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It Is An Elephant

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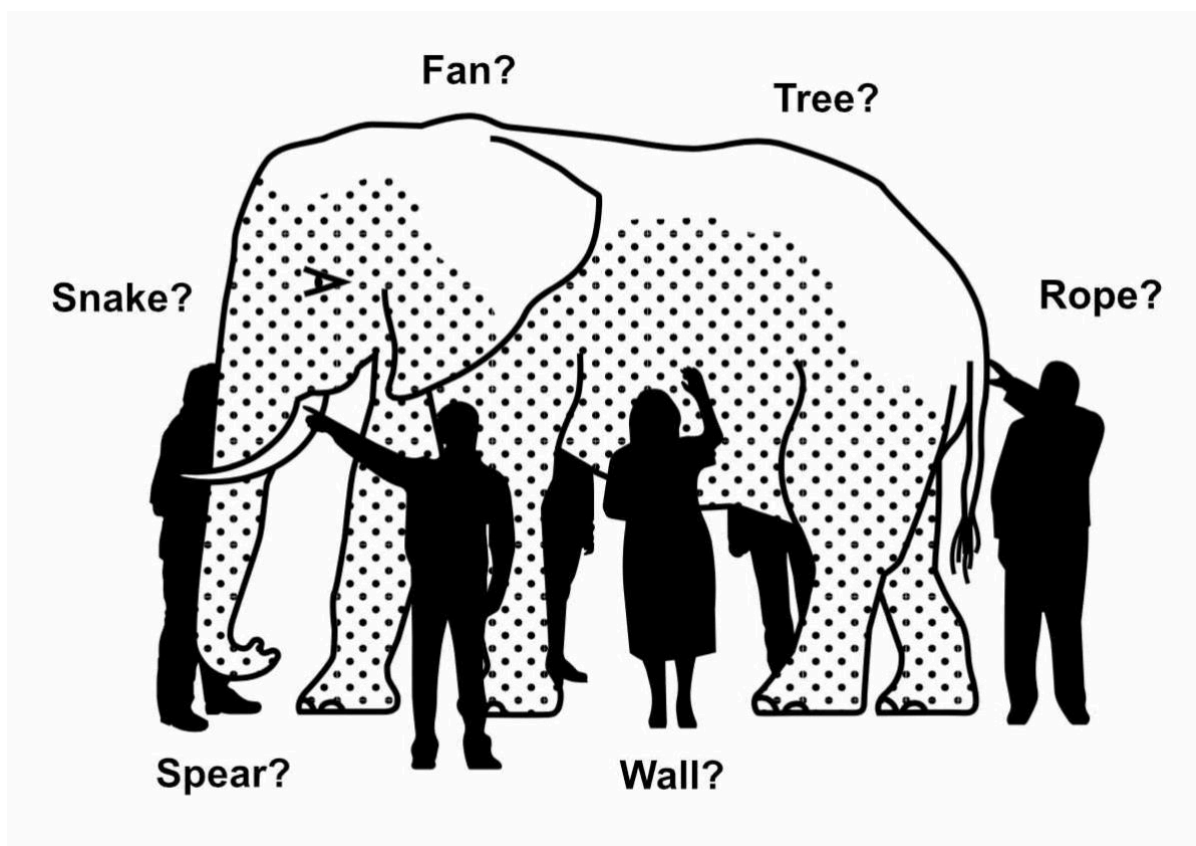
Now that we have had another successful KPAD, I'd like to return my attention to the President's Message.

