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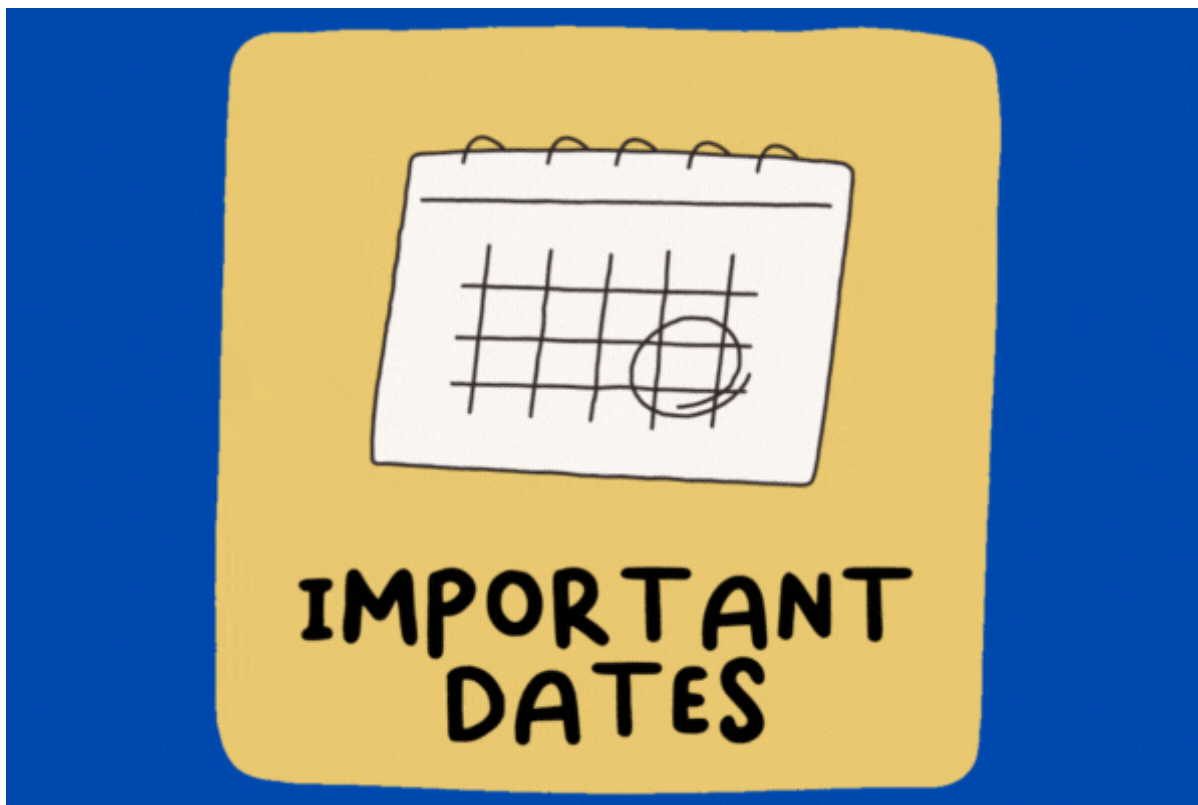
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President's Message

by Mike O'Brochta

Next message July 23rd.



July 17 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Nikki Austin-Hicks, Alzheimer's Walk

July 24 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Bethany Worley, Blue Ridge Institute & Museum

July 24 - (6:30 pm) Book Club

July 25 - (10 am) Roanoke Star Ribbon Cutting

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

July 31 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting

August 12 - (4 pm) Nature Park Meeting, Melrose Library and Zoom

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

July 17 - Club Meeting, Nikki Hicks, Alzheimer's Association

Nikki Hicks has worked in development for 24 years. She has worked for the Alzheimer's Association for 2 years. Hicks lives in Abingdon, Virginia with

her husband and son. Nikki will be managing our Walk to End Alzheimer's event in Roanoke, Danville, and New River Valley. For the past three years, Nikki was the Director of the Annual Fund & Community Engagement for William King Museum of Art in Abingdon. Prior to that, Nikki managed special events and Walk for the March of Dimes for 15 years.



Highlights from our last meeting



Kiwanian Luke Young gives a humorous autobiography



Rachel Hopkins explains the CHIP Backback program



Joe Gaither thanks contributing groups for a successful Fun Day



Nelson Harris reveals snippets of his book on Roanoke history in the 1950s



Recognition of Spring Fun Day Volunteers



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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.](#)

Mack Cooper

We were saddened to learn of the passing of former Kiwanian Mack Cooper, who died peacefully at his home yesterday, according to his longtime neighbor and Kiwanis sponsor Eric Danielsen.

Mack was a very active Kiwanis Club of Roanoke member from 2000-06, serving on the board of directors during that period and making an indelible impression on those Kiwanians who knew him, which were most. Mack was a most effective KPAD sales chairman, regularly whipping the club into a frenzy with his motivational weekly reports. KPAD, which started just a few years before Mack joined Kiwanis, grew significantly during Mack's involvement.

Past President Manly Aylor has known and appreciated Mack since their Roanoke Jaycee days dating to the 1980s.

For a long time, Mack oversaw G&M Upholstery in Wasena, a family business that his father, Mack Cooper, Sr., owned and operated after going to work there as an apprentice in 1946.

Details on Mack Jr.'s services are not complete at this time. Sympathies go out to his family and friends.

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!)

