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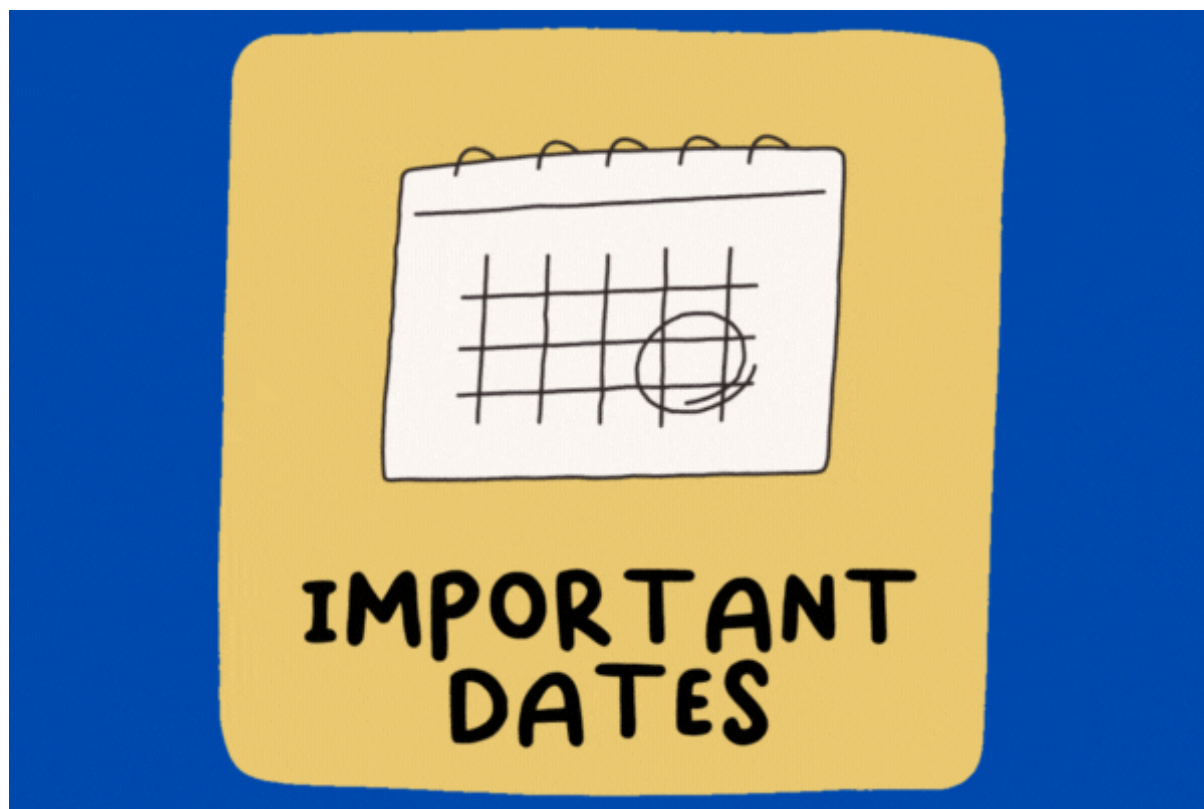
Important Dates

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**April 29** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Maureen McGonagle, Roanoke Foodshed Network

**April 30** - (5:30 - 7:30pm) Social at Twisted Track

**May 6** - (5:30 pm) Book Club

**May 7** - (7 - 8:30 am) Prayer Breakfast

**May 7** - (5:30 pm) Social at RidgeYaks

**May 16** - (9 am - noon) Kids' Fishing Day

**May 30** - Spring Fun Day

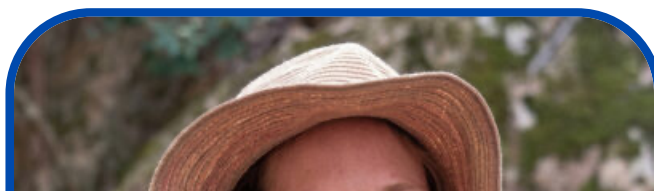
You can always stay up-to-date by checking out the calendar on our [website here](#).

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## **April 29th - Club Meeting, Maureen McGonagle with the Roanoke Foodshed Network**

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 Maureen McGonagle, Roanoke Foodshed Network Director, talk about connecting farmers, food businesses, institutions, and communities. This presentation will also highlight how building a more connected, abundant, and resilient food system through collaboration, regional marketing initiatives like the Roanoke Food and Farm Trail, and strategic partnerships can drive economic and community impact.

