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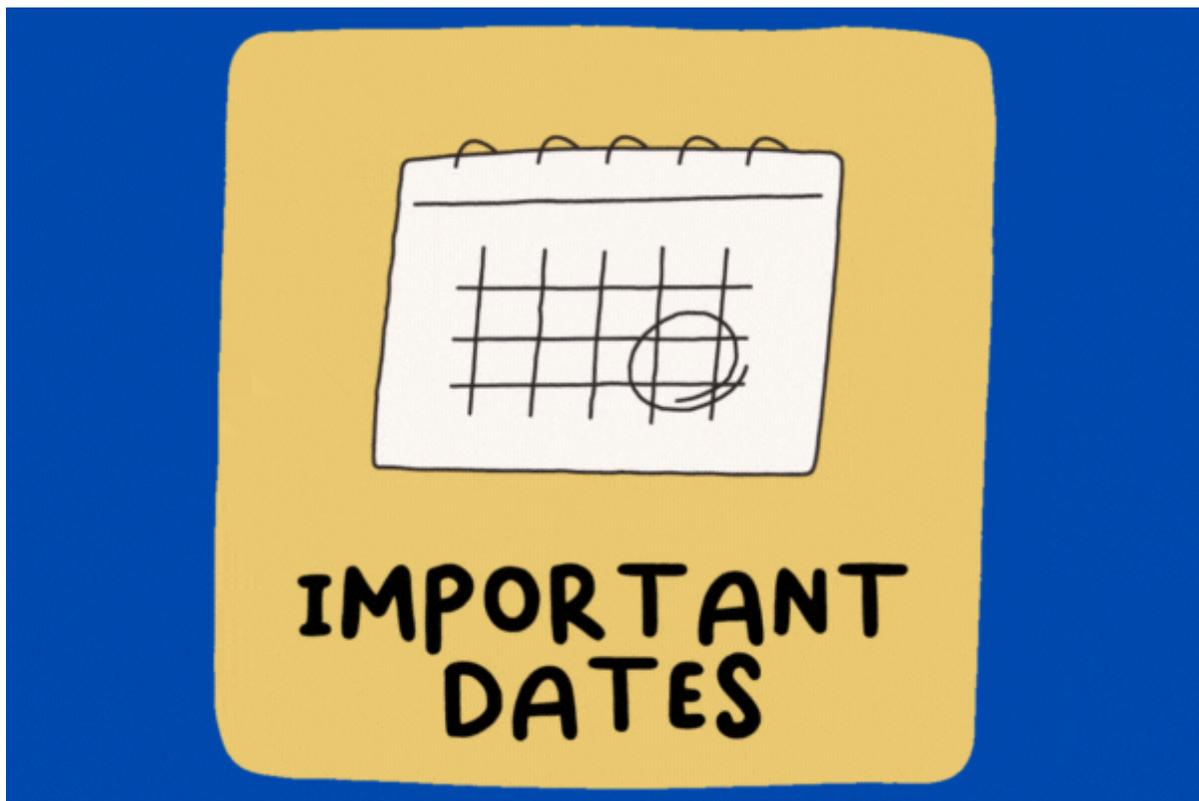
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February 25 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Wendy Baldwin, Imagination Library

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

March 4 (12:30 -1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Preston Tyler, Roanoke Justice Ministries

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

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

March 11- (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Dr. Laura Hartman, Roanoke College

March 18 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Michael Kraemer, Stone River Contracting

March 25 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Candace Dowell, Edward Jones

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 25th - Club Meeting, Wendy Baldwin, Imagination Library

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 listen to Wendy Baldwin, Executive Director of the Imagination Library of Montgomery County, talk about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program that has delivered over 300 million books. This talk will address what the Library does, how it does it and what is needed to expand its reach and help more children.

Wendy has a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Kentucky. In 30 years at the National Institutes of Health she led research programs in adolescent behavior and grants administration. This “retirement” was followed by a stint working on youth programs, largely in Africa and then back in DC with the Population Reference Bureau. Her oldest child had graduated from Virginia Tech and settled in Blacksburg. After several years of commuting weekly

between DC and Blacksburg she retired and moved here. But, when she learned of the lack of an Imagination Library program in Montgomery County, she started a 501(c)(3), recruited volunteers, raised money and got the team busy enrolling children. This has been very rewarding and still leaves her time to enjoy her grandchildren and play the steel drum.



Highlights From Our Last Meeting

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





KPAD chair, David Hartman, calls the batter up for ticket sales



Ticket sales chair, Jeff Vick, introduces the ticket sales theme....something to do with baseball



Milton Hardy vows his Swat Team will up ticket sales



Mike Franzese is ready for miracle sales with his Maple Miracle team





Ollie Howie's team could enter the sales Hall Of Fame for his team's performance



Lois James promises to use her "persuader" if ticket sales don't meet her expectations



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Happenings

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

Blue Ridge Marathon

April in Roanoke means spring flowers and the Blue Ridge Marathon! For a third year in a row, the Club will run the Aid Station midway up Roanoke Mountain supporting the race. This location has the best views on the course and is a favorite of the runners. The station is located at the Roanoke Mountain Overlook, on Roanoke Mountain Road, 24014 (click the link to see the location on Google Maps (<https://goo.gl/maps/gajAaWG8zaa1wbZF8>)). We will hand out drinks and enthusiastically encourage the runners. The shift starts at 6:45 and ends around 10:45 AM. You can drive up to the Aid Station by taking the Roanoke Mountain Parkway (on the right off the Blue Ridge Parkway just north of the intersection with Mill Mountain Parkway).

Note: Volunteers must be in place BEFORE the Blue Ridge Parkway closes at 7:00 AM!

If 6:45 AM is too early for you, we also need at least three (3) Kiwanians to be course marshals. The Club is committed to fifteen (15) volunteers overall.

[Click this link](#) to volunteer Foot Levelers Blue Ridge Marathon Volunteer Registration. After it loads, scroll down to BRP Roanoke Mountain Middle hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke. Check the box and click the Volunteer button. This will take you to the registration page. The Task Password is kiwanis, all lower case. If you would like to sign up for a different task, scroll up to see other opportunities (no Task Password needed

for those). When you register, make sure to select that you are with the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke. This is one of the choices to the question “Are you registering with an incentive group?” If you are already a registered user from past years, there is an option to pull up your information and avoid some typing! Remember to enter your tee shirt size!

Contact Fred Jeter if you have questions at (540)798-5267 or fred.jeter@icloud.com



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.

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).

Science Fair

Kiwanians Courtney Plaster, Bert Boyd, Don Witt, and Mike O’Brochta judge at Roanoke City Science Fair.



Capital District Foundation Donation to Carilion

A \$4,000 check from the Capital District Foundation is delivered to Carilion Pediatric Trauma Hospital. Pictured are Amy Kageals of Carilion, Joyce Montgomery, president of Roanoke Kiwanis, Don Witt, president of the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation and Dr. Andrew Herman



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.

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Kiwanian Birthdays

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chris Rouse - February 4

Barry Akers - February 6

Mike Quinn - February 14

Jim Graves - February 16

Dink Harrington - February 16

Steve Willis - February 16

Kathy Cohen - February 18

Tara Marciniak - February 24

Betsy Head - February 28



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