

[View this email in your browser](#)



Kiwanis®
CLUB OF ROANOKE

December 2025

Vol. 107 No. 11

"Year of Inspired Action"

In this Issue

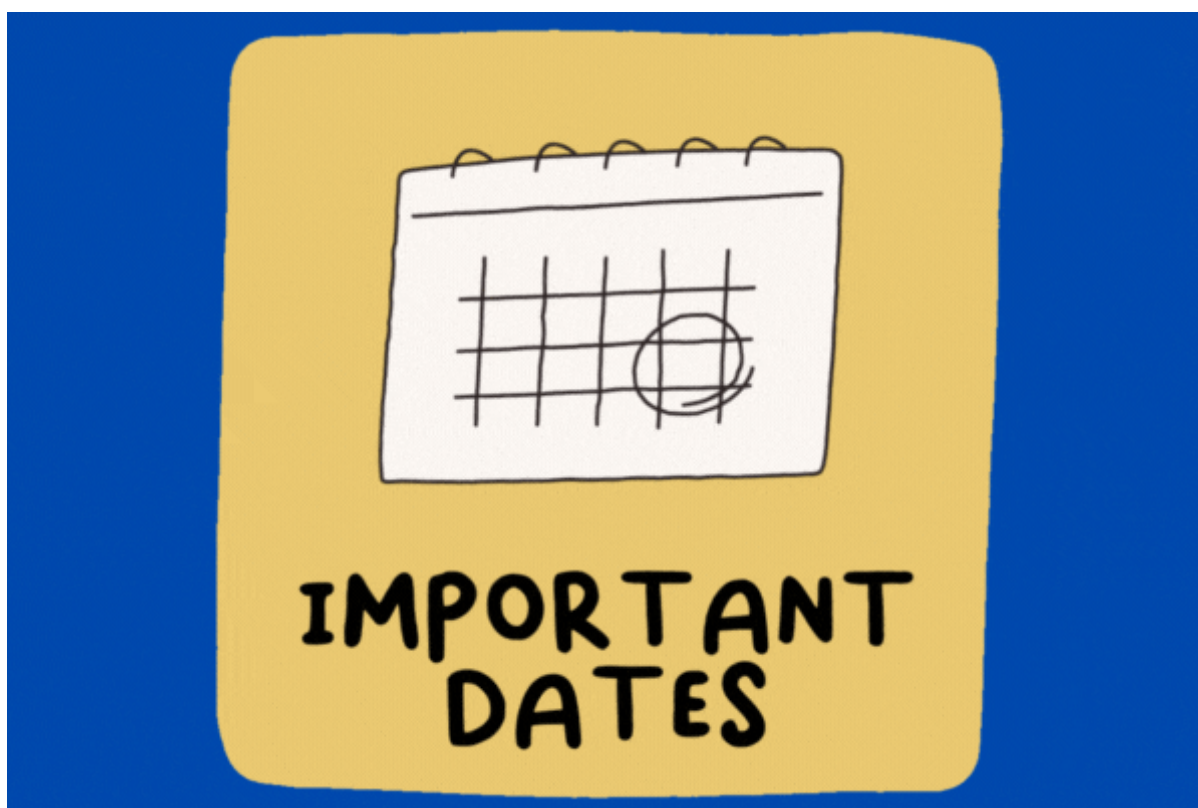
Important Dates

Speakers' Info

Feature Photos

Kiwanis Happenings

Kiwanian Birthdays



December 17 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Holiday Party

December 19 - (5 - 9 pm) Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 24 - NO MEETING

December 31 - NO MEETING

January 8 - (6:30 - 9 pm) Fun Hockey Game

January 10 - (9 am - 2 pm) Habitat ReStore Spruce Up

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

December 17 - Club Meeting, Holiday Party

Join us Wednesday for our weekly meeting in Charter Hall on the third floor of the City Market Building; networking and lunch begin at 12:00PM. We will celebrate the holidays with a party for about 45 children from the West End Center for Youth. Expect joyful pandemonium from the children as they meet Santa and his helpers, and open large quantities of presents that have been purchased and wrapped by members of our Kiwanis Club. This experience is just as satisfying for those in attendance as for those receiving presents.



Highlights From Our Last Meeting

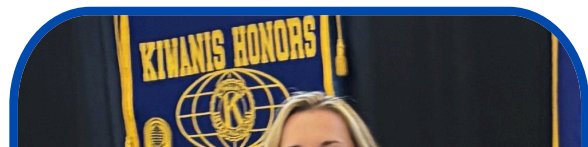
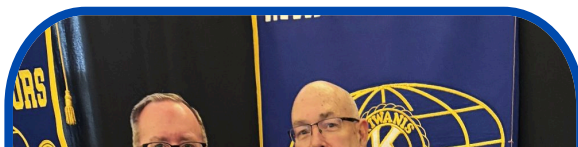
Most photos are taken by our resident photographer extraordinaire, Don Witt, who also adds the captions.