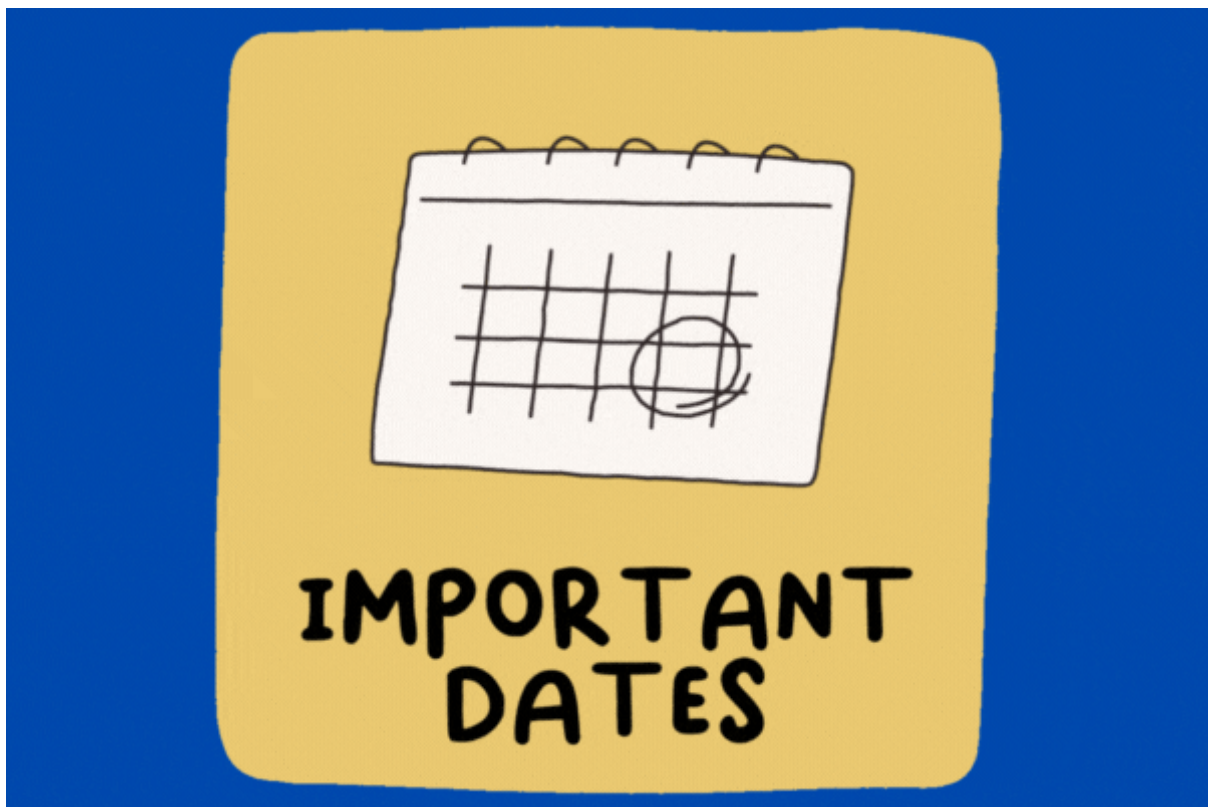
I am fond of the parable about five blind people who, when asked to describe a large object immediately in front of them, all gave different answers. One said a snake as he touched the tail, another said a tree trunk as he touched the trunk, one said a wall as she touched a side; you get the idea. Of course, they were all right. Each accurately described the item from his/her individual viewpoint, and all missed the fact that they were standing next to an elephant.

Just for a moment, as a thought experiment, I wonder if we could put aside our existing individual view points and examine the subject of membership growth through the eyes of someone who is different from many of us? I wonder if we can look at our Club through the eyes of someone who has a young family, who works full time as the spouse may also do, and who has

limited resources? I wonder what we might see by looking through the eyes of someone who has other important obligations, such as church, sports, and scouting, to fit into their already time-limited working life? And, I wonder what we might see by putting ourselves in the shoes of a generation who did not grow up with strong organizational bonds, does not place but so much importance on structure and tradition, is more interested in one-off activities instead of long-term commitments on committees, where singing and praying may not be but so inspirational, and where joining is less interesting than doing? I hope that together, we can do a good job of seeing the elephant.

Let's act on our theme – Outreach!





June 5 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, KPAD Wrap UP

June 10 - (12:15 - 1:30 pm) Board Meeting (Open to all members) at Melrose Library

June 12 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Eric Lear, Charles Day Technical Center

June 19 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting , Dwayne D'Ardenne, Roanoke City Transportation

June 26 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Andrea Williams, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

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

June 5 - Club Meeting, KPAD Wrap Up

Join us to find out just how much was raised, which team won, and who is truly a Jedi Master.

June 12 - Club Meeting, Eric Lear, Charles Day Technical Center

Worked in Television Broadcasting 12 years. Taught TV/Media production for RCPS 17 years. CTE Administration since 2016.



Highlights from our last meeting



VP Jeanne Bollendorf presides at meeting

Joyce Montgomery delivers the introspection



Lois James introduces this week's program



Xavier Duckett tells the "Humble Hustle" story



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Happenings

Notes from John

Lloyd Enoch - We were saddened to learn of the passing of Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Past President Lloyd Enoch during the night. He was 88. Lloyd had been in declining health in recent years, but just this past April was able to attend the dedication of the Charles Day Technical Education Center where Lloyd was recognized with the naming of the social area/courtyard in his honor.

Moving to Roanoke in the mid-1960s ("as soon as I could," Lloyd liked to say), he was a lifelong educator. Lloyd worked in administrative positions with Roanoke City Schools the balance of his career. He joined Kiwanis because he was so impressed with our club's Career and Technical Awards, a project Lloyd ultimately chaired for many years.

A member of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke since 1991, Lloyd was

president in 2003-04 and served as secretary-treasurer for about a decade shortly thereafter. He also was presented a Kiwanis International Hixson Award and served two terms as Division 15 Lt. Governor.

