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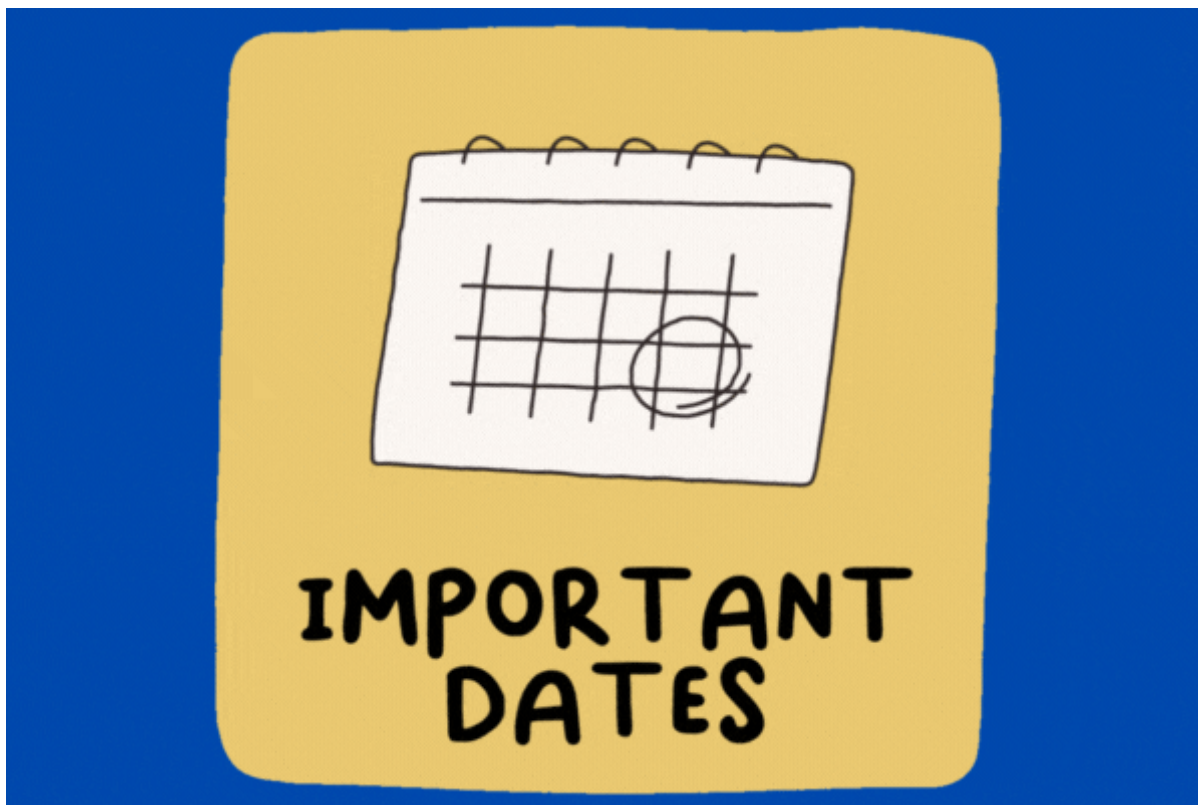
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March 12 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day Kick Off

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

March 19 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Shaine Miles, Chick-fil-A

March 19 - (1:45 - 2:45 pm) Membership Committee Meeting

March 26 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Jamie Bailey, ALCOVA Mortgage

March 26 - (1:35pm) Environment Committee Meeting

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](#).

March 5th Club Meeting - Kiwanis Pancake and

Auction Day KICK OFF!

Join us Wednesday for our weekly meeting at 12:30 PM in Charter Hall on the third floor of the City Market Building to kick off our annual Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day (KPAD) ticket sales campaign. KPAD is being held at the Berglund Center on May 10 from 7:00am - 12:30pm.

This is a fun and important program. The program will open with a short, dramatic, and inspirational (hyperbole intended) video revealing the names of this year's six ticket sales teams and the team captain names; it will also reveal the theme for this year's ticket sales. Club members will learn which of the teams they have been drafted to join. Additional information will be shared about the process to volunteer for KPAD, about the raffle, about sponsorship for the Mill Mountain Star, and about the essential activities that contribute to KPAD success.



