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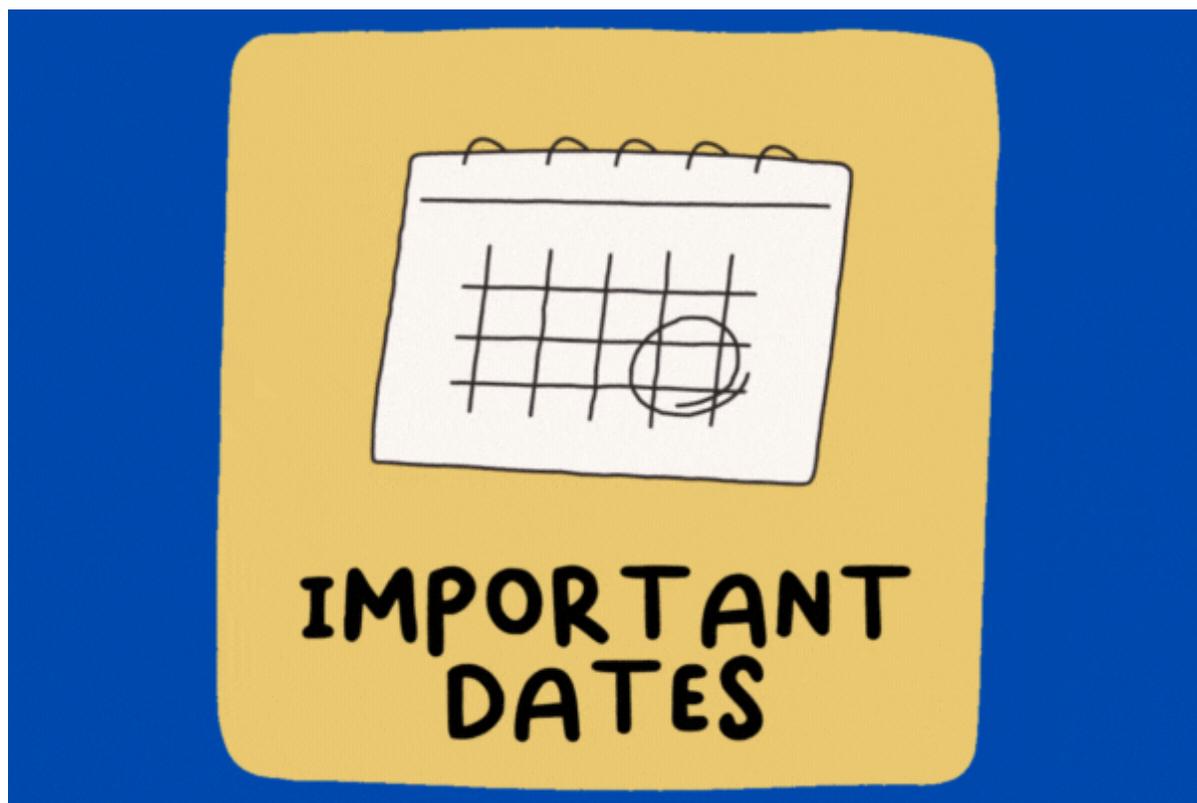
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April 18 - Blue Ridge Marathon

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](#).

March 11 - Club Meeting, Dr. Laura Hartman - Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at 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 Dr. Laura Hartman, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at Roanoke College, present a portrait of the Kiwanis Nature Park. Together with her senior practicum students, Dr. Hartman will present the results of their examination of the Kiwanis Nature Park. This will include scientific and human. She will discuss the environmental benefits the park produces and recommendations for improving it further.

Dr. Laura Hartman has taught at Roanoke College in the environmental studies program for eight years. She received her Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Virginia and has had faculty positions at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Augustana College.



Highlights From Our Last Meeting

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



Don Chichester leads the KPAD pancake song



Speaker, Preston Tyler encourages Kiwanians to join Roanoke Justice Ministries



Cave Spring Key Club team visits Kiwanis meeting



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Happenings

Kiwanis Corporate Membership

A corporate membership in our Kiwanis Club is a win-win. Our Club wins from not only having the participation of their primary corporate member, but also from the participation of the secondary members who take the opportunity to periodically join us. The organization with the corporate membership wins as well. Rita Joyce is the primary corporate member in our Club from the Bank of Botetourt, she works there as Assistant Vice President – Community Development Officer. She writes:

“Being part of Kiwanis has been a meaningful extension of Bank of Botetourt’s commitment to our community. For us, a corporate membership is not just a name on a roster — it is about showing up, building relationships, and being actively involved. One of the greatest values comes from the opportunity for our people to engage. When employees are encouraged to participate in organizations like Kiwanis, it strengthens both the community and the Bank. The relationships formed through shared service create an irreplaceable sense of trust, understanding, and collaboration. I have been

grateful to serve on the Fun Day Committee, the Kiwanis Nature Park Committee, and the Prayer Committee. Each has provided a meaningful way to contribute to initiatives that improve our region while representing the Bank in a way that reflects who we are and what we stand for.

