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Stand By Your Plan



This week's program: *Experiencing the Real World: How I discovered that solo travel to remote worksites in developing countries like Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, South Africa, Vietnam, Tajikistan, Guatemala and Fiji taught me more about the citizens of the world than anything found in tours or literature, presented by **Sandy Light**.*

Sandy's trips were terrific and life-changing. They involved exhausting physical labor as well as 'roughing it' to the extreme. Today she will talk about traveling to remote villages via two non-profits, Peaceworks and Habitat Global Village. When she isn't traveling, Sandy is a professional volunteer. She has served on the boards of the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy, DePaul Family Services, the Jefferson Center Foundation, Mill Mountain Theatre, TAP's Families in Transition, the Science Museum of Western Virginia, the Julian Stanley Wise Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, and Read Mountain Fire & Rescue. Sandy is also a professional fundraiser who has helped raised support for the MS Society's "Dinner of Champions", Center in the Square, the Jefferson Center, Mill Mountain Theatre, and other non-profits.

Currently Sandy volunteers with No One Dies Alone (NODA), a program in which volunteers stay with terminal patients during the dying process in circumstances when families are unavailable.

Next Meeting – March 21

Opening Bell – President Don Witt

Welcome Table – Mike O'Brochta

Invocation – JC Taylor

Song Leader – Gary Duerk

Pledge of Allegiance – Walter Vance

Introduction of Guests – Mike O'Brochta



Last Week's Speaker, Dan Horine

Important Kiwanis Dates . . .

March 22, 2018 – Smith Mountain Lake New
Kiwanis Club Info Meeting @ 530pm @ Westlake
Country Club

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 \$1,556 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 28** – General Assembly Report (Sen John Edwards, Del Sam Rasoul, Del Chris Head)
- ✓ **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! Susan Brown, Wells Fargo (Mike Pyle); **Jim Hines**, Appalachian Power (Harold Wiseman); and **Rev. Joe Cobb**, City Council candidate (Dave Spangler).

Kiwanis Relocation Begins April 4 - we will meet at Charter Hall (3rd floor of the City Market), and that will be our permanent meeting location each Wednesday (with the exception of **April 25th**). 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. Lt. Governor Lloyd Enoch reports that we held a very encouraging meeting last week at Westlake Country Club with nine prospective members attending. Many thanks go out to Roanoke Kiwanians Pegram Johnson, Diane Smith, and Don Wilson, who invited guests and accompanied them to the initial meeting. Jackie Bledsoe led an excellent discussion that highlighted the benefits of Kiwanis membership. Including three Botetourt Kiwanians, who lent their support, as well as Lloyd and John Montgomery, we had a nice crowd of 18. We have scheduled a second informational meeting this coming **Thursday, March 22, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** -- again at **Westlake Country Club**. At this meeting, we will cover specific details of getting a new club off the ground. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. If you know of a prospective member for the new club, please invite him or her and, if possible, accompany the prospect. If you cannot attend, please send contact information to Lloyd (lenoch54@gmail.com) or John (jmonty@cox.net).





*Somebody said that it couldn't be done
And she with a chuckle replied
That maybe it couldn't but she would be
one
Who wouldn't say so' til she tried...*

Wendy was born to father who emigrated from Manchester, England at age 17 and a mother who could trace her lineage to the Mayflower. "Peter Pan" was my mother's favorite story so I had a brother Peter and a brother James (after the author). Luckily I was not named Tinkerbell or

Tiger Lily! She grew up in Northern NJ where favorite days were the Jewish holidays because there was hardly anyone in class. Wendy later went to Hood College in Frederick, Maryland as my father would only let his daughter go to a women's college. During college she sang in the concert choir, and it was while singing The Messiah with the Naval Academy glee club that she met her husband. After they married Uncle Sam moved them to California, Idaho, Connecticut, and South Carolina, while he served on nuclear powered submarines.

In SC Wendy wanted to do something while her husband was at sea on an attack sub for up to 9 months at a time, so she started working for the Girl Scouts. She was hired as a field director for the right after desegregation and learned a lot about prejudice when the pastor of a white Protestant church in Andrews, SC would not allow troop sponsorship because there might be black girls in the troops. She started a recycling program in partnership with Burger King franchises and US Navy PROJECT CLEAR (Carolina Low country Environmental Area Recycling). After her son, David, was born they transferred to Ann Arbor, MI and lived there for 15 years. Wendy started as Field Director at the Girl Scout council after the CEO had just fired the entire executive staff! She became program director, her job was to identify areas not covered by the current program. Her achievements there include a sexual abuse awareness program and a substance abuse awareness program. After the birth of her daughter Kelley, Wendy enrolled in graduate classes at the University of Michigan. In 1988 they moved to Columbia, SC, where she became the CEO for the Girl Scout council. Nine years later they moved to Champaign, Illinois, and Wendy became the Executive Director for an educational foundation. In 1999 Wendy came to Roanoke and became CEO for the Girl Scouts of VA Skyline Council: this position covered 18,000 square miles; a staff of 55; 13,000 girl members (and their parents); and 4,500 volunteers. Her achievements here include buying the current building on Peters Creek Road, selling three camps, and overseeing the Icimani Program Center. Wendy worked closely with Sam Lionberger, Jr. who kept her sane for eight years. She retired from Girls Scouts nine years ago with the knowledge that she had a career where she could say "on my honor I will try to serve God and my country" every single day.

Next year will be her 30th anniversary of joining Kiwanis. She was one of the first women in the Downtown Columbia Club that met every other Wednesday, then joined a smaller breakfast club where she was the only woman and immediately was asked to fill the vacant secretary's position. She joined the Champaign Urbana Club was initiated into the concept of a pancake breakfast. Six weeks after moving to Roanoke in 1999, Gary Duerk sponsored her for membership in this club and she has chaired a wide variety of committees. The experiences that have meant the most: ringing the bell for the Salvation Army with her Newfoundland who absolutely adored the attention AND chairing the prayer breakfast for four years. After the first year Ken Briggs and Mike Loveman asked Wendy to make the breakfast an interfaith event which she did despite the threat of a boycott by a member of the club. The Prayer Breakfast inspired Wendy to audit a course on Islam at Roanoke College; join Voices of Faith, an interfaith group in the Roanoke Valley; and join Women's Faith Club, a group of Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim women who have had a profound impact on who she is today. Prayer Breakfast attendance tripled because the committee involved the community in meaningful discussions of what we have that unites us instead of the things that divide us. I then joined the

Wendy loves to travel, which is great because her son is a chemical engineer in Idaho and her daughter is an attorney with her own practice in Maine. If you are looking for Wendy and she doesn't answer, try the Salem Y where she spend 6-10 hours a week in the pool. Her misspent youth included being on a synchronized swim team and the pool is still her favorite form of exercise! You may also find her walking her Great Dane and shepherd collie mix in the neighborhood.

*So she buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On her face. If she worried she hid it.
She started to sing as she tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and she did it.*



We are now in full force mode 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**.

First Week Stats:

Cheri Hartman	\$200
David Hartman	\$200
Mike Leigh	\$335
David Lemon	\$200
Mike Loveman	\$700
Mike Pyle	\$650
Jim Randles	\$250
Joyce Waugh	\$200

Top three individuals:

Mike Loveman	\$700
Mike Pyle	\$650
Mike Leigh	\$335

Team Rankings:

Hawks / Hi-Hogs	\$1300.00
Swans	\$1095.00
Ospreys	\$1085.00
Ravens	\$850.00
Eagles	\$325.00
Falcons	\$275.00

Total amount raised to date: **\$4930** (second highest 1st week amount ever raised)

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!