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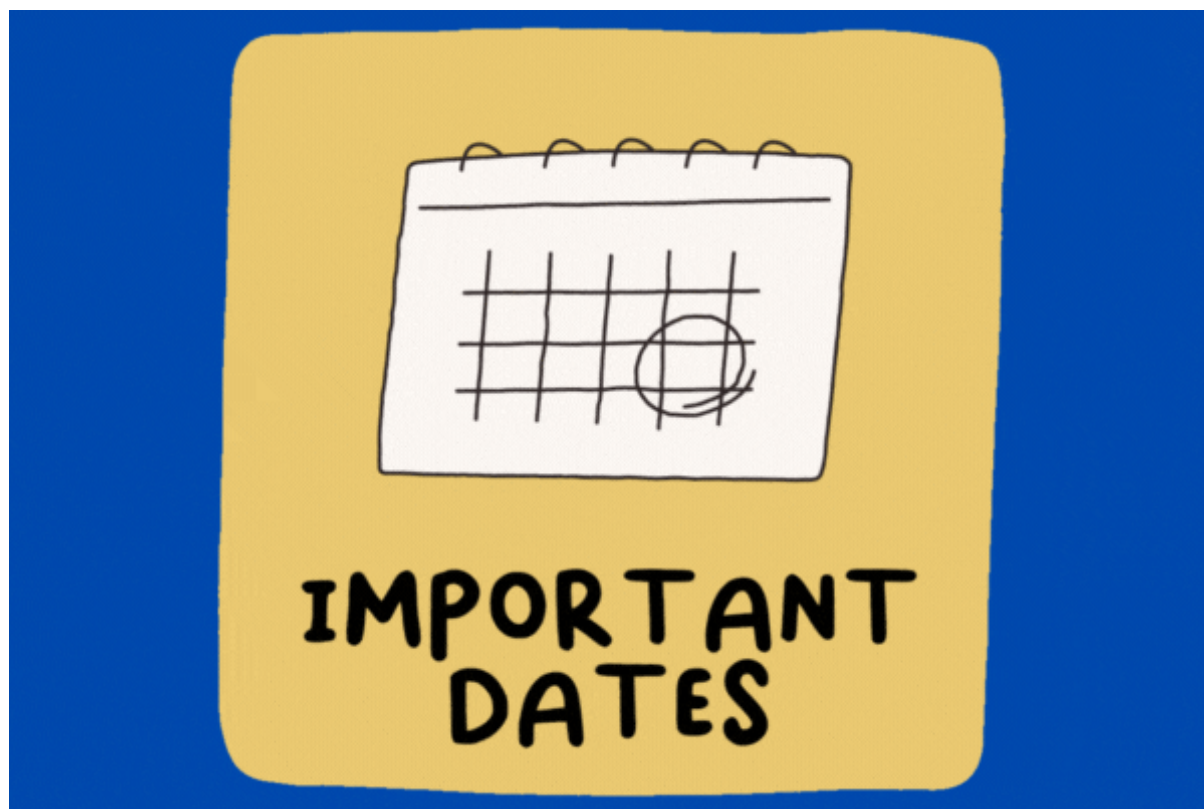
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Carilion School of Medicine

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October 10 - (8:30 am - 12:30 pm) Bed Building with Sleep in Heavenly Peace

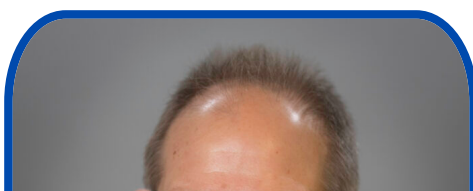
You can always stay up-to-date by checking out the calendar on our [website here](#).

August 12th - Club Meeting, Ron Bradbury with VT Carilion School of Medicine

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 Ron Bradbury, Director of Admissions at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. Ron will discuss the school's Multiple Mini Interview process for selecting applicants using a combination of objective and subjective assessments; VTC relies on volunteers from the community to participate in their interview process.

All of our speakers for the month of August will be from the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

Ron has managed admissions from Kindergarten to graduate school in both private and public school settings. He has lived in Roanoke since 2013, first working at National College and since 2016, at VTC. He is an active member of the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club.





