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Stand By Your Plan



This week's program: Star City Reads Sparkles Again! Presented by **Sheila Umberger**, Director of Libraries, **City of Roanoke**. Roanoke Public Libraries is the lead in the National Campaign for Grade level Reading's local initiative Star City Reads. The presentation centers on how engagement with community partners and improved neighborhood-centered libraries resulted in the City of Roanoke winning the All-America City award in both 2012 and 2017.

Sheila grew up in Southwest Virginia where at the age of 10 she told her parents she wanted to be a librarian. She holds degrees from the University of Kentucky and the University of South Carolina. In 1982, Sheila was hired by the City of Roanoke to convert their Library card catalog into computer code- the basis of today's online catalog. She was instrumental in implementing the Roanoke Valley Library Consortium, which allows citizens from 4 local jurisdictions to have uniform, free access to 23 libraries in the Roanoke area. Since 2004, Sheila has been Director of Libraries, where she continues to lead a major capital plan to renovate and expand neighborhood branch services, as well as leading the Star City Reads plan to improve grade-level reading.

Next Meeting – November 29

Opening Bell – President Don Witt

Welcome Table – Cynthia Gray

Invocation – Dan Karnes

Song Leader – Don Chichester

Pledge of Allegiance – Reif Kessler

Introduction of Guests – Cynthia Gray



Cindy Peterson from
the Taubman Museum of Art

Important Kiwanis Dates . . .

November 28, 2017 – Playground Comm Mtg
at Roanoke Housing Authority

November 29, 2017 – Blood Drive at St. John's
Episcopal from 12pm-5pm

December 7, 2017 – Kiwanis Social Night –
A Christmas Story @ Mill Mountain Theatre
w/pre-show reception

December 20, 2017 – West End Center Holiday
Party

December 27, 2017 – Christmas No Meeting

May 5, 2018 – KPAD

May 30, 2018 – Memorial Day No Meeting

July 4, 2018 – Independence Day No Meeting

*So far this year we have raised \$623 for the Foundation; our goal is to beat last year's total of \$2,936.
Who would like to make a \$2 brag (or more) today?*

PHOENIX STAR AKTION CLUB—at their November 20 meeting, the Aktion Club enjoyed Thanksgiving Dinner, provided by Kiwanian Walter Vance and Northwest Hardware. THANK YOU, WALTER!!

Up-Coming Programs

- ✓ **December 6** – Promoting Healthy Choices in Our Youth – Nancy Hans and Brooks Michael
- ✓ **December 13** – Roanoke Children’s Theatre Holiday Fun! – Pat Wilhelms
- ✓ **December 20** – West End Center Party
- ✓ **December 27** – No Meeting

Important Business! We are getting ready to go to press with the hard copy of the 2017-18 Kiwanis Club of Roanoke membership directory. Please take a look at your current directory and let **John Montgomery** know of any changes since the last printing. **The deadline is December 1.** If you don't have a membership directory handy or have joined the club in the last 12 months, please contact John to help with your listing. **2017-2018 Committees** - Lists have been placed at lunch tables, but perhaps you have not been present when they were available or you did not have the opportunity to sign up. If you have not already done so, please let **John Montgomery** know in what areas you would like to serve. **Currently only 53% of our members are signed up!** We are an active service club that needs all to participate to make this club a success. Thank you for your help!



Northside Key Club President Daniel Cook

Welcome! Kiwanis Club of Botetourt County (Hi Nicely); **the Northside Key Club** (Daniel Cook, Dani Anderson, Rae Martz, Lydia Grayson, Kendra Lucas, and Alex Strecker); **Daniel Wickham**, Poe & Cronk Real Estate Group (Robert Carpenter); **Stacey Deaton**, Blue Eagle Credit Union (Diane Smith); **Sherrie Sirdofsky**, Carilion Children's Hospital (Alex Brendel); and **Ruth Parsons**, Adult Care Center (Mike Pyle).

Congratulations! Tracey Palame (Diane Smith) received her **Permanent Member Badge**



The Northside Key Club has 58 Students and they hosted a ribbons for UNICEF fundraiser, are decorating the SPCA for the winter holidays, and volunteering for other area activities.



Congratulations to our \$3,000 grant recipients! Military Family Support Center (Roger Talmadge), Greenvale School (LeeAnn Linkenhoker), and Family Service of the Roanoke Valley (Sharon Thacker).



Sweat Equity Opportunities! We have volunteer opportunities – **Wendy Mellenthin** is collecting **2018 calendars** to donate to veterans at the VA Hospital in Salem. Instead of throwing out calendars you receive in the mail from non-profit groups, please consider bringing them to the next Kiwanis meeting and giving to Wendy. **Annual Coat Drive** for homeless students at area elementary schools – new or used or donate money to purchase. Contact **Mike McEvoy**.

Many thanks to the Jefferson Street Clean-Up Crew! Mike Shaver, Robert Carpenter, John & Joyce Montgomery, Guy Byrd, Mike Loveman, Don Chichester, Bob Thomas, John Pendleton, Andy Stone and the **Hidden Valley Key Club**: Ashley Vaughan, Madison Everett, Lauren Vaughan, Hannah Luviano, Whitney Goodwin, Emma Tingle, Alexandra Gomet

We've got some great Holiday Events!

Social Events! The KFC Kiwanis Fun Crew – has scheduled a fun outing on **December 7** we're having a special Club social for ***A Christmas Story*** at **Mill Mountain Theatre**. Our pre-show reception begins at 6pm. Tickets are \$50 per person, checks can be given to **John Montgomery or Larry Kufel**.

Cookie Exchange! Cookie Exchange at the **December 13** meeting. To participate bring 2 dozen cookies and a nice container to take your cookies home. Each participant will select cookies of their choice in exchange for the two dozen he/she brings. If anyone would like to bring an extra just in case someone forgets that would be thoughtful.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING—Our Kiwanis Club will again be 'ringing' on Market Square during the three evenings of *Dickens of a Christmas...* December 1, 8, and 15. Below is a listing of our schedule. We would welcome 3 or 4 Kiwanians on each shift. Signup sheets will be on the tables on Wednesday, or contact **Betsy Bohannon 540.529.2102** or **Ken Briggs 540.314.9616** to reserve your time.

Friday, December 1—"Christmas Tree Lighting"

6 to 7PM—Reif & Susan Kessler (2 more needed)

7 to 8PM—Andy Stone, Jeanne Bollendorf & Ben Baird

8 to 9PM—**4 needed**

Friday, December 8—"Winter Carnival"

6 to 7PM - Aktion Club Members Gene Sherwood, Jim Watkins, Lynn Wyatt, & Keri Whitlow

7 to 8PM—Betsy & Chris Bohannon, JC & Lourice Taylor

8 to 9PM—Bob Thomas & his dog Wilson (2 more needed)

Friday, December 15—SPCA Pet Contest

6 to 7PM - Eddie & Carolyn Barnes (2 more needed)

7 to 8PM—Rupert Cutler & Brenda McDaniel (2 more needed)

8 to 9PM—Mike McAllister, Ken & Betty Briggs