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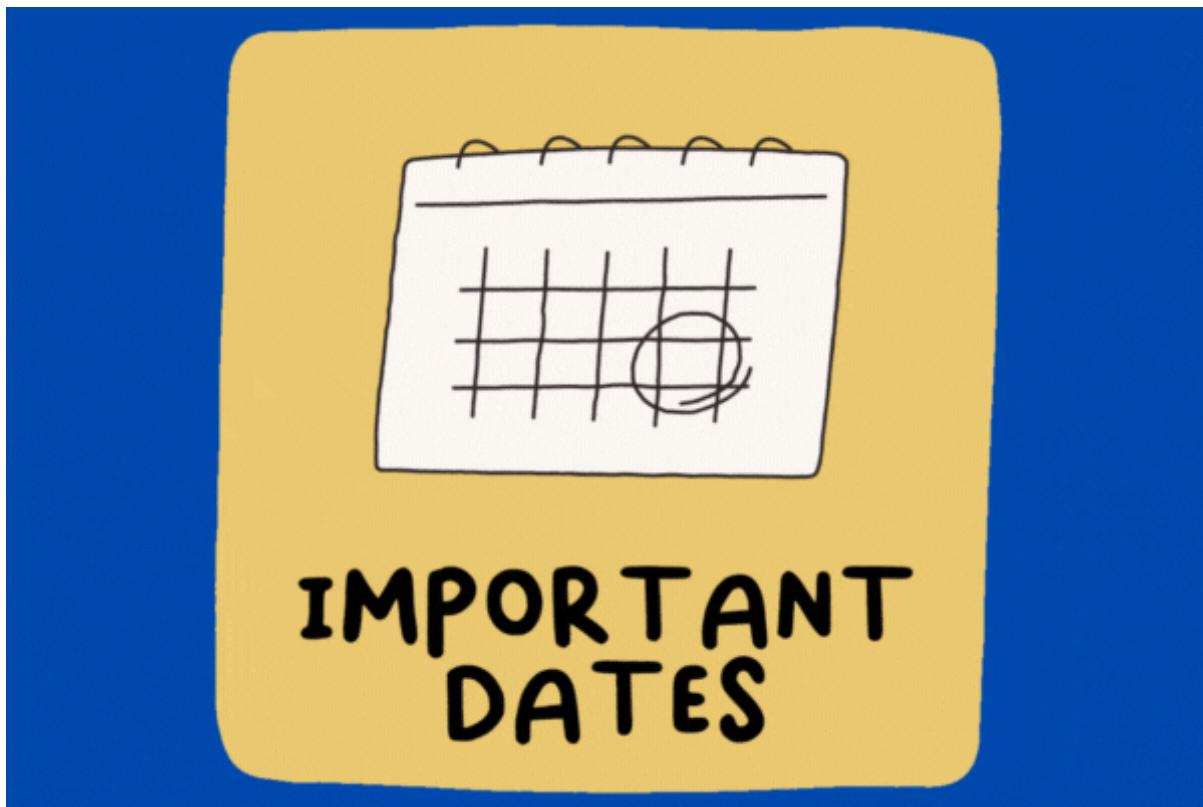
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February 18 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, KPAD Kick Off

February 25 - (6 - 8 pm) Fun Social Dinner at Franks on Brambleton

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](#).

February 18th - Club Meeting, Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day

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 officially kick-off events leading up to our annual Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day (KPAD), which is being held on April 25 at the Berglund Center.

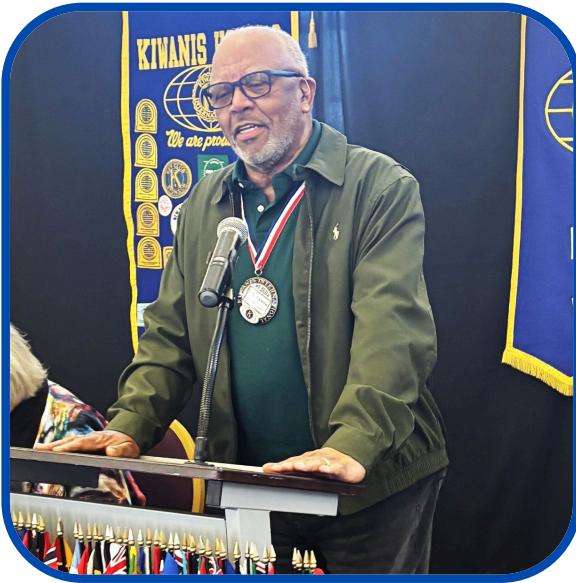
During this kick-off we will learn the theme for this year's ticket sales, be introduced to the six ticket sales teams, learn the often funny/zany names of the teams, and begin hearing about opportunities to fill the needed 100 volunteer positions. This is a fun/motivational/inspirational meeting.