Highlights From the Last Club Meeting

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



Jason Poff encourages Kiwanians to
invite, invite, invite



President-elect, Dave Hartman is
looking for a few good Kiwanians
for his committees





Dr. Lee Learman, reveals the state of Virginia Tech/Carilion Medical School



Speaker honorarium goes to Feeding Southwest Virginia



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Happenings

Nature Park Update

100 new plants are in the soil! A bluebird house is installed. To date 7 fledglings have taken flight! Bees and butterflies are showing up! **YOU ARE NEEDED!**

Our first garden brigadiers have rolled up their sleeves and rolled out the garden hose to nurture nature at the Wildflower Garden. Thank you to Don Witt and Joyce Waugh and yours truly for keeping the wildflowers from succumbing to the drought. Please let me know if I can guide you through a mentoring session to help out for one week this summer. We still have no sign ups yet for the following weeks:

August 10th -- August 16th

August 17th -- August 23rd

August 24th -- August 30th

August 31st -- September 6th

Sept. 7th -- Sept 13th

Thanks to those of you who signed up as follows:

July 13th: John Pendleton

July 20th: Jason Poff and Kelsie

August 3rd: Tom Fitzpatrick

Thanks much!!! Please email me which week works for you and I will be sure to find a time we can meet at the Nature Park to provide an intro to the "ropes" or rather the hoses...

Good day to be a Kiwanian!

Cheri

Mill Mountain Star Dedication Ceremony

We are looking for a big crowd of Kiwanis members and the public to attend the Mill Mountain Star Dedication ceremony. We will be unveiling to the public the new plaque honoring Nancy Agee (former CEO of Carilion Clinic); she will give emphasis to the nursing profession.

The Mayor and other dignitaries are expected. The press is invited. The dedication ceremony begins at 10:00am at the Star visitor platform.

This is an excellent opportunity to invite a guest to see some of what makes our Club special.





Book Club

We meet next on Wednesday, August 12th at 5:30 at the Crystal Spring Grocery Store -- hope you can join us. Share your favorite recent read...

Cheri and David Hartman



New Member Spotlight

Paul VanWagoner is a construction sales professional who believes success is built on trust, hard work, and genuine relationships. He is passionate about helping homeowners and businesses find the right solutions, offering honest advice, quality workmanship, and exceptional service every step of the way.

When he's not working, Paul enjoys golfing, CrossFit, hockey, football, and cheering on his beloved Michigan Wolverines. He brings the same competitive

spirit and dedication to his personal life that he does to his career.

At the heart of everything Paul does is his family. He shares life with his wife, Bridget, whose love, support, and partnership inspire him every day. Their home is also filled with the personalities of their three dogs—Ranger, Igor, and Mulligan—who keep life entertaining and are very much part of the family.

Whether he's helping a customer, spending time with loved ones, or enjoying the outdoors, Paul believes that character, loyalty, and treating people the right way are what truly defines success. His goal is simple: build lasting relationships, serve others with integrity, and leave every person he meets a little better than he found them.



Ducky Derby

Our annual Kiwanis Capital District Ducky Derby is underway. This fundraiser has been ongoing for many years and has raised nearly 1 million dollars to support 11 pediatric hospitals around the district. Among these is our own Carilion Children's which makes care available locally not only for premature infants in a state-of-the-art facility, but also for youngsters suffering from both acute and chronic illnesses, certain malignancies and with significant traumatic injuries. It is of enormous benefit for the entirety of Southwest Virginia.

Please help by buying some raffle tickets. (There are many prizes, but the first prize is \$750 cash.) Participation is easy. Type “Capital District Ducky Derby” on your search bar – you can do this immediately after reading this message. Click on “Buy Tickets Here”, then proceed to “Purchase”. Next click “Buy Entries”, select a quantity of tickets to purchase and proceed from there with your information. Along the way be sure to click on “Select Club” and look for Roanoke. We should be the district’s leaders in this endeavor. After all, we are one of the largest clubs and certainly among the very best.

As an alternative, you can just give money or a check to Reif Kessler (or send to him at 6524 Fairway View Trail, Roanoke, VA 24018) and he will push the buttons on the computer for you.

Quack – Quack. Thanks for your consideration and double thanks if you elect to buy some tickets.

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

Newsletter Additions

Please email anything that you would like included in the next newsletter by Monday at 7 pm to abarge11@gmail.com.

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

Kiwanian July Birthdays

August 3 – Mike O’Brochta
August 6 – Amy Carter
August 11 – Alex Barge
August 11 – Guy Byrd
August 12 – Lance Bowen
August 12 – Nancy Horn
August 12 – Harry Zulauf
August 14 – Hetzal Hartley
August 18 – Rachel Hopkins
August 19 – John Pendleton
August 21 – Nick Hagan
August 23 – Don Chichester (93!)
August 29 – Alex Bowman
August 29 – Neil McNally



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