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**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF ROANOKE

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"WHAT IS YOUR  
SUPERPOWER"

**PLEASE NOTE that the February 12th meeting has  
been cancelled due to weather.**



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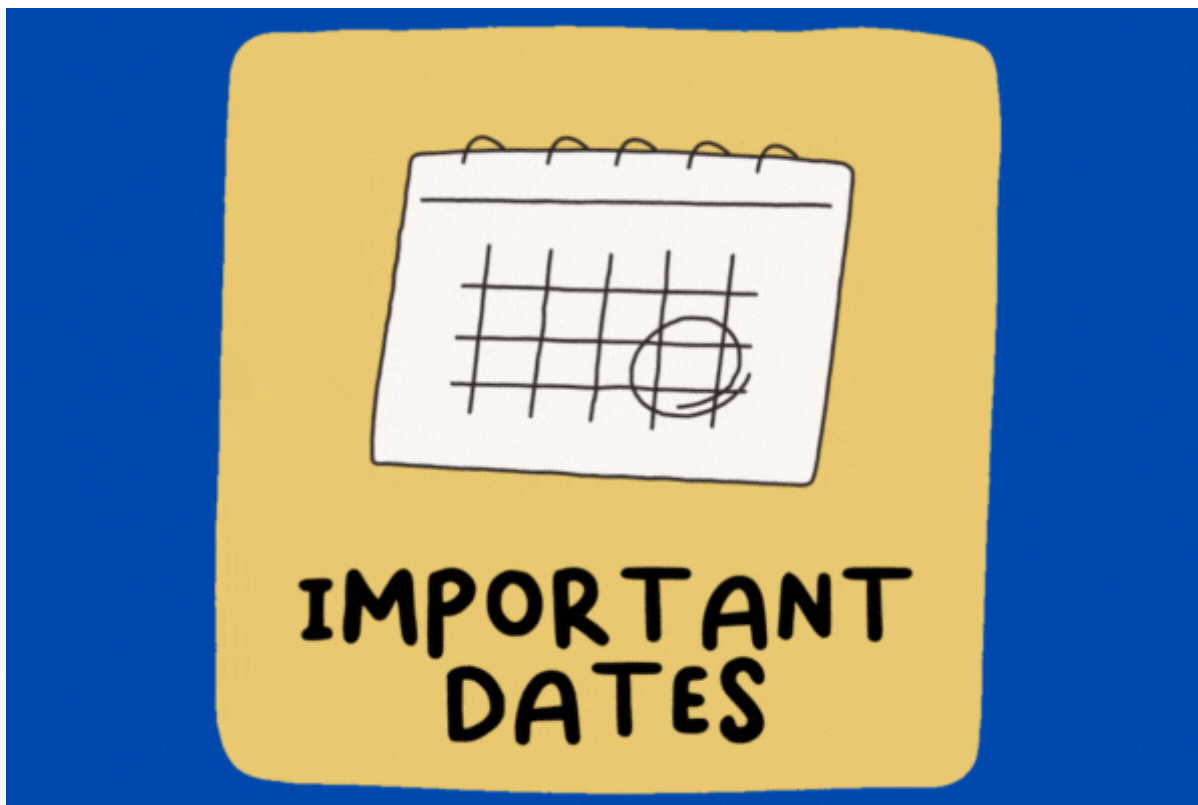
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**February 12** - Club Meeting has been cancelled

**February 12** - (6 - 7 pm) Book Club Meeting - Virtual

**February 19** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Denise Ellis, United Way  
Early Learning

**February 25** - (6 - 7:30 pm) KPAD Team Draft

**February 26** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Leslie Clark, United Way  
Community Hub

**February 26** - (1:35pm) Membership Meeting

**March 1** - (6 - 9 pm) Fun Party/Dance

**March 13** - (6 - 9 pm) Mill Mountain Theater

**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](#).

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# **\*\*February 12th Meeting Cancelled\*\***

## **Highlights From Our Last Meeting**



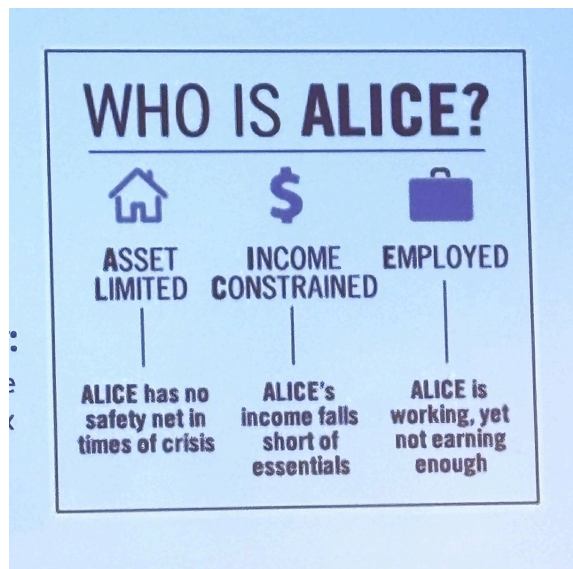
John Carlin accepts a grant for Center in the Square



