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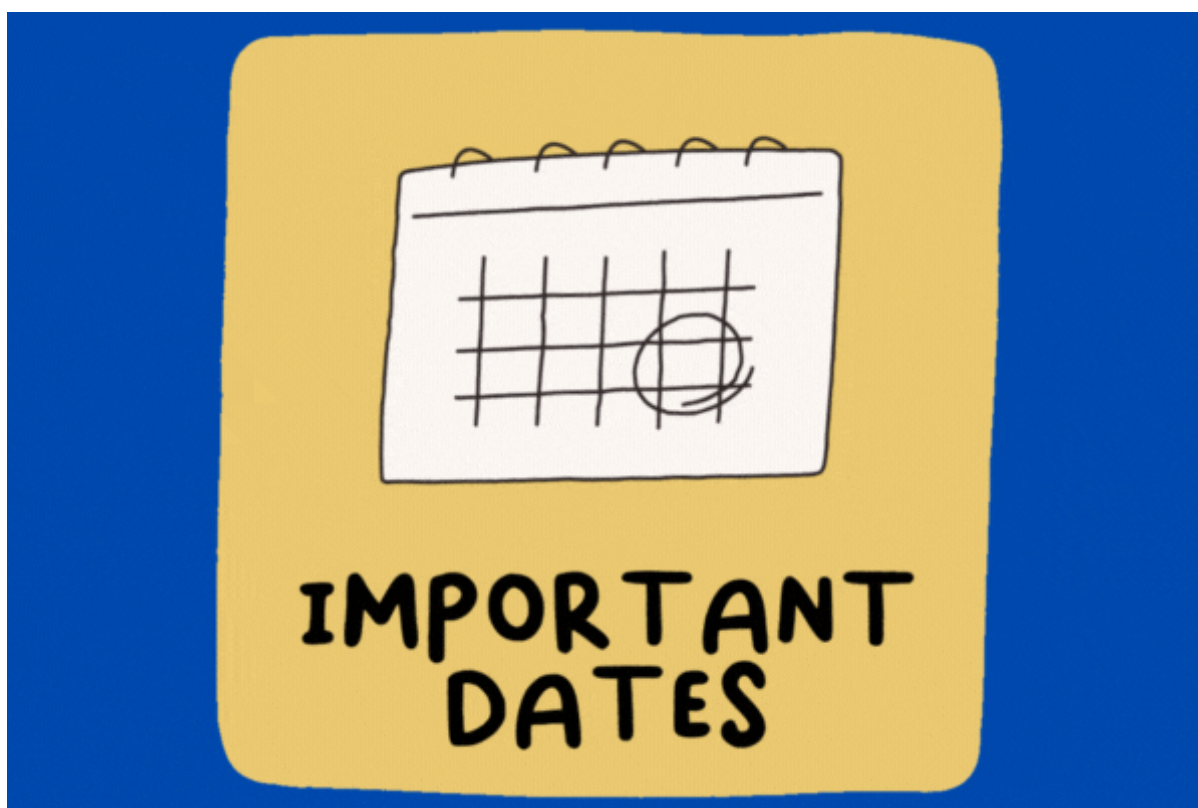
Important Dates

Speakers' Info

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Kiwanis Happenings

Kiwanian Birthdays



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

June 27 - (1-5 pm) Fun Vineyard Social

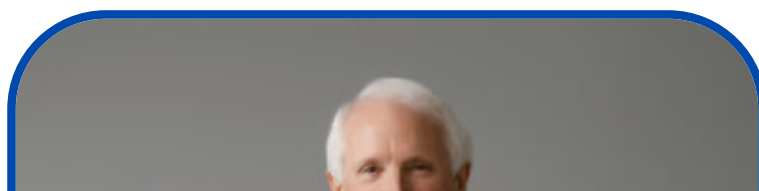
July 7 - (3-5 pm) Dolly Parton Imagination Library Kickoff

