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Stand By Your Plan



This week's program is Hayley Toyota – presented by Chuck Baker, General Manager. Baker will talk about the state of the automotive business today and what that means to the country and localities. HE will also tell us how has the business changed or stayed the same, and what the future of the automotive industry looks like. Baker grew up in Scottsville, Virginia where he went to Albemarle High School. He graduated from the University of Richmond on a golf scholarship in 1984 and worked at Willow Oaks Country Club in Richmond as an assistant golf pro for three years. Baker is married to Debbie, they have four children (Amanda, Kelly, Chad and Zack) and five grandchildren. Baker became General Manager of Haley Toyota of Roanoke in 2001. Today's honorarium is very generously being donated to the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke.

Next Meeting – August 15

Opening Bell – President Don Witt

Welcome Table – Glenn Pierce

Invocation – Bill Logan

Song Leader – Dan Chitwood

Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Loveman

Introduction of Guests – Glenn Pierce



**Hope to See You at Ballast Point
this Week!**

Important Kiwanis Dates . . .

August 16, 2018 – Kiwanis Club of Botetourt
InterClub @ Ballast Point Brewery @530pm

August 17 – 19, 2018 – Kiwanis Capital District
Convention in Reston, VA

September 2, 2018 – Kiwanis Social @Salem Red
Sox @330pm, tickets are \$5

September, 29, 2018 – Key Club service project at
National D-Day Memorial, Bedford VA

October 4, 2018 – Kiwanis Social - West Side Story
@ Mill Mountain Theatre @6pm (reception) show
starts 730pm

October 20, 2018 – Bocce Ball Tournament
@1030am at River's Edge

October 24, 2018 – First Responders Recognition

January 28, 2020 – Kiwanis Club of Roanoke's
100th Anniversary

*So far this year we have raised \$2,740 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

- ✓ **Aug 22** – Roanoke Economic Development – Lisa Soltis
- ✓ **Aug 29** – Member One Federal Credit Union – Mark Hudzik
- ✓ **Sept 5** – The Batten Leadership Institute – Abrina Schnurman – Crook

Welcome Guests! Henry Ayakwah, Roanoke City (André Brooks) and **Herb Hastings** (Steve McGraw).

We have several social events in the coming months. Please invite prospective club members to these events – they are a great way to introduce people to the club in a fun and relaxed atmosphere!

You're Invited! Kiwanis Club of Botetourt is hosting an Interclub on **August 16 at Ballast Point Brewery** in Daleville for an evening of fun, food, prizes, and entertainment throughout the evening. The event runs from **5:30 to 8:30pm**. To sign up call or email **Hi Nicely** at, hiawathanicely@aol.com (540) 239-5909

Nominating Report: The Nominating Committee announced that they received two resignations and are submitting **Mike McEvoy** for the position of Vice President and **Sherry Dillon** to complete the board term of Mike Hamlar for 2018-2019. Nominations from the floor were closed at last week's Kiwanis meeting, this week we will vote.



Gary Duerk presented his autobiography last week:

I was born in Ashland, KY and I grew up in the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad town of Russell KY, which was much like Roanoke was to the Norfolk and Western. It was the era of steam locomotives and I didn't know that snow was white on top until I was 7. My grandfather had a grocery store near the railroad yards. As a small boy I used to play in the coal cars. It is a miracle that I was not hauled away to West Virginia.

My mother got me into the Boy scouts for a safer activity. I earned the rank of Eagle and the God and Country Award. I love the outdoors and I now serve as a Girl Scout leader for the Girl Scout Adventures with my spouse Barbara. We have hiked most of the Appalachian Trail and have ridden our bicycles across the United States from Virginia Beach to Astoria, Oregon.

