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**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF ROANOKE

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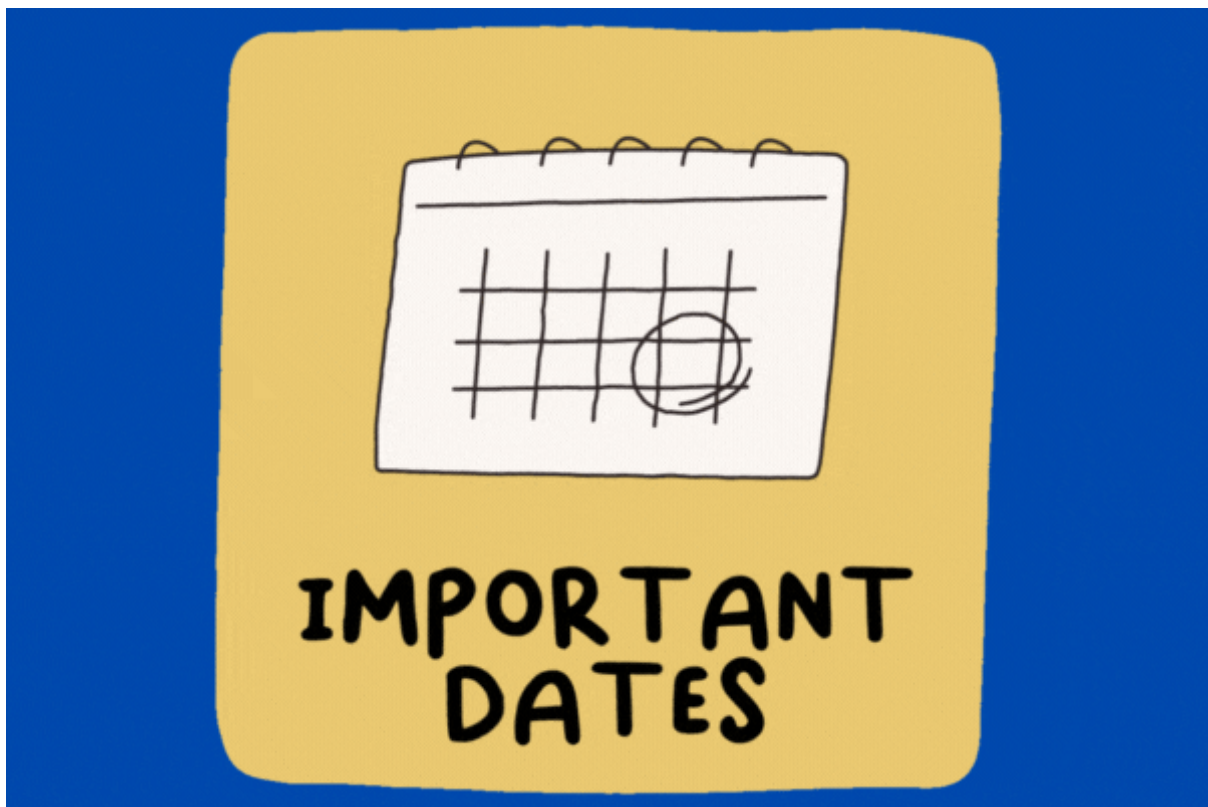
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**April 9** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Michael Clark, VA MTNS  
Outdoor Collective

