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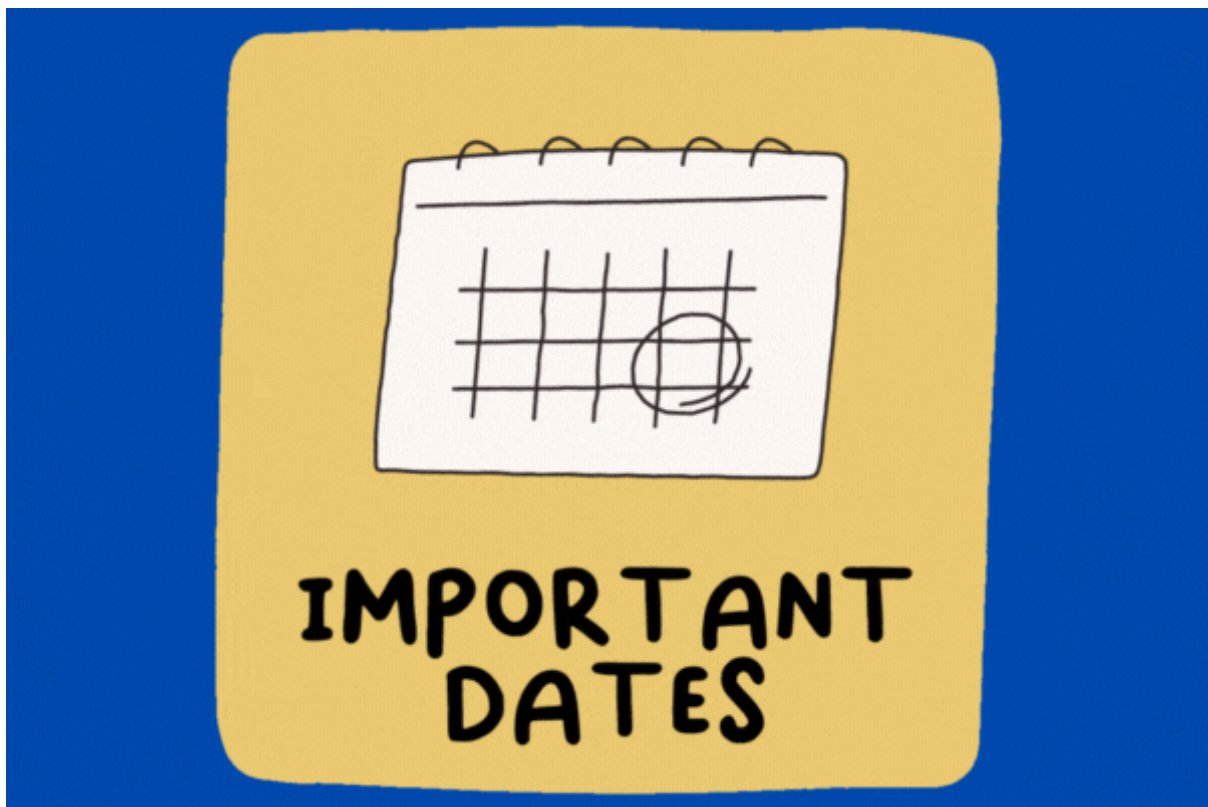
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February 19 - (12:20* - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Denise May & Leslie Clark, United Way Community*

February 19 - (1:30 - 2:30 pm) Environment Committee Meeting

February 21 - (8 - 9 am) Fun Day Committee Meeting

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

February 26 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Cheryl Mosley, United Way Helping Families

February 26 - (1:35pm) Membership Meeting

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

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

April 12 - (6:45 - 10:45 am) Blue Ridge Marathon

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](#).

February 19th Club Meeting Leslie Clark and Denise Ellis, United Way ~ How United Way brings us together to meet community needs*

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 United Way of Virginia's Blue Ridge officers Leslie Clark, Director of Family Health Strategies and Denise Ellis, Director of Early Learning Strategies.

Every week throughout the month of February we are featuring a speaker from our local United Way. Meeting attendees will be treated to an across-the-board look into, not only the United Way, but into the fabric of our community as well.

Leslie (pictured below left) will talk about the Community Resource Hub and the Community Health Workers at the heart of the hub. Denise will talk about the Early Learners Collaborative, a cross-generational multi-agency approach supporting low-income children and their families.

Leslie graduated from West Virginia University with a BA in Psychology. She also holds certificates in Nonprofit Leadership and in Transformative Leadership. Denise is experienced child development professional with a Master's in Child Development and Family Relations.