Kiwanis brings together individuals who genuinely care about making a difference. Being part of that effort — and having the Bank support that involvement — is something I deeply value.”

Now, thanks to our strong partnership with the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, we are offering a one-year corporate membership discount for organizations that belong to the Chamber. Another win-win.



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 the 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).

Mill Mountain Social Dinner

All had a wonderful time at Kiwanis' recent gathering at Mill Mountain Theatre.





March 4-ward for Our Kids and Pediatric Trauma: A Call to Action

In the 1986–1987 Kiwanis administrative year the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation made the first gift to a Children’s Pediatric Center: \$3,500 to the Children’s Hospital National Medical Center in Washington, DC. Since then, the Foundation has continually added pediatric trauma centers/hospitals to their support list, which now includes 11 in total. Even more impressive, the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation has donated a cumulative total of \$947,530 as they now provide \$4,000 to each!

This March, we are asking each Kiwanis member to join the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation in continuing the legacy of supporting the critical needs of pediatric trauma care through a new and hopefully annual fundraising campaign: March 4-ward for Our Kids and Pediatric Trauma. Running from March 4, 2026, through April 4, 2026, this campaign invites everyone to help

make a tangible difference by donating \$34 to support 11 area medical facilities that provide life-saving care to children across the Capital District.

The Goal: \$44,000 for Pediatric Trauma

With a fundraising target of \$44,000, the March 4-ward campaign will directly benefit 11 pediatric hospitals and centers that are at the forefront of caring for children in emergency situations. These institutions rely on support from the community to maintain their services, invest in medical equipment, and enhance care for young patients facing trauma.

How Can You Help?

It's simple: Donate \$34 in honor of the pediatric trauma patients treated at these facilities each year. While a suggested donation is \$34, every contribution, big or small, will directly impact the lives of children in need of urgent, specialized care. Whether you donate as an individual or fundraise and make a donation via your Kiwanis Club, together we can help these hospitals continue to provide exceptional care when it matters most.

Where Your Donation Goes

The funds raised will be distributed directly to the following institutions, each of which plays a vital role in pediatric trauma care:

Children's National Medical Center – Washington, DC

Johns Hopkins Children's Center – Baltimore, MD

University of Virginia Health Center – Charlottesville, VA

Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters – Norfolk, VA

Children's Medical Center, Virginia Commonwealth University – Richmond, VA

Carilion Clinic Children's Hospital – Roanoke, VA

Nemours Children's Hospital – Wilmington, DE

Bristol Regional Medical Center – Bristol, TN (serving southwest Virginia)

Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health – Bethesda, MD

Hoops Family Children's Hospital – Huntington, WV

West Virginia University Children's Hospital – Morgantown, WV

These hospitals provide critical, life-saving trauma care to children who experience everything from accidents and injuries to complex medical conditions that require specialized pediatric treatment. Your donation will help ensure that these centers have the resources they need to provide top-tier care and healing to their young patients.

A Lasting Impact

Pediatric trauma care is an area of great need, and the facilities we support are leaders in this vital field. By contributing to this campaign, you're helping to save lives, offer hope, and provide comfort to children and families navigating some of the most difficult moments in life.

Mark your calendar for March 4-ward for Our Kids and Pediatric Trauma, and be part of this critical effort to improve the lives of children facing traumatic injuries. Together, we can make an incredible impact.

Let's March 4-ward and ensure that kids have the care they need, when they

need it most!

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Help us meet our goal of raising \$44,000!

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!

 **Forward**

Kiwanian Birthdays

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 3 – Bruce Swanson

March 5 – Joyce Montgomery

March 11 – Don Wilson, Reggie Wood

March 15 – David Lemon

March 19 – Preston Collins

March 20 – Donna Lynch

March 24 – Cheri Hartman, Joe Lemmer

March 28 – Courtney Plaster

March 30 – David Perry

March 31 – Bill Bestpitch



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