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## **President's Message**

### **Match Making**

**by Mike O'Brochta**

Visualize a cold winter morning; you are looking out over an open field that is covered in a foot of newly fallen snow. People have been out for hours enjoying the sunny day; you can see tracks going every which way across the field. Leadership is like that. There are many footprints in the snow when it comes to leadership paths. Some go toward a useful destination, others not so much. The path I follow involves Servant Leadership: setting the goal and serving others' needs as they strive toward success.

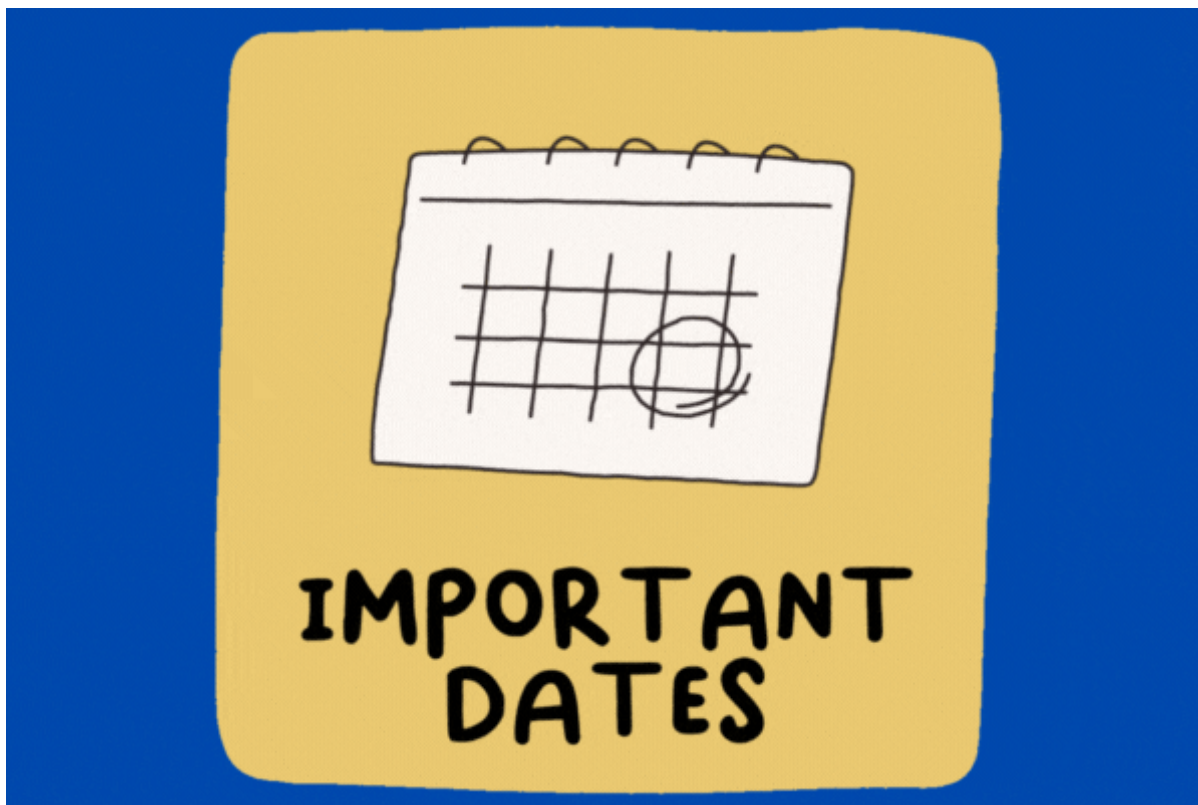
My leadership path also involves a bit of matchmaking. As far as I am concerned, nothing beats an employee or volunteer, who is highly self-motivated, spending time in an area beneficial to the organization. That's the key, the matchmaking, aligning the individual's interests and abilities with an important organizational need. You see, there are myriad motivations for someone to do something, the strongest of which is self-motivation. This is particularly true in a volunteer organization where traditional career and financial corporate motivations are absent. All the external pressures and

forces applied in order to get an employee or volunteer to perform pale in comparison to the internal force of self-motivation.

My hope is that in our large Kiwanis Club, with so many different elements, each and every member finds the right match. I am happy to help with that.

