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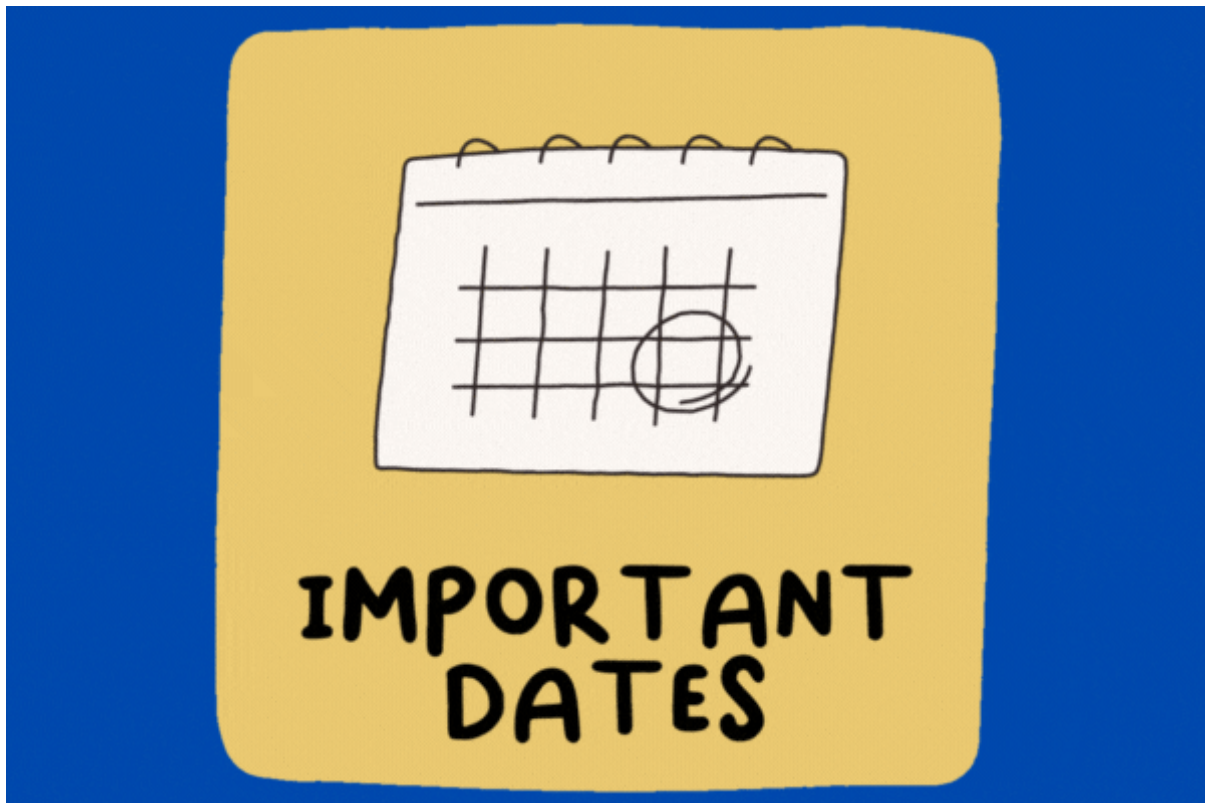
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Speakers' Info

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October 1 - (5:00 - 7:30 pm) [Mayoral Candidates Forum](#) see info below

October 2 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Erin Burcham, Roanoke
Blacksburg Innovation Alliance

October 2 - (6 pm) Book Club Meeting

October 5 - (9 am) Clean Valley Council's Fall Waterways Cleanup

October 9 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, John Hagy, RAMP

October 16 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Spencer Marsh, The Tiny Cargo Company, & Jess Gilbertie, Qentoros

October 23 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Mike Abbott, RAMP
Instructor

October 30 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Spencer Leamy, Corvus Labs

You can always stay up-to-date by checking out the calendar on our [website here](#).

October 2nd - Club Meeting, Erin Burcham Roanoke Blacksburg Innovation Alliance

Erin Burcham is President of the Roanoke Blacksburg Innovation Alliance and Executive Director of the Roanoke Blacksburg Technology Council. Erin will provide an overview of the Innovation Alliance, discuss the state of the technology sector, and discuss regional/state partnerships.