Maureen spent the past 19 years living in Southwest Virginia working across many dimensions of the regional food system. She worked on a small-scale vegetable farm, supported nutrition incentive programs at the Blacksburg Farmers Market, ran community gardens with the New River Health District, and researched community food systems through a Master's program in Agriculture, Leadership, and Community Education at Virginia Tech.





## Highlights From Our Last Meeting

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

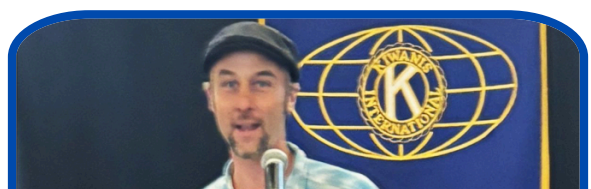


Don Chichester leads his "Pancake Song"



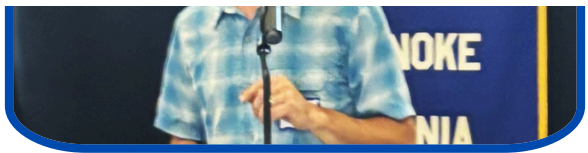
Fred Jeter thanks the 18 volunteers for the Blue Ridge Marathon

**Summary of Overall Ticket Sales**  
Week Eight Total TERRY MICHEL KERRY  
\$4642  
Eight Week Cumulative Total - \$40,593



Zero Tracker - Week 7  
52 Kiwanians - Down from 59  
Best Team for No Zeros  
Mike Franzese...0

Goal for This Week - Reduce Zeros - We had 7 fewer last week.  
52 zeros at \$24 per (family of four) = \$1248



Eight weeks of ticket sales are looking good!

Speaker, Davey Rogner Stewards, explains community composting.

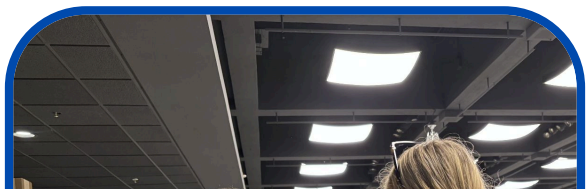
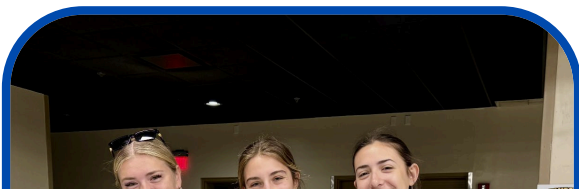


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Happenings

**KPAD 2026 was a huge success!**

More info shortly though here are a few pics from the event!







Sausage Swatters Manager Reif Kessler discussing strategy with Slugger "Babe Rupe" Cutler as the KPAD pennant race heats up - nice hats.

### **Book Club**

Please save the date: next Book Club meeting is going to be held on May 6th at 5:30 pm at the Crystal Spring Grocery. See you then!

Here are notes from our April gathering:

"Playing for Pizza" by John Grisham (fiction)

"Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy" by David Zucchino (nonfiction)

"Heartland: A Forgotten Place, an Impossible Dream, and the Miracle of Larry Bird" by Keith O'Brien (nonfiction)

"C Street: The Fundamentalist Threat to Democracy" by Jeff Scharlett (nonfiction)

"Come Retribution: The Confederate Secret Service and the Assassination of Lincoln" by William Tidwell, James Hall, and David Winfred Gaddy (nonfiction)

"The Trees" by Percival Everett (fiction)

"Vigil" by George Saunders (fiction)

"No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt - The Home Front in World War II" by Doris Kearns Goodwin

"Figures in a Landscape" by Barry England (novel)

"The Iliad" by Homer as translated by Emily Wilson (fiction)

"A Song of War" by Kate Quinn, Stephanie Dray and Simon Turney (fiction)

"The Circle of Days" by Ken Follett (fiction)

Cheri and Dave Hartman

See you on May 6th!

