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Stand By Your Plan



This week's program: Holiday Fun with Roanoke Children's Theatre!
Presented by **Pat Wilhelms**, Artistic Director. Pat will be joined by cast members of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, the Musical* who will sing several musical numbers from the upcoming production.

Roanoke Children's Theatre (RCT) is the valley's only professional theatre designed just for children. RCT provides high-quality theatre education and entertainment for kids, their schools, and their families with year-round productions and programming. RCT produces three literary-based productions each year, and one issue-based production for its RCT4TEENS program. RCT employs professional theatre staff, professional adult actors, and professional theatre educators, who team up with local youth and talent to create a unique mentoring opportunity that benefits the entire community.

In addition to mainstage productions at The Jefferson Center, RCT provides SOL-based classroom residencies in the schools, Kaleidoscope Camp for students with special needs, summer camps, touring shows, and an acting academy for young people.

Next Meeting – December 13

Opening Bell – President Don Witt

Welcome Table – Betsy Bohannon

Invocation – Don Chichester

Song Leader – Tom Miller

Pledge of Allegiance – Betsy Bohannon

Introduction of Guests – Betsy Bohannon



Brooks Michael and Nancy Hans Spoke Last Week

Important Kiwanis Dates . . .

December 13, 2017 – Cookie Exchange and Ugly Christmas Sweater at Kiwanis

December 20, 2017 – West End Center Holiday Party

December 27, 2017 – Christmas No Meeting

January 10, 2018 – Quarterly First Responders Awards

March 7, 2018 – Haley Toyota KPAD Kick Off

May 5, 2018 – Haley Toyota KPAD

May 30, 2018 – Memorial Day No Meeting

July 4, 2018 – Independence Day No Meeting

So far this year we have raised \$644 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?

Up-Coming Programs

- ✓ **December 20** – West End Center Party
- ✓ **December 27** – No Meeting
- ✓ **January 3** – The Ins and Outs of Internet Safety – Ben Adams
- ✓ **January 10** – First Responders Awards

Welcome! Hidden Valley High School Key Club (Victorie Norman, Michaela Johnson, Hannah Luviano, Madison Everett, Tammie Smiles, Cole Shepherd); **Danielle Alexander**, Good Samaritan Hospice (Dan Karnes); **Mike Obrochta** (Reif Kessler) and **Ceal Slough** (Jackie Bledsoe).



Congratulations to RAM House and Geralynn Trelue! They received a grant of \$1,500 from Kiwanis. Roanoke Area Ministries has been working for 46 years to help families in need. This grant will be used to help families pay for utility bills when they are struggling with income.

Hidden Valley Key Club reported on recent activities including helping with greenway clean-up, serving meals at the Rescue Mission, raising money for Children's Miracle Network through the Dance Marathon, and helping with the West End Center holiday party.

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. **Make it even more festive by wearing your ugliest Christmas Sweater to Kiwanis that day!**



THANK YOU! Mike McEvoy reported that our Club donated 28 coats for homeless students in Roanoke schools. 120 coats were provided by the program run by Westside Elementary School; and Don Chichester reported that 520 older adults were served at the annual **Thanksgiving Dinner at the Adult Care Center.**

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, we've received 180 so far. **West End Center Holiday Party** – we are collecting cash donations to buy presents and pay for the meal. Present shopping will take place on **December 16 at 730** at the Clearbrook Walmart and present wrapping will take place on **December 19 at 530pm** at St. John's Episcopal Church. All are welcome, but please let **Lois Larson** llarson@generationsolutions.net know if you will be participating or donating money – thank you!



SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE— We will continue ringing this **Friday, December 15**, from 6 to 9PM at *Dickens of a Christmas*. Kiwanians are invited to come downtown, enjoy the festivities and dinner, help us ring (optional), and place a donation in our kettle. Bring the kids and grandkids. We will be located in front of the Market Square Entrance to 'Center in the Square'. Thus far, we have collected \$764.64 on two Friday evenings. Our scheduled 'ringers' for December 15 are:

6 to 7PM—John Light, Eddie & Carolyn Barnes

7 to 8PM—Rupert Cutler & Brenda McDaniel

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

To be added as a volunteer, or for more information, contact **Betsy Bohannon 540.529.2102** or **Ken Briggs 540.314.9616**