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Leading the Way



This week's program: My Time at The Roanoke Times presented by **Matt Chittum**, Staff Writer. Chittum covers Roanoke City; he can be referred to as a City Beat Writer. A Roanoke native, he's in his 23rd year with the Roanoke Times, having overcome an inauspicious start with a part-time clerical job. His two degrees in English have also have not been much of a hindrance.

Matt is married to Ellen Campbell Chittum, a 5th grade teacher. They have two daughters, Hadley, 16, and Harper, 10.

In his spare time, he lovingly aggravates his wife and kids, walks his beagle, runs long distances in defiance of his advancing weight, coaches girls lacrosse, strums his ukulele, bangs on the piano, cranks up his guitar amp when everyone's out of the house and remains determined, even in middle-age, to prove his departed mother was wrong when she said this punk rock thing was a phase.

His 23-year career has overlapped with dramatic change in the newspaper business, from technological advances including the internet to attitudes regarding the role of the news media in society.

Next Meeting – March 8

Opening Bell – President Andy Stone

Welcome Table – Tim Thompson

Invocation – Wendy Mellenthin

Song Leader – Dan Chitwood

Pledge of Allegiance – Walter Vance

Introduction of Guests – Tim Thompson



Tim Bradshaw Roanoke Blacksburg Regional Airport

Important Kiwanis Dates . . .

March 8, 2017 – CTE Committee @ The Roanoker @ 8am

March 15, 2017 – Haley Toyota KPAD Kick Off

March 17-19 – Kiwanis Capital District Convention, Key Club Convention & CKI Convention, Baltimore MD

April 29, 2017 – Orvis Kids Fishing Day @ 9am at Hope Tree Family Services

May 4, 2017 – Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast @ 715am @ Kazim Temple

May 13, 2017 – Haley Toyota Kiwanis Pancake & Auction Day @ Berglund Center

Brag Bucks: \$1,321 raised so far this year; our goal is to beat last year's brag bucks total of \$2,443.

Up-Coming Programs

- ✓ **Mar 15** – Haley Toyota Kiwanis Pancake & Auction Day Kick-Off
- ✓ **Mar 22** – The Metropolitan Opera – Stephen White
- ✓ **Mar 29** – General Assembly Update

Welcome! Staunton River Key Club: Dalton Lucas, Jasmine Scott, Jacklynne Goyne, Josh Cornett, Michelle Esposito, and Tahirah Henderson; Diana Lewis and Brad Boettcher, Roanoke Regional Airport; Deborah Cobourn, Shalom Zone (John Montgomery); Norah Mulinda and Sara Hamilton, Key Club leadership (Ken Briggs); and Bob Price, RL Price Construction (Mike Pyle).



Congratulations! Tina Badger accepted a \$500 grant from us for **Roanoke Community Garden Association** and **Becky Brandenberger** accepted a \$500 grant from us for **The Salvation Army**. RCGA will use the funds to provide food education for Head Start and other youth programs. Salvation Army will match funds from St. John's Lutheran Church to establish a neighborhood garden for residents of SE Roanoke on surplus land that SA owns.

Business Notes: **Ducky Derby** tickets are on sale – this raffle supports eight neo natal intensive care units (NICU) in the Capital District Region (VA, MD, DC, TN, DE), tickets are **\$5 each or 3 for \$10**, the drawing takes place on **March 18** at the Capital District Convention, all prizes are cash, please contact **Lloyd Enoch** to purchase tickets; **May 4 is our Annual Prayer Breakfast**, this year the keynote speaker will be David Jones of Williams Memorial Baptist Church, participants are encouraged to bring their pastor to the event, for more information please contact **Reggie Wood**. We are looking for new items for the **Haley Toyota KPAD auction** and gently used items for the yard sale, please contact **Betsy Bohannon** with questions or drop-off information. **Bob Thomas** has requested help with donations of in-kind items for KPAD, please contact him if you have relationships with any companies that would provide grants or donated supplies.





Service Leadership Corner – Staunton River Key Club reported on their recent club activities which included Trick or Treat for UNICEF (selling bags of candy), Hat Day fundraiser (Paying \$1 to wear a hat to school), Dance Marathon, serving a meal at The Rescue Mission, and Operation Gratitude (mailing letters and candy to soldiers serving overseas).