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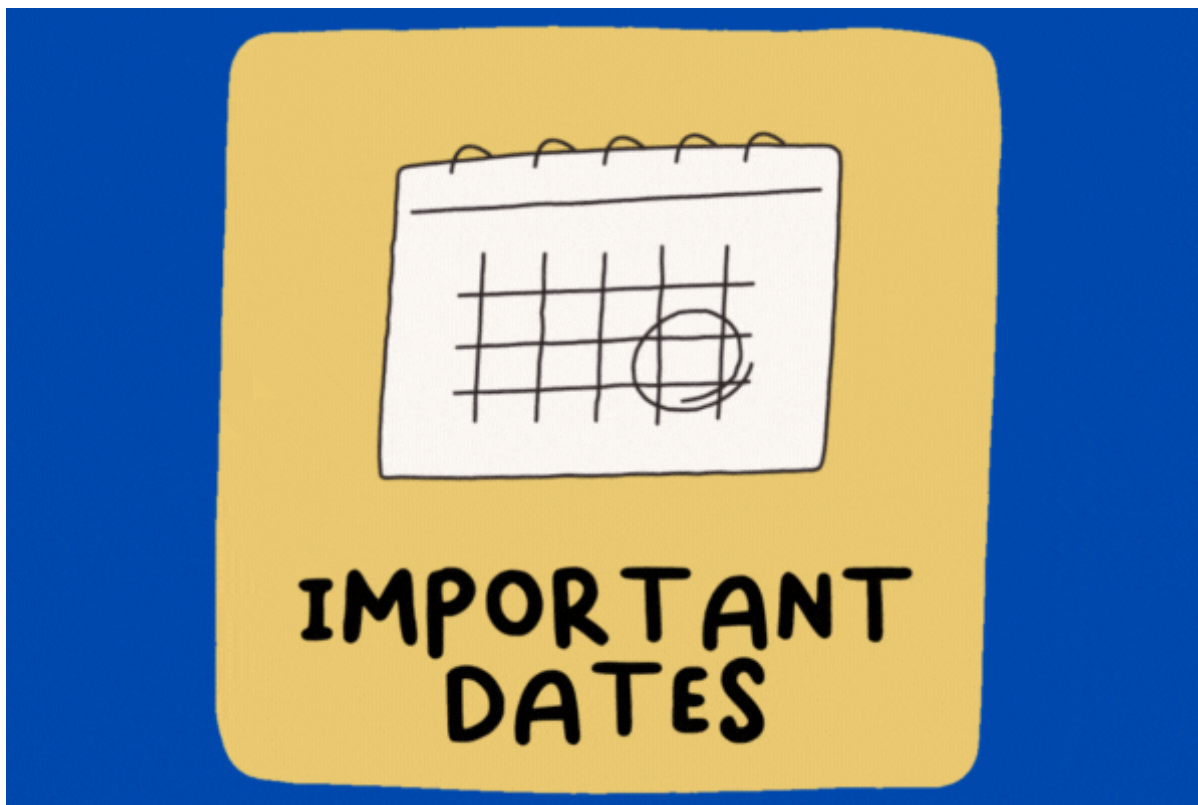
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January 22 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Andreea Milhalache-O'Keef, Roanoke College

January 22 - (1:45 pm) Membership Meeting

January 29 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Jon Morris, Hope Tree Family Services

January 29 - (1:30 - 2:30 pm) Environment Committee Meeting

May 1 - (7:30 - 9 am) Prayer Breakfast

May 10 - (7 - 1 am) Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day (KPAD)

May 31 - (9-11 am set up, 11 am - 3 pm event) Spring Fun Day

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

January 22nd - Club Meeting - Andreea Milhalache-O'Keef, Roanoke College

Join us Wednesday for our weekly meeting at 12:30 PM in Charter Hall on the third floor of the City Market Building to listen to Andreea Milhalache-O'Keef, Professor and Chair of the Public Affairs Department at Roanoke

College. Professor Milhalache-O'Keef will provide an overview of the Roanoke College Model UN Club and associated activities to provide understanding of the United Nations among middle school, high school, and college students.

Professor Milhalache-O'Keef is the faculty advisor for the Model UN Club and the Chair of the Public Affairs Department at Roanoke College. Following her time at Princeton University as a Research Fellow, she joined Roanoke College as Visiting Professor in 2010, became an Assistant Professor in 2011 and an Associate Professor in 2017. She received a PhD in Political Science from the Pennsylvania State University.



