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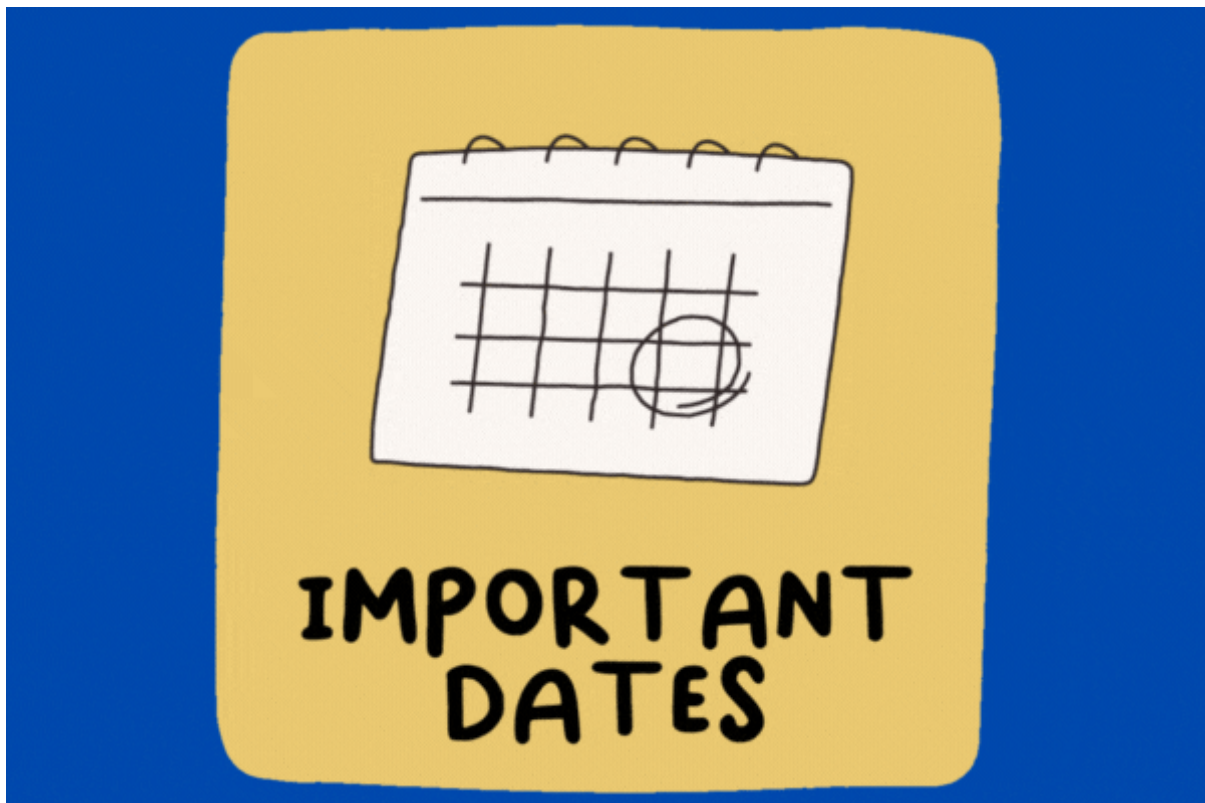
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October 8 - (12:30 - 1:30) Club Meeting - Gary Arrington, Hunters for the

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October 8 - (5:30 - 6:30 pm) Book Club

October 13 - (12:15 - 1:30 pm) Board Meeting

October 13 - (1:30 pm) New Board Member Training

October 15 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Juanita Prada, BeholdBeGold
October 15 - (1:45 pm) Membership Committee Meeting
October 18 - (5:30 - 7:30 pm) Fun Social at Explore Park
October 22 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Wesley Bell, Impact Living Services
October 25 - (7:30 am - noon) West End Center Spooky Sprint
October 29 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Natalie Handy, CareForeward
October 29 - (1:45 pm) Environment Committee Meeting

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

October 8th - Club Meeting, Gary Arrington, Hunters for the Hungry

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 Gary Arrington, Director of Virginia Hunters Who Care. Gary will talk about the Hunters for the Hungry program and about the impact they have had on feeding efforts in the Roanoke Region and across Virginia. He will also discuss deer culling and meat donation efforts.

Prior to assuming the role of HFTH Director, Gary served as Special Projects Coordinator for 15 years. He has also worked at a Conservation Police Officer for 13 years and as Regional Director with the National Wild Turkey Federation for four years.



Highlights From Our Last Meeting

Most photos are taken by our resident photographer extraordinaire, Don Witt.