Dave Spangler completes his
Christmas introspection



Mike Franzese receives his
permanent badge





C.W. Martin receives a grant check
for Roanoke Symphony Orchestra



Brooke Tolley explains Opera
Roanoke's use of grant funds



Kiwanis
CLUB OF ROANOKE

Happenings

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

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Our Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 12 (during the Christmas Parade) netted a total of \$835.78 (including \$750.00 in checks).

Our thanks to Chris Rouse, Frank Rogan, Bruce Swanson, Joe Lemmer, Mike O'Brochta, David Bowers, & Preston Tyler (and their guests) for a great

evening.

Our schedule of volunteers is shown below. For December 19, we have four volunteers for each of our one-hour shifts.

If you plan to financially support the Salvation Army this season, please consider giving your donation to one of December 19 volunteers to be placed in the Kiwanis kettle.

Friday, December 5-----CANCELLED—SNOW & COLD!!!

5 to 6PM—Bill Bestpitch, John Pendleton.

6 to 7PM—Will Dibling, Bob Rutherford, Betsy & Chris Bohannon.

7 to 8PM—Reif Kessler, Chris Woodrum,

8 to 9PM—Ken Briggs, Jeff Schweiger(A), JJ Harper(A),

Friday, December 12--\$835.78 (including \$750.00 in checks)

5 to 6PM—Chris Rouse, Bruce Swanson, Frank Rogan.

6 to 7PM—Joe & Sally Lemmer, Mike & Beth O'Brochta

7 to 8PM—Preston & Chauna Tyler; David & Margarita Bowers.

Friday, December 19—"The SPCA Pet Costume Contest"

5 to 6PM—John & Joyce Montgomery; Will Dibling; Bob Rutherford

6 to 7PM—Rupert Cutler & Brenda McDaniel, Mike & Tiffini Bell

7 to 8PM—Joe & Sally Lemmer; Ben & Beth Spiker.

8 to 9PM—Ken Briggs, Jeff Schweiger(A), JJ Harper(A), Robbie Hairston(A)

Our location will be outside the Market Square entrance to Center in the Square. RON (540-240-6112) is scheduled to be the Security Guard.



Book Club

Hope you can join us in 2026 on January 14th at 5:30 pm at Mike Bell's office at Anderson & Reed. Introduce us to one of the books you've recently read and wish to share. Thanks to Mike Bell for hosting us again!

No meeting in December - so read on and save the date in January!

Circle K at Roanoke College

Roanoke College students representing their inaugural CKI Club leadership team with Kiwanians Jeff Vick and Don Witt, joined by Salem Kiwanis Club members Paul Dotson and Clark Goodman, Kiwanis District Lieutenant Governor, and Stacy Whitehouse, District Administrator for Capital District Circle K International.



Greater Williamson Road Area Business Association

Kiwanians Val Brown and Scott Smith, along with Shannon Naff from Blue Ridge Public Television, participating in a Greater Williamson Road Area Business Association luncheon.



Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Board Meeting Highlights – Dec 8th, 2025

The December meeting was called to order by President Joyce at 12:15 p.m. and was via zoom due to weather. Updates included member health news, positive developments in neighboring clubs, and steady membership growth

with new inductions in progress and orientation planned for January. The board approved upcoming speakers and the rolling calendar, reviewed ongoing action items, and discussed major initiatives including support for forming a Roanoke College CKI club, potential involvement in starting a South Boston Kiwanis club, and reallocation of budget funds to support these efforts. Members also reviewed service activities, received updates on KPAD planning, and confirmed opportunities with Habitat for Humanity. The meeting concluded after reminders about future partnership opportunities and volunteer engagement as this is a "Year of Inspired Action."

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
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 3 -- Fred Jeter

Dec. 5 -- Jay Harlow
Dec. 14 -- Jim Joyce
Dec. 17 -- Mike McEvoy
Dec. 21 -- Diane DeHaven
Dec. 21 -- Randy Myers
Dec. 22 -Shelia Bower
Dec. 23 -- Chuck Baker
Dec. 26 -- Lois James
Dec. 28 -- Judy Clark



Kiwanis® 2025-26

CLUB OF ROANOKE

Officers:

Joyce Montgomery,
President

David Hartman, President-
Elect

Reif Kessler, Vice President

John Montgomery,
Secretary-Treasurer

Jeanne Bollendorf, Past
President

Directors:

Lee Osborne, President
Kiwanis Foundation of
Roanoke

Bill Bestpitch, 2026

Greg Lionberger, 2026

Alex Barge, 2026

Preston Tyler, 2027

Bert Boyd, 2027

Chris Rouse, 2027

Jeff Vick, 2028

Steve English, 2028

Fred Jeter, 2028



Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