Lloyd's memorial service will be held at Oakey's South at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 6. Visitation will precede the service from noon until 2 p.m. and internment at Evergreen Burial Park will follow the service.

Lloyd's survivors include his wife, Rita, a former member of the club; his son, Lloyd, Jr. of West Virginia; a stepson, Jake Gilmore; two grandsons, two great-granddaughters and two sisters.

[His obituary can be found here.](#)

Please join me in extending our sympathy to Lloyd's family and his many friends.

Eddie Dillon - We were saddened to learn of the Sunday passing of Eddie Dillon, husband of Past President Sherry Dillon, following an extended illness.

A Wytheville native, Eddie was married to Sherry for 33 years. During Sherry's long Kiwanis membership, Eddie was a supporter of many club activities and attended numerous functions. He was definitely a friend of Kiwanis.

[The obituary can be found here.](#)

Please join me in extending our sympathy and support to Sherry and the entire Dillon family.

Congrats!

The United Way of Roanoke Valley has named Mike McEvoy as one of their 100 Heroes for Leadership and named Joe Gaither for Volunteerism - there is a recognition coming up at the Salem Red Sox on June 7. You can [read about it here.](#)

Scholarships in the News

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke's scholarships and scholarship award winners were highlighted in local news! You can read the [Roanoker article here](#) and the [Roanoke Star article here.](#)

Ways you can volunteer in the coming weeks

Calling all garden caretakers: Please sign up for a week this summer - contact Cynthia Gray if this is something you could do. Help!!! Our signature project needs you! Cynthia will coach you through the garden caretaking tasks. Help us grow our Kiwanis Nature Park!

If you received a survey in your email inbox soliciting feedback on the annual Prayer Breakfast, please take a few minutes to give us feedback

on changing the date, the venue, what you might improve or just keep the same... Dave and Cheri hope to hear from you by June 10th please!

Next Book Club meeting is June 12th at the South County Library on Merriman Road - read what you please and tell us why you chose to read it and share it with us! Join your fellow Kiwanians for a delightful evening at 6 pm that Wednesday. Questions? Call David Hartman!

Fun Day

A note from Steve M - For those who were there (on Saturday), you already know that our third annual FunDay2024 at Horton Park 1 & 2, at the Melrose Library, at our Kiwanis Nature Park, and at the Envision Center was a phenomenal success!

We owe a huge thanks to Coach Joe Gaither and his legions from Shiloh Baptist Church, to Cheri Hartman and her many sister and brother Roanoke Kiwanians, and to all the rest of you on this email list for your many contributions to this wonderful yearly event.

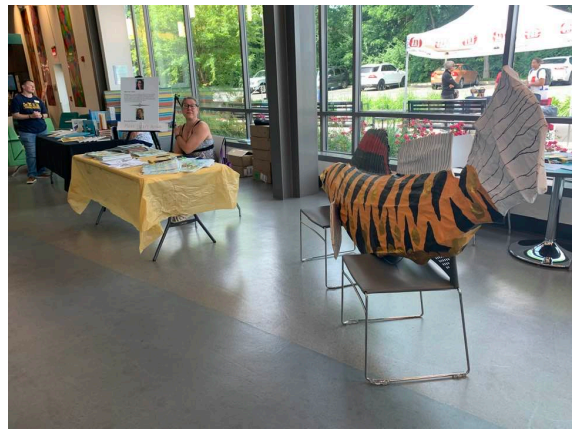
The weather was perfect, and our FunDay2024 could not have been better - thanks again!

A note from Cheri - Thank you to ALL of you who made this commUNITY event possible!!! What an amazing team! So much joy seeing the kindness, the smiles, watching the fun; hearing the connections being made — it was all about US together. Like a symphony of goodwill as we provided food, education, toys that encourage healthy activity, health education and services, music, community resources doing outreach.

To have a brilliant author and a genius of an artist sharing the fruits of their talent in the form of Larry the Logperch was just magical! The children who took such genuine interest in what was available to learn made my day! I treasured those moments- amazement with the turtles, thrilled with the face painting, chasing and blowing bubbles. Thank you!!! The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke is grateful for its many many partners!

The event was highlighted by Dan Casey in the [Roanoke Times here](#) and on the radio through WVTF which [you can listen here](#).

Photo of check presentation to the West End Center's Karen Pillis (and Deseree Stanfield). This check of \$1500 was awarded as part of the Readers Today Leaders Tomorrow project, as approved by the club's Board of Directors. Also below -- a photo of Melissa Rooney (Larry's author) with the West End Center children who helped to illustrate Larry the Logperch along with other photos from the event.





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.

Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

 **Forward**

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