### **Final signups for the Kiwanis National Day of Prayer Breakfast...May 7**

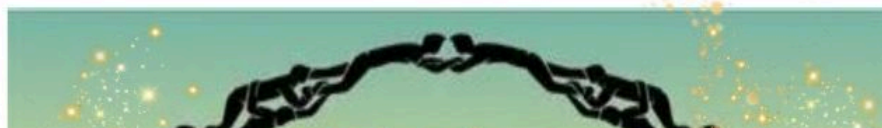
We're 9 days away from our National Day of Prayer Breakfast. Reservations need to be made by Noon on Monday, May 4.

To make reservations for your friends or yourself, please contact Kiwanians Rita Joyce (540-915-1470) or Ken Briggs (540-314-9616). You should also be able to find us in the foyer after tomorrow's luncheon meeting.

As a reminder, our Prayer Breakfast will be Thursday, May 7, at the Kazim Shrine Temple, 628 West Campbell Avenue. Amy's breakfast buffet will be available at 7:00AM. The program is scheduled from 7:30-8:30AM.

Our theme will be "Bridging Cultures through Prayer". Prayers will be lifted in the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian traditions. Kiwanian Rev. Joe Cobb will bring our morning meditation. Kiwanian Rev. Preston Tyler will serve as Moderator.

This is a great opportunity to invite guests from your Worship Community, or perhaps from other faith traditions. May 7 will give us the opportunity to be together...in the Spirit of Prayer.





Join Kiwanis as we celebrate our annual

## Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 7, 2026 7:00am-8:30am \$10.00

**Kazim Temple**

628 West Campbell Avenue Roanoke VA  
(free parking in back)

Join us in learning about the many faiths and cultures in the Roanoke Valley.  
Facilitators will lead discussions at each table.

*Our Keynote Speaker for 2026 is Rev. Mayor Joe Cobb, Roanoke, Virginia.  
Music provided by Judy Clark. A thank you to our sponsor, Howell's Motor Freight!*



For tickets contact any Kiwanian or call \_\_\_\_\_ and leave a message.



### Social May 7th at the RidgeYaks

Our Club's Fun Committee has made arrangements to enjoy a baseball game at the Salem Memorial Ballpark to watch the RidgeYaks. Gates open at 5:30pm, we will gather to sing the pre-game National Anthem at 6:10pm.

We have a group of tickets reserved for advance purchase for us to sit together. Tickets are \$11 each. Should be a FUN night at the ballpark.

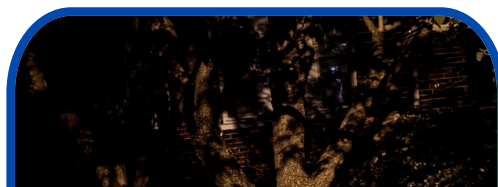
Wear a Kiwanian shirt or hat. This is an excellent opportunity to invite a guest to see some of what makes our Club special.



**Spring FunDay May 30th!**

Spring FunDay and Career/Community Resource Fair is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th and is open to the public from 11:00 to 3:00 pm. Kiwanians, we will need volunteers from 8:45 to 3:45 as we both prepare the site (at Melrose Plaza) and clean up after the activities. Questions? Please reach out to Cheri Hartman at [chartman2423@gmail.com](mailto:chartman2423@gmail.com).

**Neil McNally Welcomed to the Club!**





## **Corporate Partner Spotlight**

### **Gentry Locke**

#### Our bar, community and pro bono involvement

Like the Kiwanis Club, service is at the core of what we believe, as well as what we do. We recognize the large unmet need for legal services across the Commonwealth and across the country. At Gentry Locke, we believe it is important to give our time, effort, and financial support to organizations assisting those in need, making our community a better place to live. We are particularly proud of our efforts to ensure access to justice by performing pro bono (free) legal work and assisting local legal aid groups.

We are also proud of our attorneys who lead in the community and profession we serve. Managing Partner Brett Marston currently serves as President of the Virginia State Bar. Kevin W. Holt serves on Council, the governing body of the Virginia State Bar. Alichia Grubb chairs the Young Lawyers Division of the Virginia Bar Association, and Jon Puvak is President of the Roanoke Bar Association—just a few examples of our attorneys’ leadership in Virginia’s legal profession.





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## 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).*

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## Kiwanian April Birthdays

April 1 Chloe Willis

April 2 Andree Brooks

April 3 Eric Sichau

April 10 Tim Thompson

April 12 Bob Habermann

April 12 Bert Boyd

April 14 Gary Duerk

April 18 Jim Randles

April 19 Eddie Barnes

Anril 27 Dwight Steele



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