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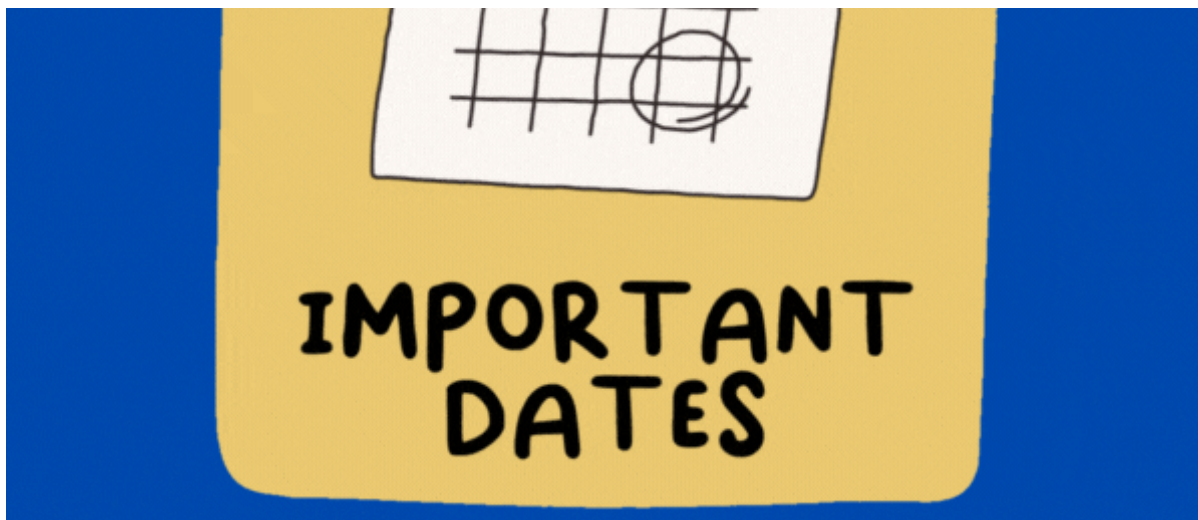
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July 23 - (1 - 5 pm) Interclub Social (no regular meeting)

July 30 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) John Montgomery - Antique Shopping

July 30 - (1:30 pm) Environment Committee Meeting

August 1 - (1:30 - 4:30 pm) Stuff backpacks at Carilion Children's Clinic at Tanglewood

August 4 & 5 - (9 am - noon & 1 - 4 pm) Stuff backpacks at Roanoke County Police Cage (5285 Hollins Road)

August 9 - (9 am - 3 pm) Crowd control and help with logistics at the event at Carilion Children's Clinic in Tanglewood

August 9 - (10 am - 2 pm) Cuts with Cops at Tanglewood Mall

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

July 23rd - No Regular Club Meeting, Interclub Social

We will not have our regular luncheon meeting on that date, BUT we are hosting an InterClub. For new members – InterClubs are an opportunity to invite other Kiwanis Clubs in our Division to join us for a fun, social outing. The InterClub will take place from 530-830pm at Center in the Square in the Science Museum. We will have food, drink, music, and fun activities. The cost is \$25 per person and members who are on full membership will receive a \$14 credit toward the event, so your cost will just be an additional \$11 and you can be billed. Other members and guests will pay \$25. We'll have sign

ups at our next meeting – please join us and invite a friend or family member too!

RSVP was due to John Montgomery by July 21st.

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**You're
Invited!**



Kiwanis Club of Roanoke invites you to join us for a fun, summer social! We're hosting an InterClub at Center in the Square (1 Market Square SE) in downtown Roanoke on Wednesday, July 23 at 530pm. Guests will enjoy food & drink, music, door prizes, and more! Cost is \$25/person Please RSVP to jmonty@cox.net

July 30th - Club Meeting, John Montgomery - “THE ART OF THE HUNT” -- TALES FROM THE ANTIQUE MALL

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Secretary-Treasurer John Montgomery, an active club member since 1997, doesn't miss many meetings, but July 30th will mark his first time as our weekly program presenter.

A longtime newspaperman and local sports publisher, John's going to speak to us this day about his avocation – managing several booths at Roanoke Antique Mall. Join us and learn about the generally unpredictable, occasionally profitable, and often zany interactions involved in the process of converting other folks' junk into tomorrow's treasures – for the right customer.

Highlights From Our Last Meeting



Dynamic Duo entertain with “Some Enchanted Evening”



Rachael Hopkins promotes the “Cuts for Cops” event August 9





Mike McEvoy is back!sort of



John Hull presents the achievements of the Regional Partnership



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Happenings

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Melissa Woodson, executive director of Roanoke Area Ministries, is a longtime friend of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke. “I’ve been to several Kiwanis meetings and it’s always been a joy to gather with such an optimistic group in troubled times of so much negativity....I also feel that the (Kiwanis) guest speakers will add to my understanding of community happenings.”

