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Stand By Your Plan



This week's program: *Higher Ed, Higher Expectations*, presented by **Michael Maxey**, President, **Roanoke College**. As Roanoke College's 11th president, Michael C. Maxey focuses on student learning and success, the campus quality of life and advancing Roanoke's dramatic progress. He also is committed to a close relationship between the College, its students and the local community for the betterment of all. President Maxey is a strong advocate for liberal arts colleges, contending that the skills learned through the intellectual and leadership opportunities there serve our democracy by preparing outstanding citizens.

On the national level, President Maxey is active with numerous educational organizations and at the local level, Maxey is vice chair of the United Way of Roanoke Valley Board of Directors. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Business Council of the Roanoke-Blacksburg Region, Inc. and the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. President Maxey was named Citizen of the Year by the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce in 2007. Maxey has twice been named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Salem Rotary Club.

Next Meeting – January 31

Opening Bell – President Don Witt

Welcome Table – Will Dibling

Invocation – Bill Logan

Song Leader – Gary Duerk

Pledge of Allegiance – Cynthia Gray

Introduction of Guests – Will Dibling



**Last Week's Presenter Ruth Waalkes from
The Moss Arts Center**

Important Kiwanis Dates . . .

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 \$1,306 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

- ✓ **February 7** – Easy Ways to Be Active All Life Long – Russ Gibson
- ✓ **February 14** – The Dancing Duo – Dave & Donna Spangler
- ✓ **February 21** – Empowering the Caregiver – Martha Anderson

Welcome! Roanoke Catholic Key Club joined us last week and Club President Nikki Patel reported on their activities, which include a sweatshirt sale to benefit Puerto Rico hurricane recovery efforts and volunteering for Manna Ministries.

Congratulations to Adult Care Center of Roanoke Valley, they were awarded a grant of \$2,500 to support their programs!

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS
FOR 2016-17**

- 1 YEAR** Betsy Bohannon
Dan Chitwood
Larry Kufel
- 2 YEARS** Amy Carter
Pegram Johnson
Reif Kessler
Jenny Lee
Joyce Montgomery
- 3 YEARS** Cheri Hartman
Andy Stone
Bob Thomas
Don Witt
Reggie Wood
- 5 YEARS** Dave Spangler
- 6 YEARS** Jim Arend
- 9 YEARS** Judy Clark
- 10 YEARS** Ken Briggs
Sherry Dillon
- 12 YEARS** Andree Brooks
- 16 YEARS** Jackie Bledsoe
- 18 YEARS** Don Chichester

- 23 YEARS** John Montgomery
- 26 YEARS** Lloyd Enoch
- 29 YEARS** Don Wilson
- 32 YEARS** David Lemon
- Steve McGraw

**LEGION OF HONOR AWARDS
25+ YEAR MEMBERS
RECOGNIZED IN 5-YEAR INCREMENTS**

- 30 –** Jackie Bledsoe
Calvin Witt
- 35 –** David Bowers
Bart Wilner
- 40 –** John Edwards
Frank Longaker
Mike Quinn
Bill Stack
- 45 –** Alex Bowman
Sam Lionberger, Jr.
John Shumate



Dr. C. Rupert Cutler presented his autobiography last week –



“When John Bradshaw was asked to do this—to summarize my life at a so-called “roast” Roanoke City Council laid on for me when I went off Council in 2006—he punted, and summarized the information I’d given him by saying, “The man can’t hold a job!” His conclusion is understandable because I changed employers often. I think this is what Millennials do now, so I was just ahead of my time. Not wanting to bore you, I’ll provide some “bullet points” to hit the highlights.”

Rupe was born and grew up in Detroit, where he attended the same high school as

fellow Kiwanian David Points. He played trombone in school band, ran track, and watched birds with the Audubon Society. Rupe went to the University of Michigan, where he majored in wildlife management and minored in journalism. While in school he worked for the National Audubon Society in Maine, the U.S. Forest Service in Idaho, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife in Alaska in the summertime; graduated in June 1955. Rupe met his first wife Gladys while working as instruction book writer at Argus Cameras in Ann Arbor and he adopted her three children, sons Richard and Phil and daughter Monti. Richard passed away in Los Angeles long ago, Phil and his wife live in Olympia, Washington, Monti lives in Bristol, Virginia. Rupe has five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. During the course of his career, he lived in Flagstaff, Arizona (editor of the weekly paper and sold cameras in Flagstaff), Boston (ran a statewide sportsmen’s club with headquarters), Virginia (editor of Virginia Wildlife magazine), and Washington, D.C. (managing editor of National Wildlife magazine and assistant executive director of The Wilderness Society). In 1969 Rupe returned to academe, earning an M.S. and Ph.D. in natural resources economics at Michigan State University and joining the teaching faculty there. In 1977, he returned to Washington to work for President Jimmy Carter as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, in charge of federal forestry, soil conservation, and agricultural research and extension programs. At the conclusion of the Carter Administration, Rupe became Senior Vice President of the National Audubon Society, then Executive Director of Population-Environment Balance, then President and CEO of Defenders of Wildlife. In 1990 he moved to Roanoke to work with Bern Ewert on the Explore Project and became the Executive Director in 1991. In 1997 Rupe became the founding Executive Director of the Western Virginia Land Trust, now the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy and retired in 1999. He was elected to Roanoke City Council in 2004 (and filling a vacancy from 2009-2010), where he met his current wife Brenda McDaniel. Gladys passed away in 2013 and he and Brenda married in 2015. They have lived happily ever after in their Jefferson Street condos. That’s 84 ½ years’ experience in a nutshell.



Dear Roanoke Kiwanis Club,

The staff of West End Center would like to thank you for the wonderful Christmas Party that you gave our young children this year. What a joyous occasion and so well planned. We appreciate the child-friendly meal and the helpful staff to care for these little ones.

We were so impressed that you were able to coordinate with "Santa" the requests made from their letters to him. We know that your "elves" were very busy finding so many nerf guns and mermaid snuggie tails. The children were so excited. Thank you for this extra effort!

This event is a highlight for the children each year and we appreciate all the thought and preparation that goes into making this a special day. Thank you for including the staff in the meal and festivities.

May your year be blessed and filled with childlike joy!

Club Relocation Committee – at the beginning of the calendar year the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Board of Directors received notification from the Patrick Henry Ballroom that our discounted rental rate of \$300 per week will increase to \$600 per week beginning March 1, 2018. Management decided that our discounted rate is no longer feasible for them based on time and labor costs, as well as turning away other potential renters who would pay the full rate. This rate increase would increase Club by \$100 each year. The Board has appointed a special committee to review alternative locations and review pricing structures to report back to the Board and Club members at a later date.