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Love Thy Neighbor



This week our program is – The Appalachian Trail Club, presented by **Jim Beeson**, President, Roanoke Club. With more than 6,000 volunteers dedicating around 270,000 hours each year, the Appalachian Trail is one of the world's largest ongoing volunteer projects. Volunteers undertake trail management, maintenance, and relocation, as well as building projects, such as bridges and shelters. Trail Clubs are an important part of what makes the idea of the Appalachian Trail a reality. Each club has a designated section that they care for, and through the work of volunteers, the segment is maintained and preserved as needed. These clubs cover most of the day-to-day duties that keep the AT accessible and are the ones responsible for building and maintaining shelters, cutting logs that have fallen across the trail, constructing smaller bridges, and managing overgrown plants.

Announcement:

Some events are rare, really rare, so rare they happen only once in recorded history. Come to the March 6 Club meeting to hear Mike O'Brochta mention three of them; one of which could impact every member of this Club and beyond.

Up-Coming Programs

- ✓ **Mar 13** – Haley Toyota KPAD Kick Off
- ✓ **Mar 20** – Goodwill's Re-Entry Program – Arthur McDonald
- ✓ **Mar 27** – General Assembly Report

Next Meeting – March 6

Opening Bell – President Jenny Lee

Welcome Table – Tiffany Reynolds

Invocation – Dave Spangler

Song Leader – TBA

Pledge of Allegiance – Mike McEvoy

Introduction of Guests – Tiffany Reynolds



Important Kiwanis Dates . . .

March 13, 2019 – Haley Toyota KPAD Kick Off

March 13, 2019 – Roanoke Valley Gives Day – 24-hour community giving campaign

March 15-17, 2019 – Key Club Capital District Convention – Baltimore, MD

March 28, 2019 – *Mama Mia* social event @ Mill Mountain Theatre, reception @6pm, show @730pm

April 6, 2019 – Lick Run Greenway Clean Up @9am

April 27, 2019 - Orvis Kid's Fishing Day

May 2, 2019 – Prayer Breakfast @715am @ Kazim Temple, tickets \$7

May 11, 2019 – Haley Toyota KPAD @ Berglund Center

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

Who would like to make a \$2 brag (or more) today? We have received \$1,422 so far - \$3,253 is the number to beat for 2018-2019

March Birthdays

Mike McAllister (March 1)
Jack Thompkins (March 2)
Bruce Swanson (March 3)
Bill Stack (March 4)
Joyce Montgomery (March 5)
Wendy Mellenthin (March 10)
Don Wilson (March 11)
Reggie Wood (March 11)
David Lemon (March 15)
Ezra Amiss (March 18)

Harold Wiseman (March 18)
Preston Collins (March 19)
Donna Lynch (March 20)
Chris Banta (March 22)
Walter Vance (March 23)
Cheri Hartman (March 24)
Monica Seiler (March 24)
Dick Clemmer (March 27)
Dave Perry (March 30)
Bill Bestpitch (March 31)

Welcome Guest! Melvin Woodson, Movement Mortgage (J.C. Taylor); **Emily Bailey**; **Forest Park Academy Key Club**; and **Dr. Rita Bishop** and **Justin McLeod**, Roanoke City Public Schools.



Congratulations! RCPS STAR Council and Roanoke Valley Speech and Hearing received grants from our Club for \$1,000. On hand to accept were **Justin McLeod (RCPS)** and **Agness Henderson (RVSH)**. The STAR Council is a student led group that assists homeless students in the Roanoke City schools and funding for RVSH will assist hearing impaired youth in the public schools with education and maintenance of their hearing aids, as well as testing for hearing issues.

Sweat Equity Projects: April 6, from 9am-12pm the environment committee is looking for volunteers to participate in a clean-up of the Lick Run Greenway from Washington Park to Target at Valley View. **The Blue Ridge Marathon** is on **Saturday April 13** and our Club will be assisting with the race by providing volunteers on race day. It is a perfect sweat equity opportunity for us to show support a community-wide event while earning funds for our Centennial Year efforts! Please use the link below to register as a volunteer. When signing up, please select “Kiwanis” in the drop down menu. Also, please consider being a course marshal as each volunteer group is required to sign up for a few of these shifts.

<https://www.blueridgemarathon.com/spectators/volunteer/> if you have any questions, please contact **Mike McEvoy** at 283-2904 or mike.mcevoy@westernvawater.org.

Kiwanis in the News!

https://www.roanoke.com/news/dan_casey/casey-kiwanis-plan-playground-in-northwest-roanoke-neighborhood/article_2c115945-d64c-5a0c-93d1-2b503d03bc9d.html

https://www.roanoke.com/news/bradshaw-marks-years-in-roanoke-kiwanis/article_2eea63bb-7e0a-5c57-9b43-18ddb3a45afa.html

Rubber Chicken! Melvin Woodson was the big winner! Melvin has submitted his membership application...

Forest Park Academy Key Club gave us a great report last week: They have volunteered at the Adult Care Center and the Rescue Mission; they raised money for the Dance Marathon to benefit Children's Miracle Network; made dog toys for local shelters; helped with the Teen Outreach program at RAMS; and were reading tutors for Headstart students.

BIG Thanks to everyone who purchased a Valentine's Day card from Dan Chitwood. \$550 was raised and donated to the Foundation.





Kiwanis
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Join Kiwanis as we celebrate our annual
Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 2, 2019 7:15am-8:30am \$7.00

Kazim Temple
 628 Campbell Avenue Roanoke VA
 (free parking in back)

Join us in learning about the many faiths in the Roanoke Valley.
 Ministers of different faiths will facilitate discussions at each table.

*Our Keynote Speaker for 2019 is Rabbi Jama Pursur from Beth Israel Synagogue.
 Music provided by Bernadette (BJ) Brown from Green Temple Holiness Church.*



For tickets contact any Kiwanian or call _____ and leave a message.