*Let's act on our theme – Outreach!*





**June 25** - (6 pm) Pop-up Pizza Party at Mellow Mushroom **TONIGHT!!!**

**June 26** - (12:20\* - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Andrea Garland and Tori Williams, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

**July 3** - No Club Meeting

**July 10** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Nelson Harris, the Roanoke Valley in the 1950s

**July 24** - (6:30 pm) Book Club

**July 27** - (1 pm) Social Event at Stoney Brook Vineyards

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

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## **June 26 - Club Meeting, Andrea Garland & Tori Williams, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (note: starting 10 minutes early)**

Andrea Garland & Tori Williams with Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission will be presenting an Overview of Transportation Priority in the

Roanoke Valley.

Tori Williams is the Director of Transportation Planning. Mr. Williams has extensive experience in the region and with regional organizations. Mostly recently with Virginia Tech as a Policy Planning Manager, he has also spent time as a planner with Roanoke County and the VP of Public Policy with the Roanoke Regional Chamber.

Andrea Garland is the Director of RIDE Solution. Garland, a native of Bogota, Colombia, relied on public transit, biking and walking as she grew up, inspiring her interest in the field of transportation. A 2007 Virginia Tech graduate with a master's degree in civil engineering, she serves as director of RIDE solutions, the transportation demand management program for Southwest Virginia.



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## **July 10 - Club Meeting, Nelson Harris, the Roanoke Valley in the 1950s**

Nelson Harris holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Radford University and a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Theological Seminary. Harris has done post-graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary and Harvard University. He is currently the pastor of Hights Community Church in Roanoke. Harris has written or compiled several books about the history of

Roanoke and the surrounding area. His books include the following titles: Aviation in Roanoke, Downtown Roanoke, Virginia Tech, The Norfolk & Western Railway, Hidden History of Roanoke, Stations and Depots of the Norfolk & Western Railway, Salem and Roanoke County in Vintage Postcards, Roanoke in Vintage Postcards, The Seventeenth Virginia Cavalry, and Greater Raleigh Court: A History of Virginia Heights, Norwich, Raleigh Court and Wasena. His most recent book The Roanoke Valley in the 1950s.

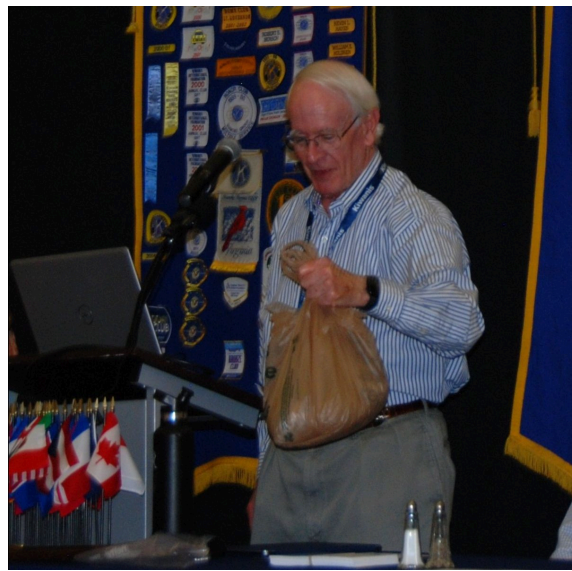


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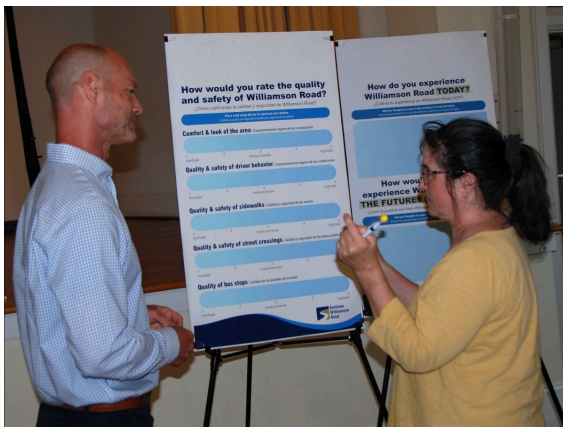
**Highlights from our last meeting**



Beth O'Brochta receives a "life saver" award for cajoling her husband to go to emergency for serious medical event



