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# Kiwanis NEWS

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Love Thy Neighbor



This week we our program is – Getting Involved at Blue Ridge Literacy, presented by **Stephanie Holladay**, Executive Director.

Blue Ridge Literacy was founded in 1985 by two librarians who wanted to address a need in the community. The mission of Blue Ridge Literacy is to support achievement of life goals by providing opportunities to strengthen literacy skills to adults in western Virginia. One of their main philosophies is to keep a learner's goals and interests in mind when working with them. Blue Ridge Literacy offers English as a Second Language classes, citizenship classes, and one-to-one tutoring for immigrant and refugee adults, as well as native-speaking adults. All one on one tutor training and classroom training is available to adults in the Virginia counties of Roanoke, Botetourt, Franklin, Alleghany and Craig, and the cities of Roanoke and Salem.

Teachers and students are encouraged to get to know each other and ask questions about each other, as well as expressing their interests. Operating tutoring sessions and classes in this way ensures a reciprocal relationship that may differ from a traditional student/teacher dynamic. BRL has found that developing relationships in an educational setting aids the learning process when working with adult learners.

**Next Meeting – January 16**

**Opening Bell** – President Jenny Lee

**Welcome Table** – Tracey Palame

**Invocation** – Gary Duerk

**Song Leader** – Judy Clark

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Dave Spangler

**Introduction of Guests** – Tracey Palame



**Another Great Program from the First Responders Committee!**

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**Important Kiwanis Dates . . .**

**January 22, 2019** – White Elephant Auction at the Salem Club meeting @ 11:45, bring wrapped presents from the Christmas presents they didn't want, and auction them, all proceeds benefit the Salem Kiwanis foundation

**February 16, 2019** – Key Club Dance Marathon

**April 27, 2019** - Orvis Kid's Fishing Day

**May 11, 2019** – Haley Toyota KPAD @ Berglund Center

**January 28, 2020** – Kiwanis Club of Roanoke's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Who would like to make a \$2 brag (or more) today? We have received \$992 so far - \$3,253 is the number to beat for 2018-2019*

**Up-Coming Programs**

- ✓ **Jan 23** – The Taubman Museum – Cindy Petersen
- ✓ **Jan 30** – Family Love Letters – Sheryl Crawford
- ✓ **Feb 6** – Skelton 4-H Center Programs – Roger Ellmore

**Welcome Guests!** Olivia Kitt and Norah Mulinda, former Key Club LTG; Candice Mulinda, current Key Club LTG (Ken Briggs); Kevin Reeder (Dan Chitwood).

**Congratulations!** We awarded **\$600** to **Congregations in Action** (accepted by Jennie Waering) to help with their snacks in backpacks program.

**Sweat Equity Projects:** Please donate your unwanted 2019 **Calendars - Wendy Mellenthin** is collecting free calendars that club members receive as mail promotions to be donated to the Salem Veteran's Hospital



**Announcement:** One of history's greatest adventures occurred 100 years ago when Ernest Shackleton and his crew attempted to be the first to traverse Antarctica via the South Pole; numerous books, movies, and documentaries have recounted this compelling story. Pay attention during the January 16 meeting to find out how you can volunteer for a compelling KPAD ticket sales Team Captain adventure.



**Chick Attending His First KPAD Meeting!**

**Volunteer Clean Up Opportunity! Sunday, February 3 from 1-2pm** at Lick Run Greenway in Brown Robertson Park. Join members of the Upper Roanoke River Roundtable to pick up trash around the Roanoke River. Bags will be provided. All you need to do is bring gloves! Please call or email to sign up 540-853-5915 [danielle.dehart@roanokeva.gov](mailto:danielle.dehart@roanokeva.gov)



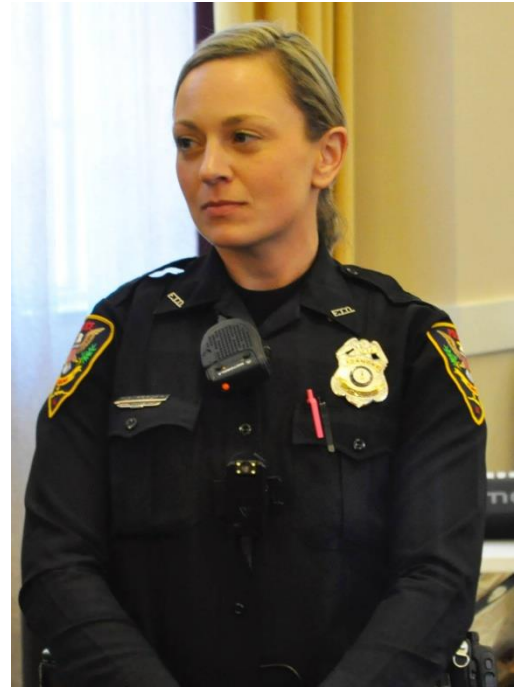
**Roanoke Fire-EMS Firefighter/Paramedic Alex McKinney** was recognized for taking the initiative to greatly improve various lifesaving methods and techniques and is now teaching them to others. During his tenure with the department, McKinney was deployed to serve his country with the US Army. After his return he noticed a need to improve an outdated trauma assessment that the department had been using. With his extensive training in treating trauma, McKinney asked to update the training materials and as of 2018 other firefighter/paramedics are learning and using the new procedures.

**Roanoke County Battalion Chief Craig Robertson** was recognized for his work fighting wildfires. Over the past several years, Robertson has been deployed to a number of large-scale wildfires as well as some prescribed burns which are intentionally set for forest management. Some of the recent well-known fires that Craig has assisted on include the massive Gatlinburg wildfire in 2016; the Brushy Mountain Fire in Bland County in 2018; Oregon (2018); Washington State (2018); and Oklahoma (2018). When Robertson is deployed to these fires, he typically serves as a crew chief in charge of supervising a group of firefighters from around the country.



**Roanoke County Police Officer Taylor Ransom** received a First Responders Award for changing a routine traffic stop into a major drug arrest of an individual while also taking dangerous substances off the streets. While making the stop Ransom recovered marijuana, 35 grams of crystal methamphetamine, a firearm, and \$750.

**Roanoke Police Officer Kinga Roszak** received a First Responders Award for responding quickly and selflessly, risking her own life to save the life of a disabled woman trapped in a house fire. Roanoke Police normally respond to structure fires for the sole purpose of traffic control, which allows Roanoke Fire-EMS to perform their duties. Roszak's response on this day, however, was nothing short of crucial. Without her quick action, this citizen would have suffered catastrophic injuries, or possibly perished in the fire.



**Rubber Chicken!** Dave Spangler was the big winner last week!