**April 9** - (6 pm) Book Club

**April 12** - (10 am - 3 pm) Blue Ridge Marathon

**April 14** - (12:15 - 1:35 pm) Board Meeting

**April 16** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Thomas and Kristin Battin, Hood  
Hive Honey

**April 16** - (1:35pm) Membership Committee Meeting

**April 19** - (6:45 - 10:45 am) Earth Day Booth

**April 23** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Levi Stiverson, SW VA Wildlife  
Center of Roanoke

**April 30** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, William Fralin and Shannon  
Dominquez, VOICe

**April 30** - (1:35pm) Environment Committee Meeting

**May 1** - (6:45 - 8:30 am) Prayer Breakfast

**May 10** - (7 am - 12:30 pm) Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day (KPAD)

**May 17** - (9 am - noon) Kids' Fishing Day

**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](#)

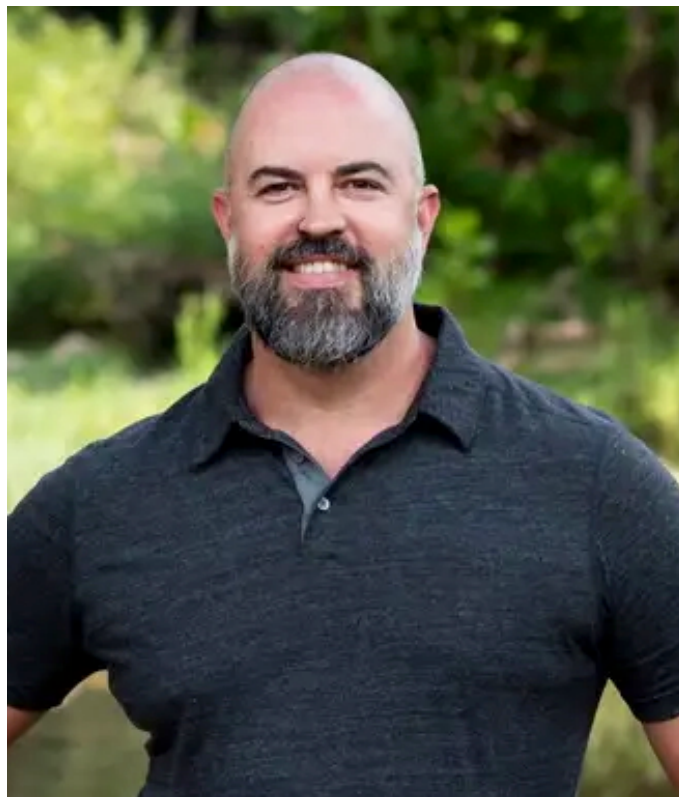
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## **April 9th Club Meeting - Michael Clark, VA MTNS Outdoor Collective**

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 Michael Clark, Owner and Principal Consultant at Oxbow. Michael will talk about the VA MTNS Outdoor Collective, an outdoor business alliance. The Collective is a regional initiative aimed at uniting businesses, advocates, and enthusiasts to strengthen Western and Southwestern Virginia's outdoor recreation economy and community.

Michael has spent the past 25 years working in the field of parks, recreation and cultural resources. He is currently the owner and principal consultant with Oxbow, a management consulting firm dedicated to building more livable communities. He recently served as the Director of Roanoke City Parks and Recreation.



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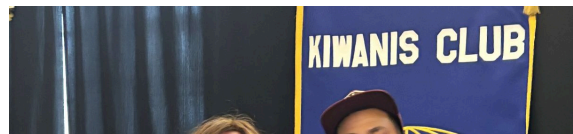
## Highlights From Our Last Meeting



Judy Clark and Kevin Matheson entertain the club with Beethoven's Violin Concerto



Bill Bestpitch gives tips on selling pancake tickets





Jay Gauldin receives 100 Grand prize from Lois James for best ticket sales



President Jeanne presents honorarium for Lick Run Community Development Corp. as chosen by our guest speaker, Cam Terry of Garden Variety Harvest



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Happenings

### **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 April 9th 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 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!**

Phone or Email Mike McEvoy if you have questions!

### **Kiwanis Club of Roanoke leadership election forthcoming**

Using the nomination criteria posted on our website and a carefully implemented nomination process, the Nominating Committee of 2025 has prepared a slate of Board members and officers for 2025-2026, in alignment with the criteria. It will be our honor to present to our club membership the slate of nominees for club leadership.

**April 16th:** Presentation by the Nominating Committee of the slate of Board members and officers for 2025-26 at the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke luncheon meeting

**April 23rd:** Nominations from the floor

**April 30th:** Election of the new Board members and the officers for 2025-2026 at the Kiwanis Club or Roanoke members' luncheon business meeting; This meeting is referred to as the club's Annual Meeting. Please join us for this important meeting! We meet at the usual time - and usual location - Charter Hall.

Thank you,  
Cheri

Cheri W. Hartman, Chair, Nominating Committee of 2025

### **National Day of Prayer Breakfast**

Please mark your calendars for the National Day of Prayer on May 1. Our Kiwanis Club will again host a Prayer Breakfast on that important date. We attempt to bring together people from many Roanoke Valley faith traditions for an time of fellowship and prayer.

Location: Kazim Shrine Temple, 628 West Campbell Avenue

Time: Amy Carter's breakfast buffet is from 6:45-7:15. The program is planned from 7:15-8:30.

Theme: "Peace be with us"

Speaker: Rev. Preston Tyler

Music: Milton Hardy, Jr., and Judy Clark

Tickets: \$9.00 each

Tickets will be available at in the Charter Hall foyer following our Wednesday luncheon meetings. No funds are necessary as Treasurer John Montgomery will bill us for our tickets.

Reservations can also be made by contacting Ken Briggs at [kbriggs916@gmail.com](mailto:kbriggs916@gmail.com) or 540-314-9616.

# Peace Be With Us



Join Kiwanis as we celebrate our annual  
**Interfaith Prayer Breakfast**

Thursday, May 1, 2025    6:45am-8:30am    \$9.00

Kazim Temple    628 Campbell Avenue    Roanoke VA    (free parking in back)

Join us in learning about the many faiths in the Roanoke Valley. Ministers of different faiths will facilitate discussions at each table. Our Keynote Speaker for 2025 is Pastor Preston Tyler. Music provided by Judy Clark and Milton Hardy. A thank you to our sponsor, Howell's Motor Freight!