Erin earned an undergraduate degree in public relations from the University of South Carolina and a Master's degree in leadership studies from Virginia Tech. She volunteers with the Roanoke Regional Partnership.

This presentation kicks off a full month of speakers focused on innovation, technology, and business start-ups.



October 9th - Club Meeting, John Hagy, RAMP

More info to come.



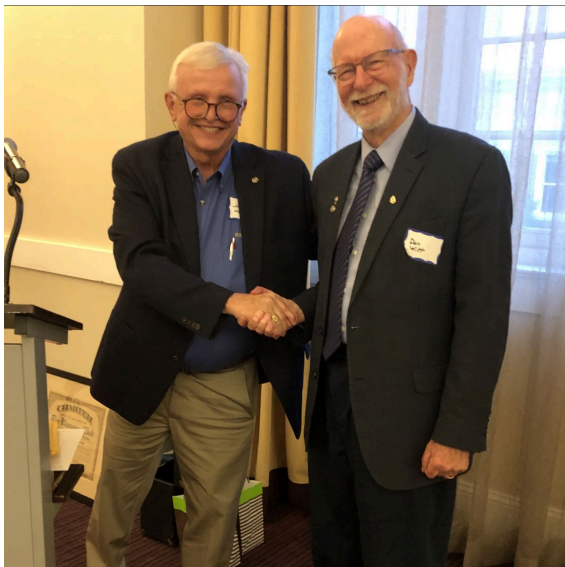
Highlights From Our Last Meeting



Entertainer Jeff Craft



Great food at the buffet line



Don Witt is honored by receiving the Hixon Award from the club



Mike O'Brochta retires as president



Past president Mike receives a
parting gift of hiking sticks



President Jeanne delivers her
inauguration speech



Passing of the gavel from left to right -- and the corresponding years of club
presidency:

John Bradshaw (1977)
Gary Duerk (1988)
Jackie Bledsoe (1994)
Vern Danielsen (1997)
Don Wilson (1999)
Tom Miller (2000)

Rupert Cutler (2003)
John Montgomery (2005)
Andree Brooks (2009)
Ken Briggs (2010)
Mike Loveman (2011)
J.C. Taylor (2014)
Sherry Dillon (2015)
Andy Stone (2017)
Don Witt (2018)
Cheri Hartman (2020)
Mike McEvoy (2021)
Ben Spiker (2023)
Mike O'Brochta (2024)
Jeanne Bollendorf (2025)

Anyone with more photos from the installation is encouraged to share with Jeaane at jeannekiwanis@gmail.com

Final Remarks
Past President Mike O'Brochta
(Delivered at the Installation Dinner)

“Delighted.” Delighted is the exact word I used when I first responded to a call from our Nomination Committee. And, I certainly have been delighted at having had the opportunity you gave me to serve as your Club President. It is a responsibility I took seriously; one which I worked hard at and thoroughly enjoyed. During this past year, I prodded, encouraged, cajoled, and otherwise tried to motivate an already successful Club to shift focus and change. And yes, I talked and talked and talked about Outreach.

When I announced my theme as President one year ago, I described a 104-year-old grand Kiwanis mansion located in a charming Southern town. Unfortunately, visits to that mansion had declined; awareness of our Club needed to increase. As a consequence, I announced my Outreach theme. Ever since, our Club, the members of our Club, you, have taken action toward Outreach; some even earned the Outreach recognition award. Impressive.

So, how did we do? This year is over. My President's job is done. What progress did we make with Outreach? I think we, meaning you, have done a

terrific job. Keep in mind that our Outreach goal is long term. It is not just a one-year goal. We collectively worked to put things in place that will raise awareness of our Club in our community for years to come. I would say that we now have a highly visible sign in the front yard of our grand old Kiwanis mansion; it is now easier for more people to be aware of us. That is significant.