Highlights From Our Last Meeting



Larry Logperch author, Melissa Rooney, visits Kiwanis



Lt. Governor, Tulane Patterson, enjoys a Roanoke visit



Betsy Osborne explains the use of grant money for Healing Strides



David Tate details the workings of Habitat for Humanity



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Happenings

Fun Event - Rail Yard Dawgs Hockey - Mike O'Brochta

We had a fun time at Friday night's Rail Yard Dawgs hockey game. Fast action on the ice was watched by our 19 member group, fast food was purchased, and fast conversations were held between bouts of cheering.

The excitement level spiked during the last five minutes of the third period when the Dawgs pulled their goalie in favor of having a sixth man on the ice. It worked, they scored, and the game was tied. The overtime was equally exciting up until the point when the other team scored and won. Also exciting were the tongue-in-cheek discussions about the possibility of, in addition to auctioning the Mill Mountain Star for KPAD, also auctioning the naming rights to the Dawgs Zamboni ice machine; now, that would be some outreach.



Valentine's Day Cards

With Valentine's Day just a month away, now is the time to start thinking of that special hand painted Valentine's Day card that you can't buy at Kroger's or Hallmark. You can email or text Dan or stop by the table. We will be taking request in the next couple weeks. All donations for cards you make will go directly to the Kiwanis's club. We will also have the little heart pins again this year, these are great gifts for your grandkids, friends, neighbors, shut ins and the elderly.

Thanks,

Dan and Diane Chitwood

Kiwanis International - John Montgomery

Kiwanis International turns 110 today (Jan. 21). This was the date of the first club being organized in Detroit in 1915; the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke chartered just five years later, Jan. 28, 2020. Our charter number is 182. Amazingly, Kiwanis clubs were springing up around the country every 10 days or so in those days -- quite a rapid pace.

JC Taylor Recognized

The Roanoke Tribune shared an excellent interview with the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke's own JC Taylor. [You can read it here.](#)

Meeting Set-up/Take-down

New Member, Jason Poff, has agreed to lead our weekly meeting set-up/take-down tasks (banners, flag, etc) and he could use an extra pair of hands (or two!) If you would like to volunteer to help, please let Jason know.

2025 Teenager of the Year

Local clubs of Kiwanis International are seeking applicants for the 2025 Teenager of the Year Award. Kiwanis is an international organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The purpose of this award is to give recognition to deserving teenagers for their service to their school and community, citizenship, leadership performance, character and academic achievements. If the nominee continues through the competition process at club, division and district levels, the finalist will be awarded the title of 2025 Capital District Teenager of the Year, \$2,500.00 and a trip with their parents/guardians to the Kiwanis District Convention, August 22-24, 2025, in Arlington, VA.

[Learn more here.](#)

Highlights from January 13, 2025 Board Meeting:

Speakers from United Way of Roanoke Valley will be featured at Club meetings in February. There was a discussion of Risk Management (Insurance Coverage) and member liability; a committee has been formed to investigate further and report back to the Board. A quarterly reporting process to the Board of key committees was established. Our Club is considering an award this year for Career and Technical Education needs to students in our area. Our Club has established a Sponsorship/Business Outreach committee to approach local Roanoke businesses. To read the complete minutes of our Board Meeting please check the Members section of our website!

My Superpower is...

Jason Poff – cutting through Red Tape and getting answers

Matt Trantham – writing poetry!

Andree` Brooks and John Montgomery – wrangling members and member information to always put together a terrific membership directory

David Farnum – looking out for members' financial security

Fred Jeter, Jenny Lee, Bruce Swanson, and Ken Briggs for helping Don Chichester attend Kiwanis meetings each week

Keith Hartman – taking over leadership for our Service Leadership Program (SLP)

Ken Briggs – coordinating our Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing volunteers

Lois James – fantastic leadership for our West End Holiday Party

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.

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Kiwanian Birthdays

January 5 -- Jeanne Bollendorf

January 6 -- Dirk Kuyk

January 6 -- Stephanie Moon Reynolds

January 7 -- John Bradshaw (92!..... and a Roanoke Kiwanian for 55
years this month)

January 8 -- Bob Rutherford

January 11 -- Steve English

January 13 -- Chris Head

January 15 -- Tom Blake

January 21 -- Rhonda Perdue

January 22 -- Beth O'Brochta

January 23 -- Terry Vandelinde

January 28 -- Pegram Johnson

January 28 -- John Montgomery

January 28 -- Andy Stone

January 29 -- Don Evans

January 30 -- Joe Cobb

January 31 -- Frank Rogan



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