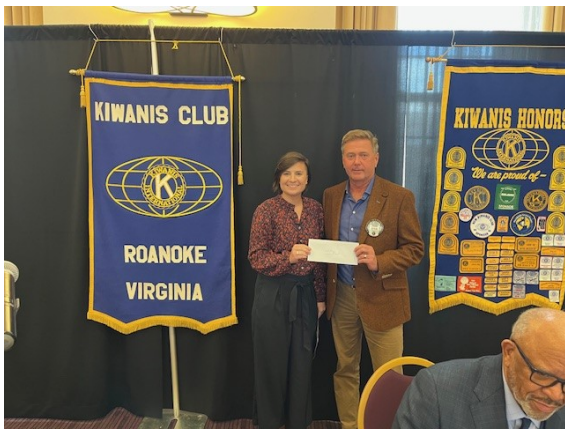
Highlights From Our Last Meeting



Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Virginia receives a grant



Brooke Tolley accepts a grant on behalf of Opera Roanoke



Life Ring graciously receives a Kiwanis Grant



Our guest speaker, Julie Kingery with the Roanoke Valley Association of Realtors, accepts an honorarium



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Happenings

Message from John

Please see [this link](#) to former club member Bill Magee's obituary. Funeral services will be next Friday, March 14, at 2 p.m. at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church on Mudlick Road. Visitation will be an hour prior.

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.



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.

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!

Kiwanis Social

Good times, food, and dancing were had at the last Kiwanis Social on March 1st!



Rita Joyce & Larry the Logperch

Kiwanian Rita Joyce who participated in Read Across America this week with the help of Larry the Logperch - spreading joy of reading and environmental awareness!



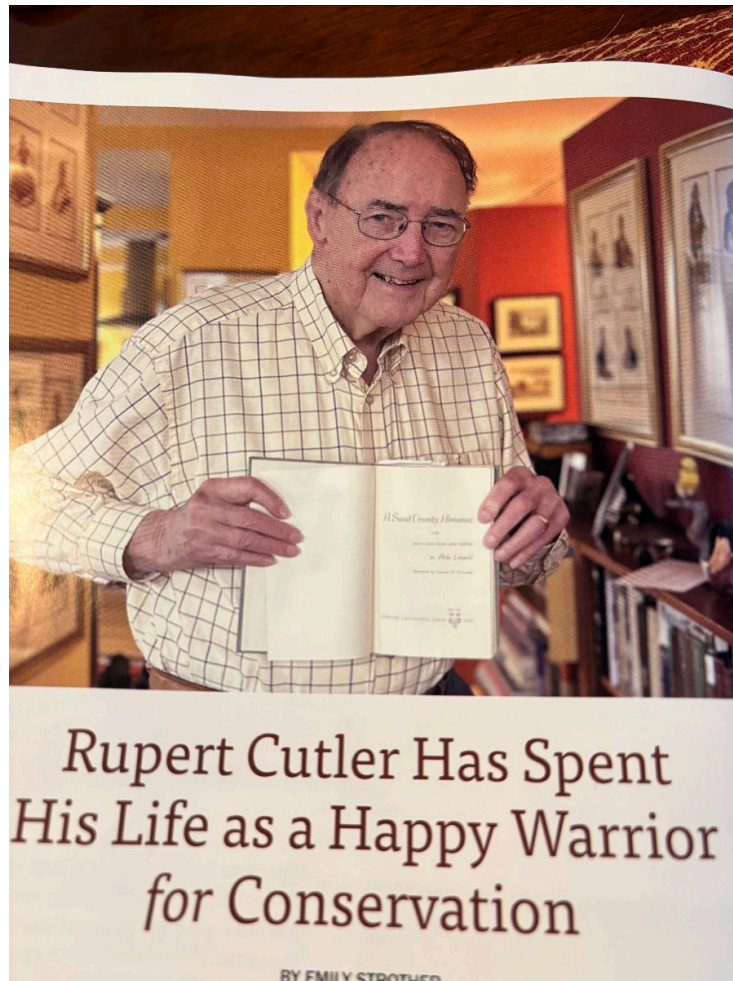
Capital District

Several Roanoke Kiwanians enjoyed participating in the Capital District midyear convention in Cambridge, Maryland last weekend. Pictured are Ben Baird, President Jeanne Bollendorf and President-Electj Joyce Montgomery at a Disney-themed party.