After high school I studied at the Ashland Community College for two years while working at the Armco Steel Mill in Ashland, Ky. I completed my Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting at the University of Kentucky in 1968. During my senior year at UK I was a member of Circle K. We tutored underprivileged

children as our service project. Also, during my senior year, I met the love of my life, Barbara, on a blind date to a basketball game. We dated in Huntington, WV and were married there in 1968.

I joined the U.S. Army immediately upon graduation from UK and served in Germany as a radar maintenance specialist in a Hawk missile air defense battery for two years and three October fests. Barbara and I lived with a wonderful German family. We attended their son's marriage which began at 8am with bratwurst and beer and continued all day and into the night with the ceremony and eating, drinking and dancing the polka. It took me three days to get over that wedding.

I completed my service with US Army in 1971 and began my CPA career with Brown, Edwards & Company here in Roanoke. I was an equity partner and tax specialist and retired this year after 46 tax seasons. I am a past president of the Roanoke Chapter of the Virginia Society of CPAs and served on several of their committees. I was voted a Super CPA in 1998 by the Virginia Business magazine.

Kiwanis began for me while I was in high school. My mother worked for a counselor of the KY Bureau of Rehabilitation in Ashland, Ky. Her boss was President of the Kiwanis Club of Ashland and she prepared all the reports for him that were required by Kiwanis International. I was impressed by all the service they did for others.

In 1979 I was invited to join the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke by Roger Anglin. Howard Zerbst was the president that year. I became the chairman of the travelogue Committee and various other committees and was elected to serve on the board of directors and was elected club president in 1987. I served as a distinguished president and was elected to serve as Lt. Governor from 1989-1990 and served as a distinguished Lt. Governor. I also have served on the Board of the Kiwanis Foundation of the Capital District and on the board and past president of the Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke. I am also a George F. Hixon Fellow.

During my term as president of this club, Kiwanis International at the 1989 convention in Washington, DC voted to admit women to Kiwanis. This meant a great deal to me as I observed so many outstanding young women in Key Club and Circle K not being able to join Kiwanis. Our own Jackie Bledsoe was one of the first women to join our club.

I have many wonderful memories of traveling to Kiwanis conventions with Past President Mike Kingery. We attended a Kiwanis convention in Baltimore and we did not have tickets for breakfast. Mike said walk in like you own the place and sit at a table on the front row. We were served. Mike always had a birthday every month and with his experience as a past N&W executive he could get anything done.

Traveling with Past President, Jack Wimmer was always a lesson in history of the club and Roanoke. Once at the Kiwanis convention in St. Louis, Barbara and I and Jackie Bledsoe and other Kiwanians went to a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game. After a couple of innings, the score was 11 to 11. Barbara said that she was bored and wanted to see the sights in St. Louis. We left the game and no runs were scored until the 13th inning at about midnight.

I have two daughters, Katrina and Valissa and three grandchildren; Henry, Phoebe and Leo. I am retired now and my interests include family, my church, South Roanoke United Methodist church, Kiwanis, Girl Scouts, Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Greenway Ambassadors, bicycling and playing my trumpet in the Valley Chamber Orchestra. And taking naps in my hammock.



Take me out to the ballgame



Please join us for Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Day at the Ballpark

Where: Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium

When: Sunday September 2, 2018 beginning at 3:30 PM (First Pitch 4:05 PM)

Join us in Club Level Suite located on the **third** level

(accessible by stairs or elevator)

The Salem Red Sox v. the Lynchburg Hillcats.

Just an informal get together with our Kiwanis members, families, and friends!

You can run a tab to order food and drinks from the hostess in the suite.

Each \$5 ticket includes a barcode voucher good for \$5 towards the purchase of food, beverage in the suite. Or \$5 off at the Red Sox Gift Shop.

Tickets can be purchased beginning Wednesday August 15 at the Club meeting and for the subsequent two Wednesdays before game day. We are limited to 50 tickets so get yours before they are gone.

Direct your questions to:

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or

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Location: Rivers Edge Park
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Registration: 10:30 am
Game Time: 11:00 am

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