KPAD is our Club's only fund-raising event. Proceeds from it fund scholarships to local students, fund grants to local organizations, and fund projects we undertake to better our community.



Highlights From Our Last Meeting

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



J. C. Taylor's membership moment advises Kiwanians to "take control of the wheel"



Joe Gaither introduces William Fleming Key Club



Ann Morgan receives grant check
for Family Promise



Grandin Theatre Film Lab team
accepts Kiwanis grant check



Kiana Nowel explains Mill
Mountain Zoo's use of Kiwanis
grant



Dan Crawford gives a rousing
presentation of the Sierra Club

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.



Book Club

The next book club will be March 11th with time to socialize from 5:30 - 5:45 followed by a book discussion from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. We will be meeting 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

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).

Inspired Action!

From Mike O'Brochta: Just spotted this vehicle driving in Roanoke; seems like they have an INSPIRED license plate.



Special Delivery

Ken Briggs lost his Valentine's Card so Dan made a 2nd card and delivered it!



Hot off the press: Kiwanis Board Meeting Held on February 9th led by President Joyce Montgomery

What you might like to know:

1. Our dear fellow Kiwanian Hi Nicely has recently been hospitalized and while there experienced several heart attacks. He is now recovering in a local rehab.
2. Our Board discussed ways to increase corporate memberships. DECISION MADE: the club will give a discount for those businesses who join our Club and are members of the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce - for the first year that they became a corporate member (cost will be reduced to \$900.)
3. Speakers for our luncheon for the next 6 Wednesdays were reviewed and approved - consistent with our focus on attracting business leaders. Take a look at our rolling calender posted on our website -- lots of exciting opportunities!.
4. A KEY EVENT THIS SPRING: KPAD (the Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day) will be held on April 25th Also announced: on Tuesday, February 10th the sports event of the year: TEAMS DRAFT! PLUS: on Wednesday February 18th is KPAD KICK OFF when the KPAD leadership will inspire all club members to sell tickets -- the \$\$\$ fuels our Kiwanis community impact. Jeff Vick was applauded for gathering together his team of captains who will be instigating TICKET SELLING. BY ALL OF US!
5. COOL NEW THING: Our Roanoke Kiwanis Club is helping to sponsor the Chamber of Commerce Masters Classes -- monthly meetings attracting Chamber members to gather, network and learn. This month Mike O'Brochta will give a presentation on how membership in a civic club (such as Kiwanis!) can be beneficial to your business. Jeff Vick can be contacted if

you wish to attend and learn more about these NEW opportunities.

6. GOING TO COLLEGE: Jeff Vick's role in starting the new CKI at Roanoke College was applauded - he has been supported in this important effort by Mike O'Brochta, Chris Rouse and others - including the Salem Kiwanis Club. Jeff reported that more than 50 students have signed up to attend CKI events.

7. BLUE RIDGE MARATHON: Mike McEvoy expressed his thanks for Fred Jeter's willingness to recruit volunteers for the April 18th Blue Ridge Marathon. Please sign up - we need a minimum of 15 volunteers - 3 course monitors. Fun way to help our community!

To review the complete Board Minutes see the Roanoke Kiwanis website.

Written and submitted by Dave Hartman, President-elect

Gary English crowned regional wrestling champ

Gary English, youngest son of Kiwanian Steve English and his wife Julie, won the 138-lb. weight class at the Class 5A Region C Tournament this past weekend. Region C is made up of 16 large high schools, mostly in the Richmond metropolitan area. Three of the region's schools are located within our area – Franklin County, William Fleming and Patrick Henry.

The top four wrestlers placing in each weight class will compete at the 5A state tournament in Virginia Beach starting this Friday.

Gary is a senior at Franklin County, a three-time regional placer and state qualifier. He plans to wrestle at Averett University in Danville next year.



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 abarge11@gmail.com.

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

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Kiwanian Birthdays
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chris Rouse - February 4

Barry Akers - February 6

Mike Quinn - February 14

Jim Graves - February 15

Dink Harrington - February 16

Steve Willis - February 16

Kathy Cohen - February 18

Tara Marciniak - February 24

Betsy Head - February 28





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