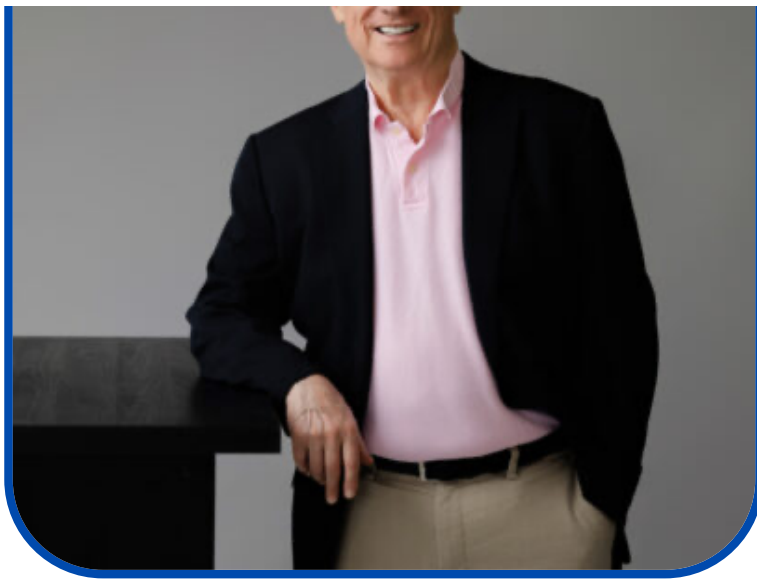
You can always stay up-to-date by checking out the calendar on our [website here](#).

June 10th - Club Meeting, Dana Ackley with EQ Leader

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 Dana Ackley, President of EQ Leader, talk about his new book, "Emotional Intelligence for a Divided World." He will explain how Emotional Intelligence skills can humanize us - improve how we use our brain, do better at work, build better relationships, and resist the manipulation of conflict entrepreneurs who seek to divide our country, setting up groups to hate each other.

Dana has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. As an executive coach and organizational consultant, he works with senior leaders to enhance their leadership skills. Dana is an internationally recognized expert in Emotional Intelligence, author of three books, and co-founder of the Roanoke Collaboration Project.



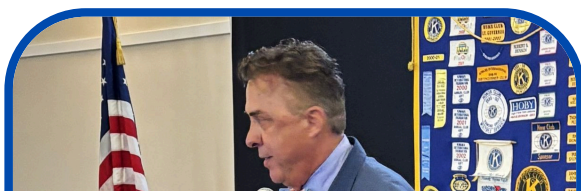


Highlights From the Last Club Meeting

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



New members, Tom Fitzpatrick, Hetzal Hartley, Neal McNally, Paul VanWagoner, and Ben Baird with their sponsors.





Don Wilson donates \$200 to the Foundation in honor of all veterans



KPAD "rookie of the year" Mike Franzese



Home Run Derby champs: Reif Kessler's Sausage Swatters



Pennant winning team: Steve English's Cleanup Batters





Appreciation for KPAD support was presented to Ridge Yaks baseball



Appreciation for KPAD support was presented to Fox Radio 910



Appreciation for KPAD support was presented to Servpro



Appreciation for KPAD support was presented to Carilion Clinic



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Happenings

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.



Fun Vineyard Social

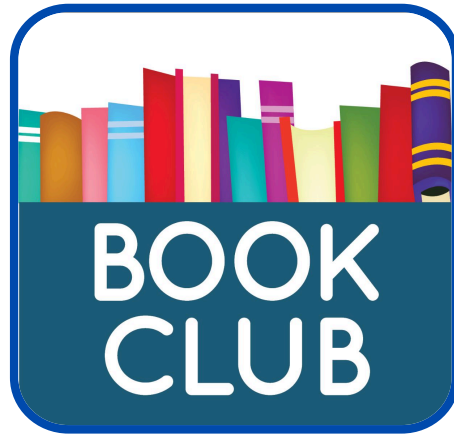
Socialize at Stoney Brook Vineyards on June 27 from 1-5pm. Reservations required. \$15 per person includes lunch with sides, Kiwanis cookies, and live music from Mark Folks. Wine will be available to purchase. Bring your own chair, and bring a pop-up if you can. This will be a good time to enjoy each other's company. This will also be a good time to invite a non-Kiwanian so they can see the fun side of our Club. Sign up required.



Book Club

Please save the date: next Book Club meeting is going to be held on July 8th at 5:30 pm at the Crystal Spring Grocery. See you then!

Cheri and Dave Hartman



Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Join other Kiwanians and other Roanoke organizations for the community kickoff of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library being held at the Roanoke City Public Schools Community Empowerment Center on July 7 from 3:00-5:00pm.



Meeting Recordings

Note that Club meeting recordings can be found on our YouTube channel [here](#).

Club Meeting Zoom Info

Here is the [zoom link](#)

Please email any potential Kiwanian happenings by 7 pm on Monday to Alex at abargell@gmail.com.

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Kiwanian June Birthdays

Ben Spiker - June 3
Joe Gaither - June 4
Steve McGraw - June 7
Mike Bell - June 8
Reif Kessler - June 11
Jill Sluss - June 14
Sherman Holland - June 15
Rita Joyce - June 15
Steve Willis - June 16
Bart Wilner - June 20
Phil Shiner - June 22
Dave Hartman - June 25
Jeff Leatherwood - June 30
Sam Rasoul - June 30



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