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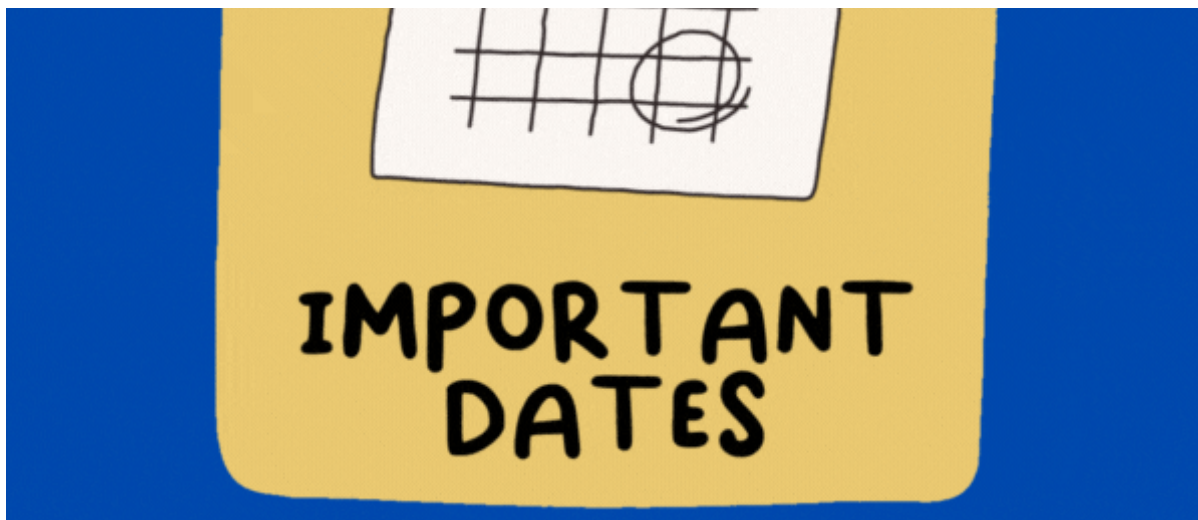
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**July 30** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) John Montgomery - Antique Shopping

**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 4 - 8** - Pollinator Promenade (see details below)

**August 5** - (10 am) Mill Mountain Star Dedication

**August 6** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Dr. Lee Learman - VTC School of Medicine

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

**August 9** - (9:15 am - noon) Board Meeting and Retreat

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

**August 9** - (4 pm) Commonwealth Day of Play

**August 13** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Dr. Lisa Uherick - VTSOM

**August 13** - (6 - 7 pm) Book Club Meeting

**August 20** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Drs. Jed Gonzalo & Arthur Ollendorff - VTSOM

**August 20** - (1:30 pm) Membership Committee Meeting

**August 27** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Dr. Nick Rider - VTSOM

**August 27** - (1:30 pm) Environment Committee Meeting

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

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## **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.



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## **Highlights From Our Last Meeting**

### **Interclub Success at Center in the Square**

We welcomed 45 attendees at last Wednesday evening's interclub held in the Science Museum of Western Virginia inside Center in the Square. Among those on hand were representatives from the Danville and Salem Kiwanis clubs. Incoming Lt. Governor Clark Goodman, a former Roanoke club president and now a member of Salem Kiwanis, was there; it was great to see our former leader.

Our caterer, Kiwanian Amy Carter, presented a sumptuous spread of heavy hors d'oeuvres and assorted beverages. Thanks go out to FUN committee members Andree Brooks, Dave Spangler, Lois James, Larry Kufel and President Jeanne Bollendorf, who together handled many well-thought-out details.



A “get to know you game” was a highlight. Tickets were drawn for a variety of door prizes and the winners were asked to introduce to the group someone else in the room they didn’t know well -- but had purposely met during the mixer portion of the evening. Attendees left full and happy!



Three Roanoke Kiwanis Club past presidents - McGraw, Danielsen and Bradshaw...



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Happenings

### **A message from Harry Zulauf - Membership Chair**

Some of our members invited guests to the Interclub social last Wednesday evening. I think one guest might join our Club. Have you invited a guest for lunch tomorrow? Will YOU.....

### **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!

### **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.

### **Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Mill Mountain Star Dedication**

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke will dedicate the Mill Mountain Star in memory of Susan Williams on August 5th at 10:00. Susan was the Executive Director of the League of Older Americans for 32 years, where she spent her life in service to those less fortunate, the forgotten, and the underserved. Her dedication to supporting the vulnerable population shone through her passionate advocacy for Meals on Wheels. She championed efforts to ensure that homebound individuals received nutritious meals and also a vital social connect. May Susan's legacy inspire future generations to lead with passion and serve their community with unwavering dedication.

Please join the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke at the Mill Mountain Star for this celebration of life in memory of Susan Williams.

### **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](mailto: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](https://cleanvalley.org/get-involved).