**Club Meeting will start early at 12:20 pm. We encourage members to use their best judgment. Zoom is an option if you prefer to play it safe.*



Highlights From Our Last Meeting

(two weeks ago)



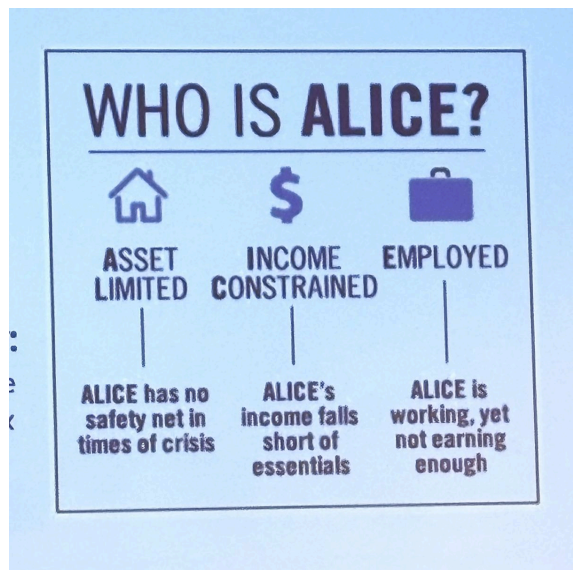
John Carlin accepts a grant for Center in the Square



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

Message from John

We have learned of several concerns within our Kiwanis family in recent days and we wanted to provide our membership with updates as we have learned of them:

- As reported earlier, Past President Cheri Hartman's sister, Wendy Sharin, passed away early Sunday morning in New Jersey. Wendy had battled cancer the past 14 years. Her funeral will be this Friday. Cheri and David are headed to New Jersey this morning. [Here is a link to Wendy's obituary.](#)
- Christine Bradshaw, wife of longtime club member Bob Bradshaw, unexpectedly passed away during her sleep Saturday night. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Christine had celebrated her 80th birthday with family and friends two days earlier. Bob Bradshaw, a distant cousin of club member John Bradshaw, is a retired Roanoke banking executive and has belonged to the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke since 1979.
- Alma Armentrout, mother of Kiwanian Emily Bailey, continues to battle cancer at the pain management center at the University of Virginia, and Emily has recently asked for prayers and support from her Kiwanis family. Emily has been a Roanoke Kiwanian since 2019 and is a former member of the club's board of directors.

Please keep the families of all these members in your thoughts and prayers.

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.



Kiwanians – It's Marathon Time Again! April 12, 2025

April in Roanoke means spring flowers and the Blue Ridge Marathon! For a second year in a row, the Club will be running the Aid Station BRP Roanoke Mountain Middle in support of the race. This location has the best views on the course and is a favorite of the runners. The station is located at the Roanoke Mountain Overlook, on Roanoke Mountain Road, 24014 (click the link to see the location on Google Maps (<https://goo.gl/maps/gajAaWG8zaa1wbZF8>)). We will be 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 11) at the welcome event. The Club is committed to fifteen (15) volunteers overall. Click this link to volunteer <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, all lower case. 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. This is one of the choices to the question “Are you registering with an incentive group?” If you are already a registered user from past years, there is an option to pull up your information and avoid some typing! Remember to enter your tee shirt size!

Phone or Email Mike McEvoy if you have questions!

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/>

Book Club

The book club will continue to meet at the South County Library on Merriman Road at 6 pm on first Wednesdays = the usual schedule if the library has their community room available then. They are set to meet on March 5th at 6 pm. Please contact Dave or Cheri Hartman for more info.

Larry the Roanoke Logperch

A nice promotional on Larry the Roanoke Logperch has been shared. It was recorded before Melissa knew it is available at Book No Further. Here is the link to the review. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBpQBDY8AiM&t=2s>

Below are photos from Feb 10th when our Kiwanis Larry the Roanoke Logperch was exhibited at the Virginia Association’s Environmental Educators conference held at Hotel Roanoke. Cynthia Gray volunteered all day alongside Cheri Hartman; joined by Don Witt - to explain how our club is using our gradually growing Nature Park, as a way to engage the community in environmental awareness and stewardship. Thanks to Mike O,Brochta and Joyce Montgomery for helping to squeeze Larry into Cheri’s car- undamaged

so he could make his way back to the Melrose library!



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 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.

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

 **Forward**

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



Officers:

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