Melissa and her husband Michael are residents of Raleigh Court. She has lived in the area for nearly 30 years. She holds degrees from Mary Washington and Averett University. Her club sponsor is President Jeanne Bollendorf.

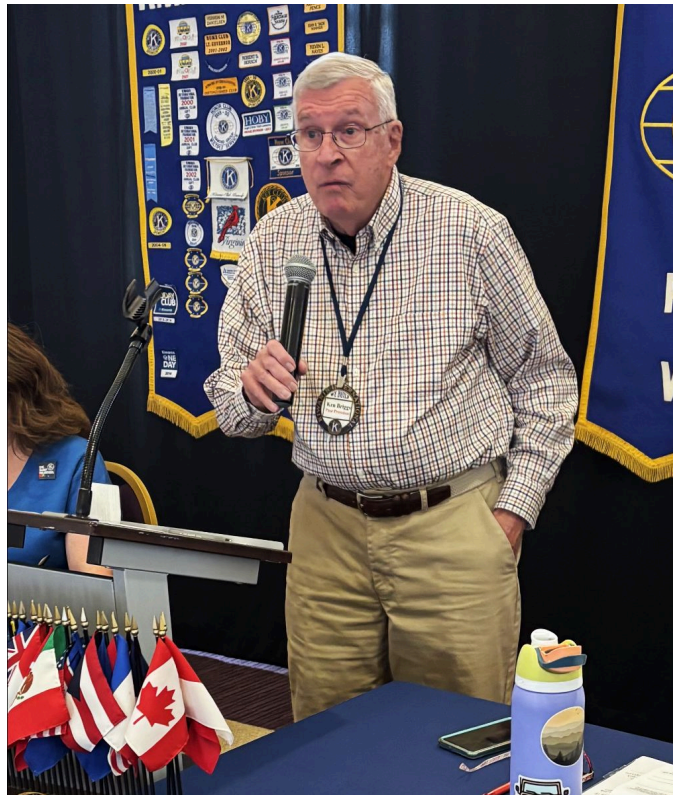
Scott Smith, a business broker, is also a well-known local baseball coach who has developed young players in the area for decades. He was inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame in 2017. A former New York state and Western Pennsylvania resident, Scott graduated from Allegheny College, where he was the opening day starting pitcher for the baseball team for four years. He moved to Roanoke in 1998.

Scott is the father of three adult sons, all of whom excelled on the diamond and in the classroom. Scott's father was a former 20-year Kiwanian. Scott's Kiwanis Club of Roanoke sponsor is Secretary John Montgomery.

A message from Harry Zulauf - Membership Chair

Last Wednesday, Ken Briggs challenged our membership to bring a visitor!

Will YOU accept the challenge? Let's create a culture of membership in our Club!



Backpacks for CHIP

A big thank you to the 39 Kiwanians who made donations to support Roanoke CHIP's backpack and supplies program this year. You make all of us proud to be Kiwanians!

Guy Byrd Honored

Pathfinders for Greenways and the City are honoring Guy Byrd for 20 years as a volunteer by placing a bench at Mile Marker 24 on the Roanoke River Greenway, about halfway between Carilion and the mural on the Walnut Street underpass.

The dedication is set for Monday, July 28 at 10 a.m. Kiwanians are

welcome to attend in support of Guy -- and I can provide directions for anyone interested.

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke is a sponsor for Roanoke County's Cuts with Cops back to school event

There are a few opportunities to volunteer. Friday, August 1 from 1:30-4:30 pm they will be stuffing backpacks with school supplies at Carilion Children's Clinic at Tanglewood Mall (Barnes & Noble side); On Monday & Tuesday, August 4 & 5, there will be more backpack stuffing from 9 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm at 5285 Hollins Road (enter at the Fleet Services entrance and turn Left. Drive past fuel pumps, building is up the hill and to the Right); on Saturday, August 9 from 9am - 3pm, helping with crowd control and directing families who are attending the event.

Book Club

Thank you to all who joined us on July 9th - and a big THANK YOU to Mike Bell for hosting us so graciously! What a lovely setting and meal we shared!

Thanks too to Babs Vick for the watermelon and cookies! The next meeting will be held August 13th, location TBD. RSVP and questions to Cheri at chartman2423@gmail.com

New kind of book club- tell us what you've read you'd like to share with us! Anything- fiction, nonfiction, novel or poem, memoir or mystery! Your choice!

Cheri and Dave Hartman

Promenade with Pollinators at our Nature Park

A "promenade" with Courtney Plaster of Clean Valley Council and her staff is always illuminating - the lens with which the view nature is so well informed and sprinkled with wonder. On Monday August 5th from 10 to 12 in the morning - you would meet with the Clean Valley Council promenade leaders... Free event - just register at the Clean Valley Council website [here](#).

Pollinator Promenade!

AUGUST 4-8, 2025



Join us as we visit these locations to learn about native pollinators and the plants that feed them. We will share guidance on how to avoid using pesticides, so pollinators can live in your yard too.