For tickets contact any Kiwanian or email Cheri Hartman at [chartman2423@gmail.com](mailto:chartman2423@gmail.com) also for tickets go to the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke website: [www.roanokekiwanisclub.org](http://www.roanokekiwanisclub.org).



## Message from "Chief Pancaker" Joyce Montgomery:

WEEK 3 OF KPAD KEEPS PACE; MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!!

Turn-ins this past week are maintaining a steady pace – \$4,783, which is within an eyelash of the \$5,000 figure we are shooting for each AND every week. Total ticket sales after three turn-ins are \$14,989. The weekly average to date has been \$4,996.



Top turn-ins last week:

Rupert Cutler \$1,050 (here he comes!)

Guy Byrd \$500

Lee Learman \$500

Jeff Vick \$420

Stephanie Moon Reynolds \$360

Randy Myers \$350

Here are the team standings after three weeks:

The Determinators \$3,497

Legendary Transformers \$3,422

The Chargers \$2,967

The Overachievers \$2,196

L,G &M \$1,487

Community \$1,420

The big movers this week were The Legendary Transformers, who had a team turn-in of \$1,485, led by Rupert Cutler (Chris Rouse, team captain); and The Overachievers, whose \$983 for the week, was paced by Lee Learman (\$500) and Stephanie Moon Reynolds (\$360). Team captain is Ben Spiker. Note that Kevin Holt's team turned in \$897 (led by Guy Byrd and Cynthia Gray) and moved out of the cellar!

After three weeks, Chris Rouse's team is only \$75 dollars behind our team leader – Jay Gauldin's Determinators.

Jay Gauldin and Rupert Cutler are tied for the individual lead at \$1,050.

Next after three weeks are:

Mike Loveman \$850

Reif Kessler \$710

Andy Stone \$650

Jason Poff \$549

Guy Byrd and Lee Learman both have \$500.

A correction from last week – the team member of The Legendary Transformers who turned in \$350 should have been identified as Val Brown.... Great job, Val!

*Keep the momentum going, guys – and remember: “MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!!”*



Join us as we celebrate **30** years of serving up the community's largest breakfast and most delicious fundraiser in the Roanoke Valley!  
Saturday, May 10, 2025  
7am - 1230pm @ the Berglund Center  
\$7 Advance, \$10 @ Door, Children 5 & under FREE



For tickets and information

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### **Kids Fishing Day**

Our Kiwanis club is again hosting kids from the WEST END CENTER for trout fishing & catching this SPRING on Saturday 5/17/25 at the Hope TREE Family Services pond off Red Lane in SALEM. As usual we need all the volunteers we can get! It's OK to recruit family & friends to help. Please refer to the signup sheet @ our coming meetings for your job. Should arrive by 9 AM @ the picnic shelter, easily seen from Red Lane road. The fishing ends by noon , but please stay for a hotdog & hamburger picnic after.

Looking forward to seeing the kids getting so excited catching their FIRST fish! Do you recall yours?

Thanks, Bob Rutherford & Mike Bell

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

*March/April –*

Amy Carter – environmentally friendly serve ware

Rupe Cutler – for being a Wildlife Warrior and Environmental Superhero

Keith Hartman – for thinking outside the box and organizing an enriching art museum event for the Phoenix Star AKtion Club

Don Chichester – determination in continuing to attend lunch meetings and kicking off our pancake breakfast every year with a special song

Joe Cobb – for being a great convener! Joe organized a terrific small business summit

Hannah Gromada – for being a great facilitator and organizer for our Kiwanis Club meetings and other special events at Charter Hall

Eric Danielsen – for 30 YEARS of organizing pancake production for Club's fundraiser

Andree' Brooks - for investing much time and expertise updating the outdated Club Policies document; it is now accurate, comprehensive, and readable.

*Our Kiwanians have not lifted up any Club members for Superpower Awards recently - President Jeanne wants to hear from you!*

### **Salem Kiwanis Fundraiser**

2025 LISA BAIN KIWANIS CLUB OF SALEM MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, April 14, 2025

11:00 am – Registration

12:00 noon – Lunch

1:00 pm – Shotgun Start

[Visit their website to learn more.](#)

### **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**

April 1 – Chloe Willis  
April 2 – Andree Brooks  
April 3 – Eric Sichau  
April 5 – Sam Darby  
April 10 – Tim Thompson  
April 12 – Bob Habermann  
April 12 – Bert Boyd  
April 14 – Gary Duerk  
April 18 – Jim Randles  
April 19 – Eddie Barnes  
April 27 – Dwight Steele

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Officers:

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

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Harry Zulauf, 2025  
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Bert Boyd, 2027  
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