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# Kiwanis NEWS

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## Stand By Your Plan



**This week's program:** *Mechatronics at Virginia Western Community College* presented by **Dan Horine**. Dan is the Program Head of Mechatronics Systems Engineering Technology at Virginia Western Community College. He has an Associate of Science in Engineering from Virginia Western, a Bachelor of Science from Old Dominion University in Mechanical Engineering Technology, and a Masters of Engineering in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia. He has worked for 10 years as the program head of Mechatronics at Virginia Western. In 2014, he won "Educator of the Year" at the National Science Foundation's High Technology Exchange Conference.

The curriculum is designed to challenge the student with hands-on instruction in mechanical, electrical and computer systems in preparation for the Siemens Mechatronics Systems Certification. A Siemens Certified Mechatronic Systems Associate will function as a highly skilled technician who can work with modules and components in complex mechatronic systems as well as be able to assess and analyze the system as a whole. A certified Associate can manage, investigate, repair and troubleshoot mechatronic systems, with the aim of operational and cost efficiency, and process control.

**Next Meeting – March 14**

**Opening Bell** – President Don Witt

**Welcome Table** – Ben Shepherd

**Invocation** – Dan Karnes

**Song Leader** – Judy Clark

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Walter Vance

**Introduction of Guests** – Ben Shepherd



**KPAD Shenanigans!**

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**Important Kiwanis Dates . . .**

**April 4, 2018** – Kiwanis Meetings Move to Charter Hall in the City Market at 12pm

**April 7, 2018** – Clean Valley Day, Lick Run Greenway & Washington Park clean-up

**April 21, 2018** – Orvis - Kiwanis Kid's Fishing Day @ 9am @ HopeTree Family Services

**April 25, 2018** – Regular Kiwanis Meeting @ Holiday Inn Tanglewood @12pm

**May 3, 2018** – Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast@ 715am @ Kazim Temple, Cost is \$7

**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 \$1,479 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**

- ✓ **March 21** – Experiencing the Real World – Sandy Light
- ✓ **March 28** – General Assembly Report
- ✓ **April 4** – Hollins University – Pareena Lawrence
- ✓ **April 11** – Quarterly First Responders Awards

**May 3 is the Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast** – the event will be at the Kazim Temple from 7:15 – 8:30am and tickets are \$7. Please contact Mike Hamlar to sign up or volunteer.

**Welcome! The Phoenix Star AKtion Club and Juanita Thornton; Rev. Joe Cobb**, City Council candidate (Dave Spangler); and **Diane Phillips** (Dan Chitwood).

**Kiwanis Relocation Begins April 4** - we will meet at Charter Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the City Market), and that will be our permanent meeting location each Wednesday (with the exception of **April 25<sup>th</sup>**). That meeting, and ONLY that meeting, will be at Holiday Inn Tanglewood. The Membership Committee is contacting members individually to notify everyone of the change and answer questions.

**New Kiwanis Club under Development!** A new Kiwanis club is under development in Franklin County as a joint effort by the Kiwanis Clubs of Roanoke and Botetourt County. A team of local Kiwanians and staff from Kiwanis International will be making personal calls in Franklin County on April 16 & 17 to enroll charter members of the new club. We are developing a list of prospective members for these personal visits. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining the new club as a Charter Member, please ask them to attend an informational meeting, with you if possible, on **Thursday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Westlake Country Club, 360 Chestnut Dr. Hardy, VA**. Also, please give that person's name to Lloyd Enoch at [lenoch54@gmail.com](mailto:lenoch54@gmail.com) or 540-632-9266 so we can plan for enough food. There will be free *hors d'oeuvres* and a cash bar. Couples invited.



**Mike O'Brochta**, sponsored by Reif Kessler, was inducted as a new member last week! Mike has been very active in the Boy Scouts and loves to travel and hike. He worked in Washington DC for many years, before moving to Roanoke with his wife Beth and son William. Mike works as a Project Management Consultant and is also working on a book about how to get your CEO to make the right decision!



Thanks to All of the Read Across America Volunteers!



**We had an amazing kick-off for this year's Haley Toyota Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day!** This year we plan to soar to \$41,000 and we need your help! Teams are the **Sassy Swans** (Paige Darby, Lois Larson, Margaret Macher), **Screaming Eagles** (Bill Bestpitch and Dan Karnes), **Awesome Ospreys** (Rupe Cutler and Dave Points), **Fighting Falcons** (Clark Goodman and John Napotnik), **Raging Ravens** (Steve Willis and Walter Vance), and the **K Hogs** (David Lemon and Mike Pyle). By now you have received an email from your captains, please be sure to get your tickets at the next meeting. In addition to selling tickets, each Club Member should post at least one poster, donate at least one item to the yard sale, and get at least one donation for the silent auction.

**Jeff Leatherwood** is once again coordinating volunteers, please be sure to sign up for volunteer duty at a meeting or contact Jeff. **Betsy Bohannon** and **Joyce Montgomery** are coordinating the yard sale and silent auction, please bring your items to a meeting or contact Betsy or Joyce for delivery. As always, tickets can be purchased and donated back to the Club for distribution to non-profits and first responders, tickets that are being donated should be given to **John Pendleton** and **Chloe White**.

**This year, we're excited to offer fancy pancakes made by Guest Chefs from local restaurants! These are available for an additional donation after the ticket holder enters the event. And if you're on Facebook or have family members who are on Facebook, please LIKE and SHARE our Kiwanis page and KPAD Event pages!**