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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

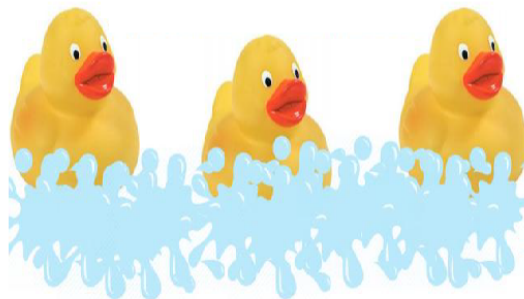
Washington Park





## **Ducky Derby**

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



## **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**

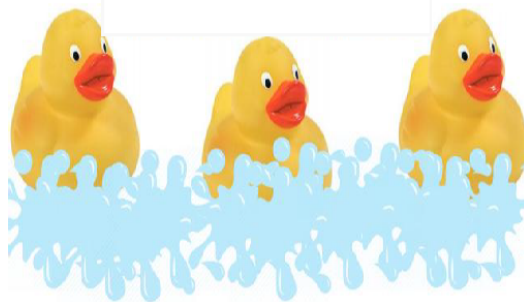
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**Cash Prizes: \$750, \$500, \$250 and a variety of \$50 gift cards to various retail stores and restaurants.**

**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**

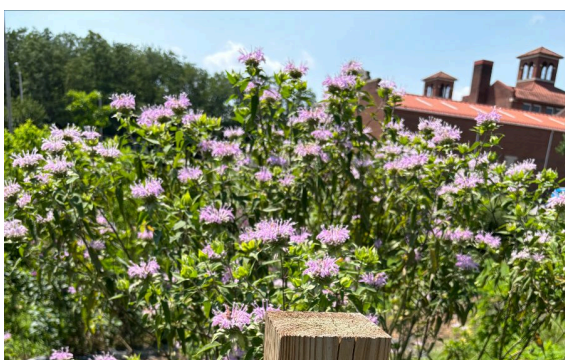
**Email: [charles.marks4@verizon.net](mailto:charles.marks4@verizon.net) Cell phone: 302-236-4878**

### **THANK YOU to our signature project volunteers!!!**

Just this week we had Cynthia Gray, her husband, Jerry Caldwell, and John Pendleton — beating back the weeds and keeping the water flowing, while not wilting in the heat - an endurance challenge! A field of blooming bee balm, mountain mint, milkweed, daisies, cone flowers, are some of the beauties we're nurturing! Have a look at the attached photos. Hope you can join us for the Pollinator Promenade on August 5th at 10 am sponsored by

Clean Valley Council. Finally- thank you to Joe Lemmer for kicking off our summer brigade of gardeners. Your good start set a high bar for the rest of us! Interested in helping with the Kiwanis Nature Park? WE NEED HELP! No one signed up for the 3rd or 4th week in August. Email Cynthia Gray if you can help at all- even one day or a few days if not a whole week: [gray.cynthia3@gmail.com](mailto:gray.cynthia3@gmail.com).

Cheri W. Hartman, co-chair of Kiwanis Nature Park with Don Witt and Rupert Cutler







## **Guy Byrd Celebrated**

Pathfinders for Greenways has installed this bench to recognize Guy for more than 20 years of leadership and service! Fellow Kiwanians joined Guy for the July 28th dedication on the Roanoke River Greenway.



## **The Roanoke Logperch Has Been Removed From the Endangered Species List**

Read the [Roanoke Times article here](#). Though it doesn't mean our work to support Larry is over!

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

*July/August/September*

InterClub organizers – Andree Brooks, Larry Kufel, Ben Spiker, Lois James, Amy Carter, Lee, John Montgomery, Dave Spangler

## **Inaugural 2025 Commonwealth Day of Play**

The Greater Williamson Road Area Business Association is cohosting the Inaugural 2025 Commonwealth Day of Play alongside the Governor's office at Brookside Par 3 Golf Course on August 9 from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The Day of Play is part of the "Reclaiming Childhood" initiative, which works to raise awareness and inspire youths about the importance of connection, physical activity, and community. The Brookside Par 3 Golf Course is located at 6303 Williamson Road, with parking available at the Brookside Plaza.

This year's festivities include various games for all ages to enjoy, such as free golf, cornhole, tug-of-war, and sack races. There will also be prizes, giveaways, and raffles sprinkled throughout the event. Golf clubs, balls, and other equipment will be provided, along with hot dogs, hamburgers, treats, and beverages for all to enjoy.

While families can attend at any time during the event for free, the first 20 kids to attend will receive a free sleeve of golf balls. If a child finds enjoyment in golf, parents who purchase a golf pass for a later date can bring their kids, free of charge.

Other organizations will be joining in on the outside fun, including The First Tee of Roanoke. Sponsors include Valley Wealth Group, Brookside Par 3 Golf Course, the Roanoke City Police Department, 5Points Creative, and Kiwanis Club of Roanoke.

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

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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

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 3 – Mike O’Brochta  
August 4 – My Chung  
August 6 – Amy Carter  
August 9 – Cynthia Gray  
August 11 – Alex Barge  
August 11 – Guy Byrd  
August 12 – Lance Bowen  
August 12 – Nancy Horn  
August 12 – Harry Zulauf  
August 18 – Rachel Hopkins  
August 19 – John Pendleton  
August 21 – Nick Hagan  
August 23 – Don Chichester (92!)  
August 29 – Alex Bowman

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