Dr. Rupert Cutler

Not everyone gets a six page feature article in a renowned magazine like Virginia Wildlife! Dr. Rupert Cutler was in fact well described and honored in “Rupert Cutler Has Spent His Life As a Happy Warrior for Conservation.”



2023 Kiwanis Environmental Scholarship Winner Update

I'm excited to share that after completing my MS in Forest Biology this summer at the University of Georgia, I'll be continuing my academic journey with a PhD in Environmental Science at the University of Virginia starting this fall! I'll be working with Meghan Blumstein, broadly focusing on phenology of northern red oak, and forest ecology. I'm truly grateful and excited for the opportunities ahead and looking forward to finishing my master's strong at UGA. Wahoowa! ~ Emma Land

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROANOKE MARCH BOARD BRIEFS

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke board of directors met Monday, March 10. Membership stands at 149, -1 since the beginning of this fiscal year. The recent death of longtime former member Bill Magee (1965-2010) was noted.

Club officers Jeanne Bollendorf, Joyce Montgomery and John Montgomery reported on the Capital District Midyear gathering held in Cambridge, Maryland, Feb. 28-March 2. The consensus was a positive impression, as the conference mixed a Disney theme with educational opportunities. Roanoke was honored as one of 17 clubs (among more than 150 in the district) to earn distinguished status for 2023-24.

Vice President David Hartman presented the slate of five April programs coordinated by David Perry, which received board approval. The monthly focus will be environment.

Among the meeting's other highlights:

- President Jeanne reported that no members expressed interest in leading an effort to revitalize our First Responders program; it will be tabled for the time being.
- Secretary John Montgomery will chair a Risk Management Committee to review our club's insurance needs. Lee Osborne and Ken Briggs have agreed to serve on the team.
- Greg Lionberger received approval to implement a Career and Technical Awards program in conjunction with Roanoke County Schools this May; Roanoke City's participation is still in limbo.
- The board approved the Strategic Plan modifications presented last month as well as an Operational Policies document that goes into effect immediately. The teams that developed these plans were praised for their thorough work.
- KPAD will kickoff this week; sponsorship dollars are promising and team captains have picked their squads.
- The Presidential Advisors are looking for a substitute chair to step up in place of Mike O'Brochta, who is leaving on a six-month visit to Scotland in early April.
- The Regional Chamber of Commerce has relocated to Varsity Park on Franklin Road. Their facility allows room for outside meetings; our club is considering making use of it for future needs.
- Nominating Committee Chair Cheri Hartman presented the slate of officers and directors for 2025-26, which was approved. The club will vote on electing the slate in April.

My Superpower is...

March/April –

Amy Carter – environmentally friendly serve ware

Don Chichester – determination in continuing to attend lunch meetings

Our Kiwanians have not lifted up any Club members for Superpower Awards recently - 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.

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Kiwanian Birthdays

March 3 – Bruce Swanson
March 5 – Joyce Montgomery
March 11 – Don Wilson, Reggie Wood
March 13 – Sherman Lea
March 15 – David Lemon
March 19 – Preston Collins
March 20 – Donna Lynch
March 24 – Cheri Hartman, Joe Lemmer
March 28 – Courtney Plaster
March 30 – David Perry
March 31 – Bill Bestpitch



Officers:

Jeanne Bollendorf, President
Joyce Montgomery, President-Elect
David Hartman, Vice President
John Montgomery, Secretary-
Treasurer
Mike O'Brochta, Past President

Directors:

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Sheila Umberger, 2025
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Bill Bestpitch, 2026
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Alex Barge, 2026
Preston Tyler, 2027
Bert Boyd, 2027
Keith Hartman, 2027



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