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Stand By Your Plan



This week's program: Let's Get Ready to Party! Presented by **Santa** and **Mrs. Claus**. We're hosting our annual West End Center holiday.

Special thanks to the volunteers who donated to buy presents and lunch for the kids from the West End Center. And thank you to all of the elves who purchased and wrapped presents to give out at the party.

Sponsors for the Party are: **Elk Hill Advisors, Northwest Hardware, Evergreen Burial Park, Dan Chitwood, and Virginia Capital Strategies.**



Next Meeting – December 20

Opening Bell – President Don Witt

Welcome Table – Chloe White

Invocation – Wendy Mellenthin

Song Leader – Dan Chitwood

Pledge of Allegiance – Sam Darby

Introduction of Guests – Chloe White



The Cast of Best Christmas Pageant Ever Performed Last Week

Important Kiwanis Dates . . .

December 20, 2017 – West End Center Holiday Party

December 27, 2017 – Christmas No Meeting

January 10, 2018 – Quarterly First Responders Awards

February 17, 2018 – Key Club Dance Marathon to benefit Children’s Miracle Network

March 2-4, 2018 – Capital District Key Club Convention in Baltimore, MD

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 \$758 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 27** – No Meeting
- ✓ **January 3** – The Ins and Outs of Internet Safety – Ben Adams
- ✓ **January 10** – First Responders Awards

Welcome! Roanoke Children's Theatre Actors (Caitlin McEvoy, Brett Roden, Mary Hannah Garber, De'Shawn Riley, Kristen Kay Smith, Taylor Cobb); **Ian Felker**, Roanoke Children's Theatre (Jeanne Bollendorf); **Julie Blanchard**, Carilion Clinic (Alex Brendel) and **Joe Bradney**, Roanoke Regional Airport.

Welcome New Member Chloe White!

Sponsored by Clark Goodman and Andy Stone, she is a State Farm insurance agent helped sponsor the Kiwanis Bocce Tournament.

Congratulations to Roanoke Children's Theatre! They received a grant of \$1,500 from Kiwanis. This grant will be used to provide scholarships for kids who participate in Kaleidoscope Camp. The program is a week-long theatre camp for children with disabilities.



and



Red Kettle: Kiwanians, we collected \$436.10 on Friday evening, which brings our 2017 total to \$1200.74 - our 3rd highest recorded total in our 10 years of ringing. Thanks to each of you for braving the cold winds and huge crowds. **A special 'shout out' to Captains Monica and Andy Seiler.** As you may know, they are the busiest folks in Roanoke these days as they manage the Red Kettles, prepare for bikes and other gifts for many children, and respond to the basic needs of the people. In spite of their other obligations, they found time to deliver our kettle, stand, and bells each Friday....and to make a 'special count' of our 3 kettles so that we can report our totals. And also **Salvation Army Board Member John Montgomery**, who came down on two Friday nights to pick up our kettle and other materials.



Ken & Betty Briggs with Mike McAllister and Eric Danielsen Collecting for the Red Kettle at Dickens of a Christmas

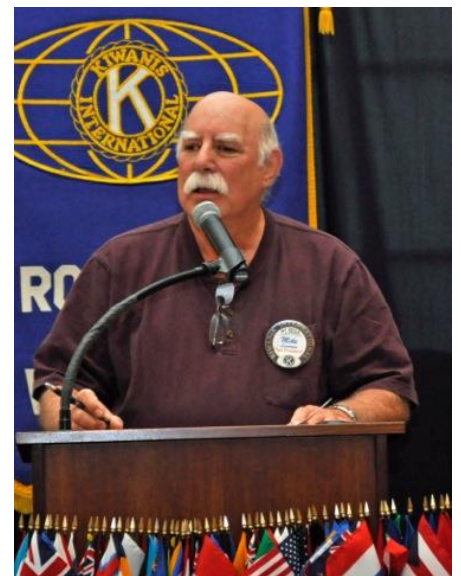
Let's plan to do it again in 2018 - Ken Briggs & Betsy Bohannon, Co-Chairs



AKtion Club Christmas Luncheon this week

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 more than 200 so far.

Mike Loveman presented his autobiography last week: Mike has learned over his past 67 years that life is a series of peaks and valleys with challenging transitions in between. His journey began in the northern Ohio town of Medina, from there he went to Ohio State University where his blood turned scarlet and gray. After receiving his degree in Natural Resources, Mike went to work for the Metropolitan Parks in Akron, Ohio. His next major peak was meeting his wife, Susan, at the park. They moved to Chapel Hill, NC where Mike worked for the parks and recreation department. For the next 18 years his blood had a slight Carolina Blue tinge and he completed a Master's Degree at UNC Chapel Hill in Public Administration. Both of Mike's children were born in North Carolina. The family moved to Roanoke in the late 1990s. Mike's son Jack is a Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy and his daughter Ellie is a technical writer in Houston, TX. Mike worked briefly for the parks and recreation department in Roanoke before becoming a project manager and human resources and safety director for Lanford Brothers. After 15 years he decided to hang up his steel-toed shoes. Mike has been a member of Kiwanis since 2002 and was sponsored by Rupe Cutler. He has enjoyed many years of service on committees and the board of directors and was president in 2011.





Longtime Roanoke Kiwanian Dick Rakes passed away last Tuesday in a local hospital. He was 90 years old and had been a member of our club since 1972. He was club president in 1982-83 and during his time of membership had more than 30 years of perfect attendance. He was very active on a number of committees and one of our academic scholarships is named after him.

RAKES, Richard Carlyle April 13, 1927 - December 12, 2017 Richard Carlyle (Dick) Rakes (90) Roanoke, Virginia, died on December 12, 2017 at Lewis Gale Medical Center. He was born on April 13, 1927, in Roanoke, son of Thomas W. Rakes and Ada Via Rakes. Dick graduated from Granby High

School in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1944. As a member of the Army Reserve Specialized Training Program he attended Virginia Tech 1944-1945, before going on active duty where he served in the Infantry just before the end of World War II. After serving in Germany in the army of occupation he returned to college, and was admitted to the University of Richmond School of Law in 1948. He was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa prior to his graduation from law school in 1951. He married Jean Muriel Smith on September 19, 1953. Following his commission as a First Lieutenant in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corp. He served in the 2174th United States Army Garrison until his retirement in 1971, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. Dick began his law practice with the firm Gentry and Locke and was made partner in 1958, at which time the firm became Gentry, Locke & Rakes. He retired in 1991 after 40 years, at which time the firm name was Gentry, Locke, Rakes & Moore. He was president of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys 1977-1978, and president of Roanoke Kiwanis Club 1982-1983. In 2013, Dick received the Bo Rogers Lifetime Achievement Award. Dick became a certified mediator for General cases in General District Court and Circuit Court Civil where he served many years. He served on the board of directors of Adult Care Center, Conflict Resolution Center and Children's Trust of Roanoke Valley. Dick was a long time member of Greene Memorial United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School, was active on the Missions Committee and took mission trips to Mexico and Ecuador. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Jean Rakes; sons, R. Bruce Rakes and his wife Ellen of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, Darryl L. Rakes of Roanoke, Virginia and Alan A. Rakes and his wife Karen of Palm Bay, Florida; his sister, Carole Field Lacy of Bedford, Virginia; granddaughter, Jordan Rakes (Brooks); and grandson, Colin Rakes; and various nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to one of Dick's favorite charities: The Roanoke Rescue Mission or the Roanoke Kiwanis Club to support scholarships.