mountain Middle hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke. Check the box and click the Volunteer button. This will take you to the registration page. The Task Password is kiwanis. If you would like to sign up for a different task, scroll up to see other opportunities (no Task Password needed for those). When you register, make sure to select that you are with the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke. If you are already a registered user, you can sign in and avoid some tyninpi!



Phone or Email MIKE McEVoy if you have questions!

April 6th Clean-up

Ten volunteers gathered as the morning chill thawed minute by minute making the litter clean up on Melrose and at the Nature Park a pleasant and rewarding outing. Thank you to Robin and John Foutz from our Roanoke Aktion Club for representing our Kiwanis family. We partnered with the SERV organization, Standing for Equity in the Roanoke Valley, thanks to the invitation from Decca Knight.

See pictures of John and Robin with Cheri Hartman as well as a few other photos.



Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Book Club

Kiwanis Club convenes it's first Book Club, join us! In May, we are actually planning to discuss a book we will all read, "Reading the Constitution: Why I Chose Pragmatism Nit Textualism" by Stephen Breyer. It's about the Supreme Court. We will meet on May 15th to compare notes. What?!!! This is supposed to be a book club where you get to talk about a recent favorite. Yes! You will also get to do just that! Let Dave and I know if you can join us the evening of the 15th. Feel free to send us your ideas. What kind of book club would you prefer? Please contact Cheri for more info:

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Garden Shed

Don Witt, Steve McGraw, and President Mike O'Brochta after they finished erecting the new Kiwanis Nature Park garden shed.



Larry the Loggerch

Larry's colorful self - getting a paint job!
Thank you to Jane Gabrielle



Outreach Awards (initiative and follow through):

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



April 8th Board Meeting

Members of the board and three guests gathered at the [Roanoke Valley Speech and Hearing Center \(RVSHC\)](#). LeeAnn Reich was kind enough to host the meeting and started the meeting with an overview of what RVSHC provides. Many of the activities above were discussed so please do thoroughly read through all the wonderful opportunities listed on the calendar and in "Happenings." Committee reports and updates were given in regards to the budget, communications, membership (please see above for exciting info about new members), strategic plan (more info coming soon!), Kiwanis Kares, the foundation, outreach efforts, and more. Please refer to the minutes for more information which can be found in the members section of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke's website.

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

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

 **Forward**

Kiwanian Birthdays

April 1 – Chloe Willis
April 2 – Andree Brooks
April 6 - Eric Sichau
April 5 – Sam Darby
April 10 – Tim Thompson
April 12 – Bob Habermann
April 12 – Bert Boyd
April 14 – Gary Duerk
April 18 – Jim Randles
April 19 – Eddie Barnes
April 27 – Dwight Steele



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