It has been a consequential year; let's recognize some of our Outreach accomplishments. We formed and now have an active Business Outreach committee; we now have a corporate membership option and corporate members; we now have Membership committee events set up with other organizations; we are now members of the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce; we are now part of the City Leadership College curriculum and the curriculum for every third-grader in the City public schools; we are now part of Leadership Roanoke Valley curriculum; we now have an active committee of Past Presidents focused on Outreach; we now have grant-receiving organizations promoting our Club; we now have a strategic plan featuring Outreach; we now have more guests at our weekly meetings, and we even added a bunch of new members. Remarkable accomplishments with great potential.

Let's keep working on the sign in front of our grand old mansion.

Let's continue to act on Outreach!

I sincerely thank you.

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Happenings

Calendars are Needed

2025 Calendars are needed for residents at the Salem VA. Please save all those free calendars you receive in the mail and bring them to our meeting.

Deposit them in the box on the table near check in. Thank you for helping our veterans! Andree

October 1st Mayoral Candidates Forum

Our Kiwanis Club and the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce are inviting the public to the Roanoke Mayor Candidates Forum from 5:00-7:30pm October 1. Registration was required by September 30th, no walk-ins.



October 2nd Book Club Meeting

Schedule for the book club will hopefully be more regular going forward. We have reserved the South County Library meeting room (this branch is located on Merriman Road) for 6 pm every first Wednesday through December. Next meeting will be October 2nd at 6 pm. (Nov. 6th, Dec. 4th) We will break with this pattern in January 2025 - more to come!

The book club is open to all interested parties, not just Kiwanis Club members, so invite your friends/partners to join us!

FYI the Kiwanis Book Club is NOT your parents' book club! You get to read books of your choosing -- and we just ask you to come and share about the experience you had reading the book - highlights and why you might recommend it to others.

Thanks folks!

A BIG CONGRATS to MIKE O -- our outgoing President! What a great year! Well played!

Cheri on behalf of Dave Hartman

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Book Club conveners

October 5th Cleanup

Kiwanis will be participating in the Clean Valley Council's Fall Waterways Cleanup on Oct. 5.

We will meet at the upper parking lot at Washington Park on Carver St. NW at 9 AM. Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/f5nopw2ofw3Cmu3Q7>. I've signed us up for our usual Lick Run section along the greenway.

There will be an electronic waiver for Clean Valley Council that I'll send out to those who sign up. Sheets will be on the tables at the upcoming club meetings this month, or let me know by e-mail.

Thank you!
Dave Perry

Native Plants IN and Invasives OUT Event

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke will sponsor a Native Plants IN and Invasives OUT event on October 19th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on site at the Kiwanis Nature Park – in the 2700 block of Melrose - adjacent to the new Melrose Plaza under construction and next to the Kiwanis Centennial Playground.

Registration will occur on site. There will be a big "Larry the Roanoke Loggerch" banner marking the spot – (that promotes Larry's message of Only Rain Down the Drain). Volunteers will be awarded a copy of our children's book (in hot demand for how it delights youngsters and educates them about the plight of the threatened little darter fish that calls the Roanoke River its home).

Help us spread the word – more hands make less work and A GREATER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! ~ Cheri Hartman

Approved Dues Structure Effective October 1

Annual Dues (Existing):

- \$240 plus \$12 for each of the optional lunch meals for under age 40 members, for members with 10+ years of service seeking tenured membership, and for spouses of members.
- \$475 plus \$12 for each of the optional lunch meals.
- \$846 including all lunch meals.
- \$1,269 corporate membership including all lunch meals.

Annual Dues (Proposed):

- \$280 plus \$14 lunch.
- \$520 plus \$14 lunch.
- \$900.
- \$1,350.

The new dues structure was approved by membership at the member meeting,

September 11th.

Meeting Recordings

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

Club Meeting Zoom Info

Here is the [zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 817 8581 5453

Passcode: 102906

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

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

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Kiwanian Birthdays

October 2 Jenny Lee
October 6 John Edwards
October 8 Patrick Patterson
October 8 Brooke Tolley
October 10 Valerie Brown
October 11 Frank Longaker
October 12 Sherry Dillon
October 18 Ben Burks
October 19 Lee Osborne
October 21 Don Witt
October 23 Kenny Brooks
October 25 Kevin Reeder
October 28 Rupert Cutler (91!)
October 31 Angela Paplomatas



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John Montgomery, Secretary-
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