Guy Byrd delivers a bag of soda can tops to Don Chichester for his collection



Speaker Dwayne D'Ardenne appeals for survey input on Williamson Road design

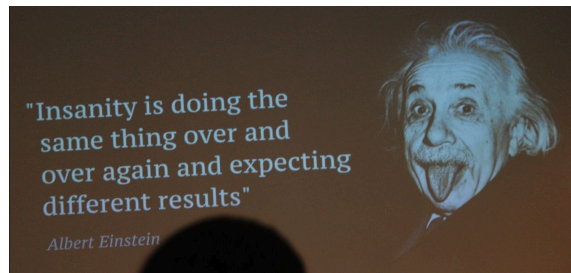


Photo speaks for itself



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Happenings

### Emily Bailey

Someone has set up a mealtrain for Emily so that folks can support her through some challenging times. [You can learn more and sign up here.](#)

## **FUN Committee has two events planned:**

### *Pop-up Pizza Party*

Mellow Mushroom Patio, 6:00, June 25

Just show up and order from menu.

### *Stoney Brook Vineyards*

July 27

1:00 catered BBQ lunch, vegan food truck available

2:00 music of Mark Folks

Purchase wine

YOC (bring your own chair)

Signups coming

More info/questions: See Andréé or Lois

## **Fun Day**

All who helped FunDay 2024 to achieve its goals of strengthening commUNITY will be applauded for their efforts at our July 10th club meeting. Club members can get a copy of our beautiful Larry the Logperch book at this meeting. Please join us at this regular club meeting to celebrate our role in bringing about 40 organizations together to celebrate our common commitment to our Roanoke families.

A wrap up debriefing for FunDay 2024 is planned for June 28th at 8 am via Zoom. All who helped with the June 1st event are invited to join us to provide your feedback. Cheri and Joe want to hear your ideas on how to improve our CommUNITY FunDay for 2025. Be on the lookout for the meeting Zoom link..

## **Book Club**

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting at 6:30 to 7:30 pm on the 24th of July -- at South County Library. Please note the later start at 6:30 pm - remember you get to read a book of YOUR choice to review for us.

Questions? Call David at 540-798-7985. (Sorry to those who cannot make this date!)

## **Ducky Derby**

## **DUCKY DERBY TICKETS ON SALE**

The Capital District Kiwanis Foundation raises funds to support 11 designated pediatric trauma centers within our district. The fundraising is through selling raffle tickets in what is known as the Ducky Derby. We encourage you to purchase tickets to support the Foundation and those children in need.

Before, we would sell paper tickets, but now everything is electronic. Use the QR code or URL below to easily make a donation. The children of our district thank you.



Scan QR Code to enter



Or visit <https://go.rallyup.com/fb140f> on your web browser

## **DRAFT Strategic Plan Kiwanis Club of Roanoke 2024**

Club Members: Your Strategic Planning Committee has worked diligently to draft a new Strategic Plan that is lean and mean, limited to two objectives: I. Enhance Membership and Maintain Viability; and II. Improve Outreach and



Serve Our Community. The broadly worded Strategies and Tactics cover just about everything we do, without going into excruciating detail. It is now ready for your review, so please take a few minutes to look it over by clicking <https://www.roanokekiwanisclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Strategic-Plan-Draft-2024-6-20.pdf>. Send your comments to [billbestpitch@gmail.com](mailto:billbestpitch@gmail.com) by July 17. If the Board approves the plan at its August meeting, it will go into effect with our 2024-2025 Kiwanis year on October 1.

**Outreach Awards (initiative and follow through):**

- Greg Lionberger
- Cheri Hartman
- Bart Wilner
- Harry Zulauf
- Bill Bestpitch
- Keith Hartman\*2
- Bob Habermann
- Eric Sichau
- Sam Lionberger III
- David Points
- Jeanne Bollendorf



## 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 happenings to Alex at [abarge11@gmail.com](mailto:abarge11@gmail.com).*

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## Kiwanian Birthdays

Dan Karnes	June 2
Ben Spiker	June 3
Joe Gaither	June 4
Steve McGraw	June 7
Mike Bell	June 8
Reif Kessler	June 11
Dan Chitwood	June 13
Jill Sluss	June 14
Sherman Holland	June 15
Greg Lionberger	June 16
Steve Willis	June 16
Bart Wilner	June 20
Phil Shiner	June 22
Milton Hardy	June 25
Dave Hartman	June 25
Peg McGuire	June 28
Ray Sarver	June 28
Jeff Leatherwood	June 30
Sam Rasoul	June 30



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