These guided visits will be from 10 a.m. to noon each day. They are **FREE** for children and adults. Preregistration is required. To reserve your spot, scan the QR codes below for each event you want to attend or go to cleanvalley.org/get-involved.



Clean Valley Council
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Guided Visits

August 4-8, 10 a.m. to Noon

Aug. 4

Mill Mountain Wildflower Garden / Mill Mountain Discovery Center Pollinator Garden



Aug. 5 Kiwanis Nature Park Pollinator Garden at Lower Horton Park

Aug. 6

Brown-Robertson Park / Lick Run Farm



Aug. 7

Mountain View Community Garden

Aug. 8

Washington Park

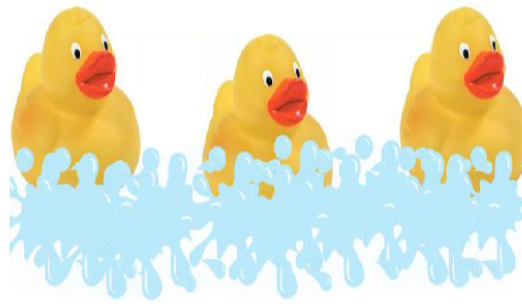


Ducky Derby

Info below, [click here to purchase tickets online!](#)



Capital District
Kiwanis Foundation



Ducky Derby 2025 - Tickets are available now!

All proceeds raised through the Ducky Derby sales supports the eleven pediatric trauma centers supported by the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation.

DRAWING DATE: Saturday, August 23, 2025

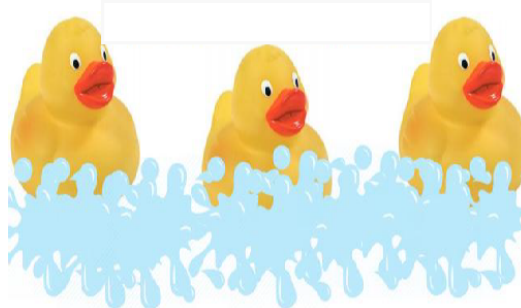
(Immediately following the House of Delegates session)

Cash Prizes: \$750, \$500, \$250 and a variety of \$50 gift cards to various retail stores and restaurants.

Minimum Donation: \$5.00 for 10 tickets

Purchase your tickets online at the website below:

<https://f03.site.kiwanis.org/fundraising/ducky-derby/>



Ducky Derby Chairman: Charles Marks

Email: charles.marks4@verizon.net Cell phone: 302-236-4878

Board Member Announcement

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that our nominee is Chris Rouse, for the open Board position, left vacant when Keith Hartman decided to change his membership to the Botetourt Kiwanis Club. The club will have the opportunity to vote on Chris' election for this leadership position at our luncheon meeting on Wednesday July 30th.

A Humble Desultory Rhyme (An Ode to the July Board Meeting, Take 2)

On the fourteenth of July at Virginia Water,
We held another board meeting, just as we oughta.
As Jeanne spoke of our total of one-forty-eight,
We cheered and cheered as we quietly ate,

What's your Superpower? Please shout it again!
What's your Superpower? And please bring a friend.
Then action plans, newsletters, and lots of other stuff,
Each was reviewed – we just can't do enough.
Then, Cheri, blessed with a gentle heart, man
Asked for more money for the Nature Park land.

What's your Superpower? Please shout it again!
What's your Superpower? And please bring a friend.

And Bill gave his best pitch for the new Strategic Plan.
And Joyce talked of Pittsburgh, the convention was grand.
And the Interclub Gathering at the Center in the Square
On July 23, Jeanne hoped we'd all be there.

What's your Superpower? Please shout it again!
What's your Superpower? And please bring a friend.

Then the upcoming speakers and a new year retreat forum
Were all fully discussed, and now we're all for 'em.
And website maintenance and delegates to Arlington
Were thoroughly reviewed with great expectations.

What's your Superpower? Please shout it again!
What's your Superpower? And please bring a friend.

Then more talk of KPAD and the money that we made,
And the Nature Park's progress and the need for more shade.
Filling the Board's vacancies and training new members
And a change in leadership, which will come in September.
So, another board meeting, with a brand-new agenda
We'll meet here in August and do it all againda.

What's your Superpower? Please shout it again!
What's your Superpower? And please bring a friend.

My Superpower is...

June/July

Scholarship Committee – Steve English, Jackie Bledsoe, Betsy Bohannon,
David Bowers, Judy Clark, David Farnum, Pegram Johnson, Reif Kessler,
Lee Learman, Jenny Lee, James Matthews, John Montgomery, Joyce
Montgomery, Stephanie Moon Reynolds, Beth O'Brochta, Mike O'Brochta

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 abargell@gmail.com.

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

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Kiwanian Birthdays

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 4 -- Preston Tyler

July 7 -- Sam Lionberger, Jr.

July 13 -- David Farnum

July 19 -- Ken Mowbray
July 21 -- Taylor Medley
July 23 -- Lori Baker-Lloyd
July 29 -- Reggie Harris



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