Camp Easter Seals receives Kiwanis grant



Abby Hamilton, United Way VBR CEO, gives an overall view of their organization



United Way defines the “ALICES” of our community



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Happenings

### **February 12th Book Club - 6pm**

Due to prediction of wintry weather making driving treacherous potentially -- Dave Hartman has decided to shift the Book Club meeting to a virtual format. Here is a zoom link for those interested:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88273522677?pwd=40PUyW6DD55pyT6p64WDp96IibBkIK.1>

### **Kiwanis Social!**

Our sweethearts  
Our anniversary  
Our Kiwanis friendships!  
Saturday, March 1, 2025  
Harrison Museum, 6:00 PM  
Cocktail Party, Beer and Wine  
Dancing with Deejay  
\$50 per couple/\$25 single



### **Social at Mill Mountain Theater**

Join us for a social evening on March 13 at the Mill Mountain Theater. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served on the second floor of the Center In The Square building just outside of the Harrison Museum beginning at 6:00pm.

Waitress will be performed in the Trinkle Main Stage theater at 7:30pm. The cost is TBD for Kiwanis Club members, family, friends, and guests.

Waitress, The Musical is based on the 2007 film of the same name, with a book by Jessie Nelson and music and lyrics by Sara Bareilles. The musical follows Jenna Hunterson, a waitress and expert pie maker at Joe's Diner, who finds herself in an unfulfilling marriage to her controlling husband, Earl. When Jenna discovers she's pregnant, she begins to re-evaluate her life and dreams of escape. Encouraged by her quirky fellow waitresses, Dawn and Becky, and supported by an unexpected romantic connection with her gynecologist, Dr. Pomatter, Jenna starts to find her way to a new beginning. The show is celebrated for its emotional depth, witty dialogue, and catchy, soulful songs that explore themes of love, resilience, and self-discovery.



### **Board Meeting Notes**

Your Board had a robust and productive meeting on February 10, 2025. Guided by a jam-packed agenda, we covered the following key items:

1. 2024-25 Strategic Plan update. From the beginning of this process, we've focused on ensuring that this strategic plan be a working document that we use to guide us throughout the life of the plan. Today, led by President Jeanne Bollendorf and Bill Bepitch, we finalized a quarterly reporting structure, so as to create opportunities for regular assessment, adjustment, and measurement of our stated goals.
2. Greg Lionberger presented a working proposal for our Club's support of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program.
3. Andre Brooks presented the results of an extensive and thorough review, update, and re-write of our Club's Operating Policies and Bylaws.
4. Mike O'Brochta led a discussion of some "clean sheet thinking" on

sponsorship and sponsors of our Club, moving perhaps from a project-oriented approach to one more holistic in nature.

5. Foundation President Lee Osborne provided your Board with his regular update of all things related to the Roanoke Kiwanis Foundation.

Last but certainly not least, your Board was honored to welcome Lt. Governor Tulane Patterson to our meeting. Lt. Governor Tulane updated us on Division 15 activities and opportunities, staying for our entire meeting. You'll want to know that Lt. Governor Tulane expressed great appreciation to our Club for our level of engagement, and the resultant impact that each and every one of us is having on our community.

### **The Possibility Project - Kids Need Kiwanis**

Through the Kiwanis Children's Fund, US\$2.25 addresses the needs of one child. Imagine the possibilities if we raised US\$25 million — enough for Kiwanis clubs and members to serve 10 million children around the world. That's the goal of The Possibility Project. Join the first fundraising campaign that solely supports Kiwanis and the children we serve. Learn more here: <https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/kiwanis-childrens-fund/possibility-project/>

### **First Responders**

Kiwanians, many of you may recall that our club presented awards to Roanoke City and County first responders for several years. There has been some discussion about whether we should restart this program. If any club member feels passionately about this initiative and has an interest in leading it, please contact Club President, Jeanne Bollendorf for a conversation - email [Jeannekiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:Jeannekiwanis@gmail.com) or call 757-773-3312

### ***My Superpower is...***

*January/February –*

??????

*Why is this space empty?! Our Kiwanians have not lifted up any Club members for Superpower Awards - President Jeanne wants to hear from you!*

### **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](mailto:abarge11@gmail.com).*

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### **Kiwanian Birthdays**

Chris Rouse	February 4
Barry Akers	February 6
Keith Hartman	February 11
Mike Quinn	February 14
Steve Willis	February 16
Kathy Cohen	February 18
Tara Marciniak	February 24
Betsy Head	February 28

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