President Joyce kicks off her first meeting



Preston Tyler delivers the introspection



New member, Mike Franzese, is pushing lobster sales



Emily Reburn tells the story of Hospitality House of the Blue Ridge



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Happenings

Membership Update

The Membership Committee is asking ALL club members to invite one guest to at least one of the October meetings. Help keep our club the largest service club in the Valley!

Calendars are Needed

2026 Calendars are needed for residents at the Salem V A. Please save all those free calendars you receive in the mail and bring them to our meeting. Deposit them in the box on the table near check in. Thank you for helping our veterans! Andree

Book Club

Thanks to everyone who joined us on Sept 10th for the monthly Book Club. Thanks again to Mike Bell for hosting our group. We chose to meet next on Oct 8th at 5:30 - Mike Bell has graciously agreed to host us again in October.

Fun Social at Explore Park

Fun Committee event. Socialize and enjoy time together at Explore Park; you can opt to hike or bike on the trails, stroll through the buildings, and enjoy the Fall colors. Afterwards, we will meet at 5:30pm for drinks in Brugh Tavern, followed at 6:00pm with dinner in their upstairs dining room. Afterwards, at 7:00pm, we can enjoy desert outside by the fire.

Kiwanis Key Leader Program (see below) — registration is due by October 31, 2025



SKELTON 4-H EDUCATIONAL CTR

Wirtz, VA

November 14-16, 2025

Information and registration can be found at
[Capital District Key Leader Weekend](#)

WHAT IS KEY LEADER?

Key Leader is designed for today's young leaders. This life-changing event focuses on service leadership as the first, most meaningful leadership-development experience. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership—it comes from helping others succeed.

WHO CAN ATTEND KEY LEADER?

Key Leader is designed to open doors to all student leaders and those with leadership potential. The focus is to serve students from 14 to 17 years of age.



FIVE KEYS TO EXCELLENCE

The Key Leader program is built on five essential principles. These principles reflect our mission to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership:

PERSONAL INTEGRITY: Doing the right thing

PERSONAL GROWTH: Developing in mind, body, and spirit

RESPECT: Showing consideration for self, others, and property

BUILDING COMMUNITY: Developing relationships to achieve positive goals

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE: Expecting and achieving the best



AGENDA FOR KEY LEADER

Students arrive between 4:00pm-6:00pm on Friday.

***** NO LATE ARRIVALS OR EARLY DEPARTURES *****

You will depart after 11:30 am on Sunday. Lodging, meals and activities are included and located at the camp. Students participate in large and small activities, with a combination of information, discussion, and interactive events.



Student Participant	\$250	District Board Participant	\$200
Student Facilitator	\$150	District Board Student Facilitator	\$100
Adults	\$125	District Committee Chaperone	Free

HOW MUCH IS KEY LEADER?

Discount Codes and Financial Assistance are available. Please contact the District Chair or Site Coordinator for more information.

HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

Registration is open. Students and adults attending a Key Leader weekend can complete the form with basic information. **Adults will be required to complete a Background Check in order to stay overnight.**

If there are any questions about registering online, please feel free to reach out to any of the contacts below.



HOW CAN KIWANIS GET INVOLVED?

1) Send a Student to Camp

Help identify a student that has the leadership potentials but needs a small push. You can support them by telling the student or a local educator about the camp, providing a student a ride to the camp or sponsoring a student to attend.

2) Join the Local Committee

Take the time and help the Site Coordinator organize and put on a Key Leader weekend. There are many things that need to get done before the camp.

3) Become a Sponsor or Donate to the Wishlist.

Your help is needed to make the camp a success. Please visit:

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/capital-district-kiwanis-foundation/cdkf-youth-outreach>

4) GO TO THE CAMP!



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Health & Safety guidelines will be strictly adhered to.



Vice President, Reif Kessler

Vice President Reif Kessler, and his wife Susan, just celebrated their 40th anniversary. Photo taken at their wedding.



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 Kiwanian happenings by 7 pm on Monday to Alex at abargell@gmail.com.

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

 **Forward**

Kiwanian Birthdays

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 2 -- Jenny Lee
October 6 -- John Edwards
October 8 -- Brooke Tolley
October 10 -- Valerie Brown
October 10 -- Eddie Smith
October 11 -- Frank Longaker
October 19 -- Lee Osborne
October 21 -- Don Witt
October 23 -- Kenny Brooks
October 25 -- Kevin Reeder
October 28 -- Rupert Cutler (92!)
October 31 -- Angela Paplomatas
October 31 -- Michael Franzese



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