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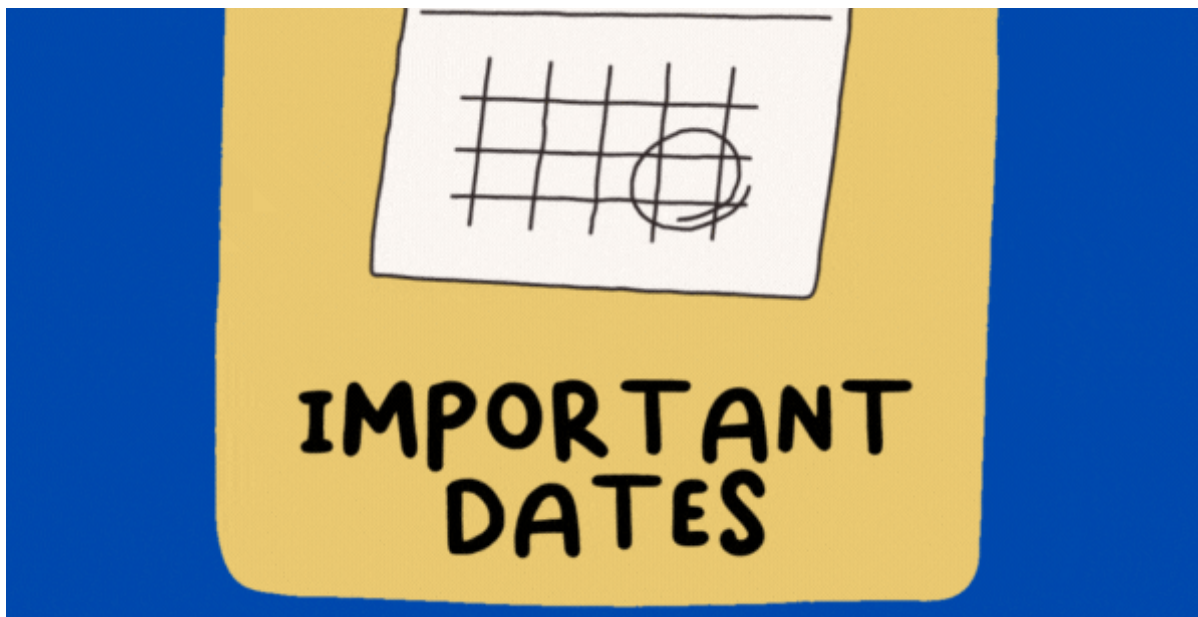
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Kiwanis Happenings

Kiwanian Birthdays

**Please note January 28th's Club Meeting will via
ZOOM ONLY due to snow.**





January 28 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting via ****ZOOM ONLY****, Jonathan Pait - Gainsboro YMCA

February 4 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Dr. Frank Shushok - Roanoke College

February 9 - (12:15 - 1:30 pm) Board Meeting

February 11 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Dan Crawford - Sierra Club of Roanoke

February 11 - (5:30 - 6:30 pm) Book Club

February 18 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, KPAD Kick Off

February 25 - (6 - 8 pm) Fun Social Dinner

March 5 - Mill Mountain Theatre Social - 9 to 5 Musical

April 18 - Blue Ridge Marathon

April 25 - KPAD

May 7 - Prayer Breakfast

May 30 - Spring Fun Day

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

January 28th - Club Meeting via **ZOOM ONLY,
Jonathan Pait, Gainsboro YMCA**

Join us Wednesday for our weekly meeting via zoom. We will listen to Jonathan Pait, Branch Executive of the YMCA Express at Gainsboro, give a brief history of the YMCA in the Gainsboro/Northwest Roanoke area, and the impact it has played in our community since 1953, including current programs and events that support and inspire the Roanoke municipality.

Jonathan is a true product of Roanoke City. It is where he grew up, played sandlot sports, went to grade school, obtained higher education, and where he has chosen to carry out all of his vocational endeavors. After serving his country in the Navy, he returned to Roanoke to begin a career in education, working for Roanoke City Public Schools as a middle school Spanish teacher, then being promoted to Middle School Assistant Principal, and finally as district-wide after school coordinator. Jonathan now manages the Gainsboro Garden and Teaching Kitchen, he coordinates the YMCA Beacons Middle School Initiative, and he partners with Virginia Western CC professors and other community organizations to provide STEM and social-emotional enrichment.

Club Meeting Zoom Info

Here is the [zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 817 8581 5453

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Highlights From Our Last Meeting

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



January Gerow explains grant money for feeding vets through Vittles for Vets



Lisa Thompson thanks Kiwanians for Rescue Mission grant



Cam and Chloe receive a grant for
SW Agrarian Commons



Jeff Vick is looking for KPAD sales
team coordinators



As the "glue that keeps the club
together," John Montgomery
receives recognition from Don Witt



Dave Covington of VDOT updates
the club on I-81 projects



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Happenings

Calendars

We delivered 145 calendars from our club and 77 more from two churches totaling 222. We will collect through the end of January. Please bring any you have by then.

Book Club

The next book club will be February 11th with time to socialize from 5:30 - 5:45 followed by a book discussion from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. We have a new meeting location at Crystal Spring Grocery, 2205 Crystal Spring Ave in South Roanoke. Dave and I will push a couple of tables together and we can enjoy the store's goodies! They have a water station there in the front.

See you then! Enjoy reading!

Cheri and Dave

Fun Social Dinner

Sweetheart Dinner, Wednesday, February 25, Frank's at Brambleton, 6:00 to 8:00. Bring your sweetheart, a friend, a potential member, or come alone, you will be with Kiwanians. No sign-up needed, just order from the menu as you like. Contact Andree Brooks with questions.



National Day of Prayer Breakfast, May 7, 2026

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke will again host this annual breakfast on the

first Thursday in May. Our objective is to bring together the various Roanoke Valley faith traditions for a time of fellowship, understanding, and prayer.

Our next planning meeting will be via ZOOM at 9:30AM on Friday morning, February 20th. If you would like to be a part of planning this Prayer Breakfast, please contact Rita Joyce (540-915-1470) or Ken Briggs (540-314-9616).

Meeting Recordings

Note that Club meeting recordings can be found on our YouTube channel [here](#).

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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!

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Kiwanian Birthdays

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 5 -- Jeanne Bollendorf

January 6 -- Dirk Kuyk

January 7 -- John Bradshaw (93!..... and a Roanoke Kiwanian for 57 years this

month)
January 8 -- Bob Rutherford
January 11 -- Steve English
January 13 -- Chris Head
January 15 -- Tom Blake
January 21 -- Rhonda Perdue
January 23 -- Terry Vandelinde
January 28 -- Pegram Johnson
January 28 -- John Montgomery
January 28 -- Andy Stone
January 29 -- Don Evans
January 30 -- Joe Cobb
January 31 -- Frank Rogan



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