

[View this email in your browser](#)



February 2025  
Vol. 107 No. 17  
"Year of Inspired Action"

## In this Issue

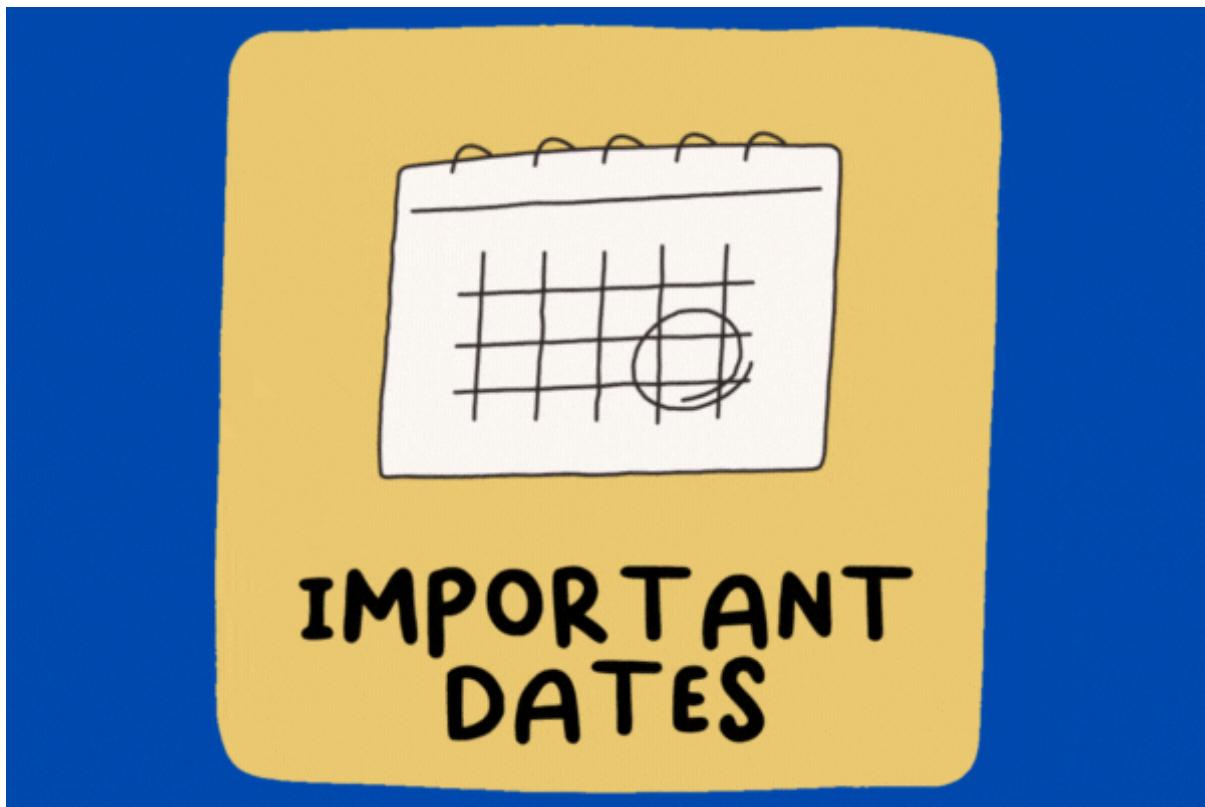
Important Dates

Speakers' Info

Feature Photos

Kiwanis Happenings

Kiwanian Birthdays



**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](#).

---

## **February 4th - Club Meeting Frank Shushok, Roanoke College**

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 Frank Shushok, President of Roanoke College, talk about recent developments and future plans. He will touch on transforming campus infrastructure, reorganizing academics into four new schools, and fostering deeper community partnerships. Key initiatives include a \$60 million Science Center renovation, sustainable campus housing, and the launch of the RC-RV initiative for career-focused education.

Frank came to Roanoke College with over 30 years experience in higher education. Immediately prior to coming to Roanoke College, Shushok served 13 years in several executive roles at Virginia Tech, including Vice President of Student Affairs. He was also a tenured professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Science. Early on he served at his alma mater, Baylor University, in several capacities, including dean for student learning and engagement, associate dean for Campus Living and Learning, and was a

faculty member and program director for the graduate program in Higher Education and Student Affairs.



---

## Highlights From Our Last In-Person 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



Lisa Thompson thanks Kiwanians for Rescue Mission grant

## Vittles for Vets



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



## **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](#).

## 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](mailto:abarge11@gmail.com).*

**Please consider sharing this email with a friend!**



# Kiwanian Birthdays

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

## Coming next newsletter



# Kiwanis® CLUB OF ROANOKE

2025-26

## 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



Copyright © 2026 Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, All rights reserved.

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