Nature Park

Nature Park meetings are 2nd Mondays- all are welcome! August 12th meet at Melrose Library or get a Zoom link to join virtually from Cheri (email her at chartman2423@gmail.com) meetings start at 4 pm.

FUN Committee Event:

Stoney Brook Vineyards

Saturday, July 27th, 1 to 5 pm

BBQ lunch with all the trimmings

Kiwanis cookies for dessert

Purchase your own wine

Enjoy the music of Mark Folks

Bring your own chair

\$15 per person
Signups available at meeting



Former Member Spotting

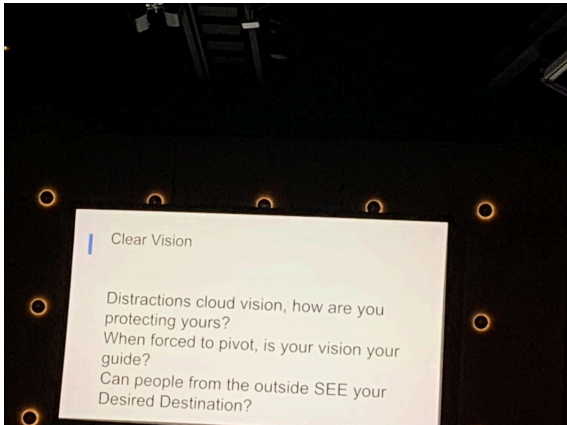
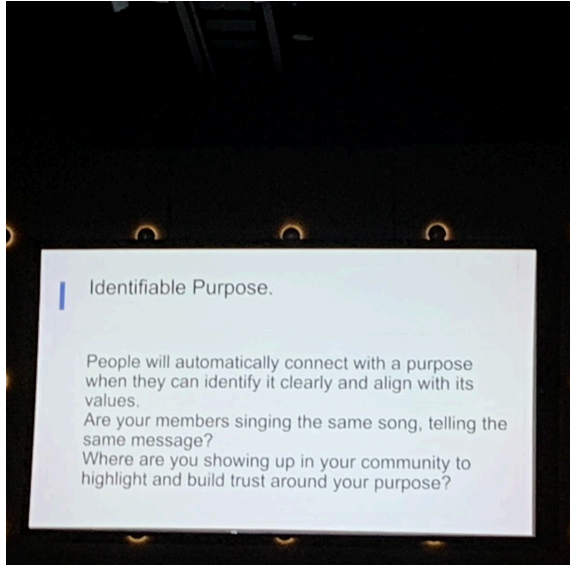
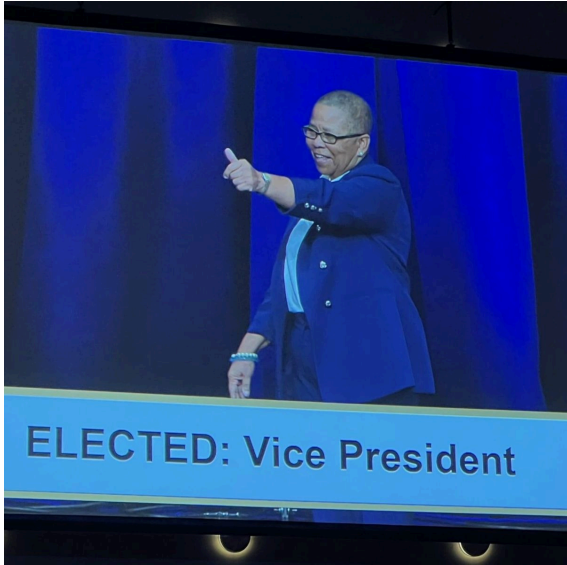
Former Kiwanian Bill Magee attended the July presentation by Nelson Harris at Brandon Oaks.



International Convention

Below are a few highlights from Dave and Cheri Hartman's experience at the Kiwanis Convention in Denver. The last photo is district 15 folks at the convention.





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.



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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 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*2
- Bart Wilner
- Harry Zulauf
- Bill Bestpitch
- Keith Hartman*2
- Bob Habermann
- Eric Sichau
- Sam Lionberger III
- David Points
- Jeanne Bollendorf
- Steve McGraw
- Joe Gaither

Summary of Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Board Meeting on July 8, 2024

13 attended; O'Brochta presided from Edinburgh, Scotland

1) Montgomery read two notes from this year's scholarship winners, one who is going to William and Mary and the other going to Princeton.

2) We presently have 149 members with 2 applications in the pipeline.

3) Cheri reported that Kiwanis International dues are going up \$25 per year. This increase was approved by 80% of the delegates to the recent convention.

4) Our club is partnering with the Chamber to sponsor a Mayor Candidates Forum on October 1st.

5) There will be a ribbon-cutting at the Roanoke Star for our auction winner, Bower Heating and Air Conditioning, on July 25th at 10am. Attend if you

can!

- 6) Our club is partnering with Virginia Tech to have a Heat Resilience Event on September 14th as part of the \$1,000,000 grant that was awarded.
- 7) Our club will be sponsoring a blood drive in the future.
- 8) Grant applications have been sent out with a return date of August 15th.



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.

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 **Forward**

Kiwanian Birthdays

July 4 Preston Tyler
July 7 Sam Lionberger, Jr.
July 13 David Farnum
July 19 Ken Mowbray
July 21 Taylor Medley
July 23 Lori Baker-Lloyd
July 24 Jamie Bailey
July 29 Reggie Harris



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