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"Year of Inspired Action"

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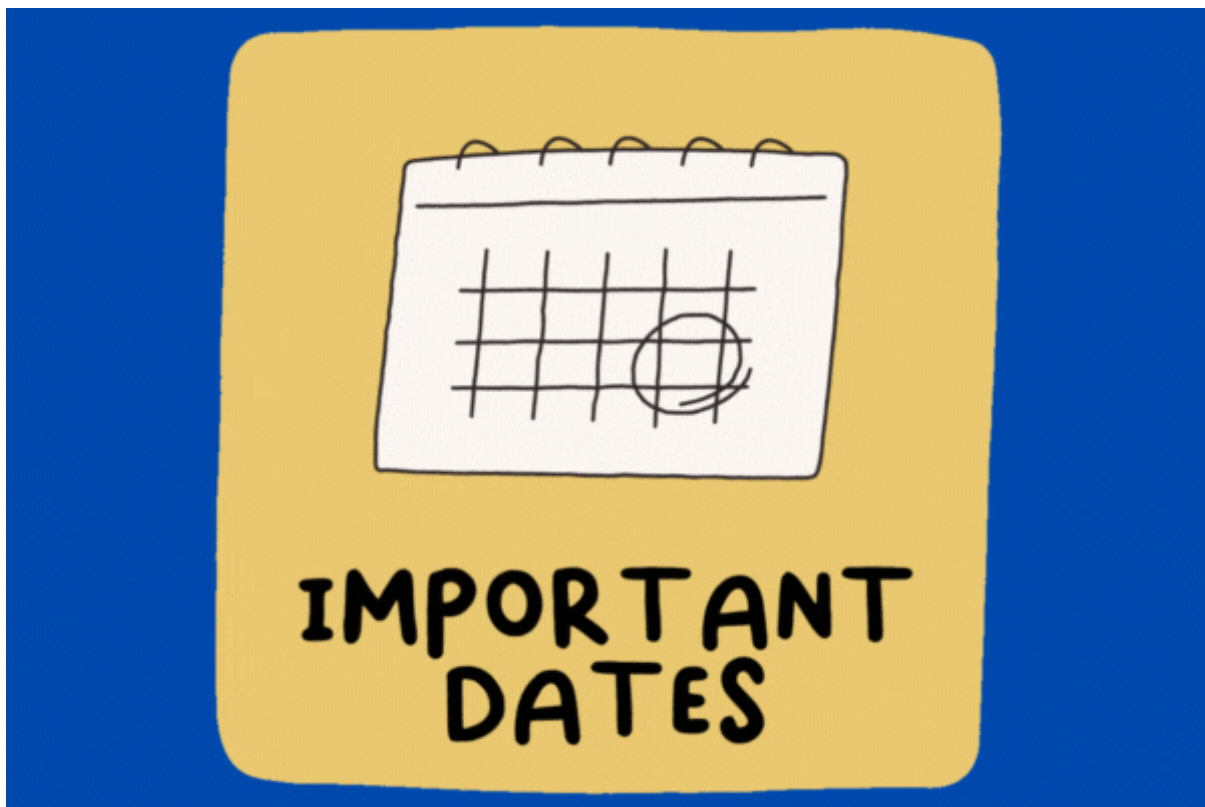
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June 3 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day Wrap Up

June 3 - (5:30) Book Club Meeting

June 8 - (12:15 - 1:30 pm) Board Meeting

June 10 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Dana Ackley with EQ Leader

June 17 - (12:30 - 1:30) Club Meeting, Patrick Henry Jolly with Patrick Henry's Red Hill National Memorial

June 24 - (12:30-1:30) Club Meeting, Robert Turcotte with AI Change Expert

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

June 3rd - Club Meeting, KPAD Wrap Up

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 wrap up our recent Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day (KPAD).

The KPAD team will report information about the total ticket sales amount, the ticket sales leaders, the number of pancakes cooked and the number of pancake breakfast eaters, and the total amount of money raised that will be donated to worthwhile community causes.





Highlights From Spring Fun Day

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



Fun Day co-coordinator, Cheri Hartman chats with Naturalist Allison Nichols



Dave Hartman and Linda Jensen manage the Kiwanis Booth





Shiloh Baptist singers entertain the crowd



Cleanup crew: Don Witt, Harry Zulauf, John Pendleton, and Steve McGraw



Ollie Howie celebrates his 13th annual Community Day in the Melrose Library (seated in the back)



Kiwaniis canopy/booth for Fun Day

Spring Fun Day

On Spring FunDay, we had 17 fabulous Kiwanis volunteers. Also Mayor Cobb attended and stayed awhile - graciously. We definitely got enough help to manage more than ever community partners (55), about 1000 attendees, dozens of performers, hundreds of hamburgers, and day long sunshine! Great day! We especially appreciated the key co-sponsors: Shiloh Baptist Church, Goodwill Industries and the Melrose Library.

Thanks to: Joe Gaither (lead organizer and TV star on WDBJ7, [you can check it out here!](#)), Bill Bestpitch, Harry Zulaf, John Montgomery, Dave Bowers, Joe Lemmer, Jim Graves, Jeff Vick, Linda Jensen, Don Witt, John Pendleton, Ken Briggs, Tom Fitzpatrick, Rita Joyce, Steve McGraw- an all

day volunteer who brought the orange cones and tent weights, Dave Hartman - and yours truly. The Fleming Key Club and the Aktion Club were a part of this “inspired action!”

May 30th’s event was our sixth Annual Spring FunDay created to celebrate the Kiwanis Centennial Playground that we completed and donated to the city in 2020, when we turned 100! Since 2021, we have teamed up each Spring with Shiloh Baptist Church to celebrate CommUNITY - the unifying of Roanoke to care for each other as neighbors and the playground’s impact on family strengthening. The event and Kiwanis’ signature project has expanded since then in every way. The Nature Park has added environmental awareness including the wildflower Pollinator Garden, benches, picnic table, trees, beginning of an amphitheater... and its new resident, a bluebird family.

June 10th we encourage our Spring FunDay volunteers to join us at our club luncheon in person and be recognized for their “inspired action.”

~ Cheri Hartman



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Happenings

Book Club

Please save the date: next Book Club meeting is going to be held on June 3rd at 5:30 pm at the Crystal Spring Grocery. See you then!

Cheri and Dave Hartman

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Backpack Time Again!

It's time once again for making our commitment to CHIP for 51 backpacks and supplies for 51 excited Kindergartners who will enter school in the fall. These will cost \$40 each this year, which is \$5.00 more than last year. Please use the signup sheets on your tables to make your commitment to this project.



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 abargell@gmail.com.

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Kiwanian June Birthdays

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