

# January 14, 2021 | Vocational Service Month

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. – Rotary Mission Statement



# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

(Club 5753)

# Join us for Lunch!

Meets every Thursday at Noon **Blacksburg Country Club** 

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### Join This Week's Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

We are excited to have a full roster this week for program presentations! Dr Parker will be with us to talk about Physical Activity for all Ages and Dr Bissell will share insight on COVID and the Vaccines.

We will be meeting in person at Blacksburg Country Club with lunch provided OR you can join us via ZOOM using the link below.

### If attending via ZOOM;

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/87157117687?pwd=WXNUWTFDd3Z3NzJCMkpTYVpkRzlhdz09

Meeting ID: 871 5711 7687 Passcode: 931224

You can also join by phone: (646) 558-8656 using the meting ID and passcode above.

### **Today's Program: Two Speakers, Two Great Topics!**

This Thursday is to have two speakers. We already had Dr. Parker scheduled (speaking on "Physical Activity for All Ages"). Then an opportunity arose to have Dr. Noelle Bissell, head of the NRV Health District, speak the same day (on "COVID" and "VACCINES"). So, we are going to have a busy day.

Here are some guidelines from Club President Arthur Shaheen: I would like to get things started a little early. Let's assume that the initial bell will ring at 12:00 p.m. sharp. If you are physically attending, please get to the Club early, grab your food, and be seated. If you are zooming, tune in early.

There will not be a lot of room on the dance card for much else, except pledge and prayer. And I am asking everyone to restrict questions to one each until everyone has

had a chance. I might have to be a bit assertive during the transition between speakers (Dr. Bissell is going first, by

zoom). Dr. Parker is speaking live.

This is one for the books! Thanks everyone!!





# Virtual Rotary Foundation Journey Series

Please join District 7570 on our Virtual Inspirational Journey with Rotary Foundation Trustee Geeta Manek of Nairobi, Kenya. Come on our journey and see The Magic of The Rotary Foundation on Saturday, January 30th, at 9:30 a.m. Click HERE to register to receive Zoom information. Registration is required and space is limited. We hope to see you then. This is the first stop in our exciting Virtual Rotary Foundation Journey Series.

If you have any questions, please contact Dana or Laurie:

Dana Guthrie, District 7570 Planned Gifts and Major Gifts Chair, at lovetotravel2@msn.com or cell: 434-258-8536

Laurie Menzel, Major Gifts Officer, The Rotary Foundation, at laurie.menzel@rotary.org or work: 847-425-5601.

Thanks in advance for embarking on this incredible journey with Geeta Manek and District 7570.

Let's be inspired together!



Rotary Foundation Trustee Geeta Manek

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## The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do...

Is it the **Truth**?

Is it Fair to all concerned?

Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?

Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?



## Club Leadership

President: Arthur Shaheen President-Elect: T.J. Anthony President-Nominee: Ken D'Amato

Secretary: Leslie Jester Treasurer: Philip Walker



### **Club Directors**

Club: T.J. Anthony Vocational: Chadd Yeatts

Community: Susan Erickson International: Peter Weimerskirch

Youth: Karen Stemen



## District and Global

RI President: Holger Knaack

District Governor: Nancy Whitlock Area 9 Governor: Cora Gnegy

District Secretary: Ron Napier

District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham

### Dr. Trevor Parker

Dr. Trevor Parker, a native of Christiansburg, is an internist with Blacksburg Internal Medicine in Blacksburg, VA.

Dr. Parker earned his medical doctorate from University of Virginia School of Medicine, and completed his residency in internal medicine and primary care at Yale New Haven Hospital. Prior to medical school, he graduated summa cum laude from Virginia Tech, with a bachelor of arts in chemistry. Dr. Parker has published and presented his research to the medical community on the improvement of medical outcomes for geriatric patients.

Dr. Parker's care philosophy is centered on the importance of clear communication in the doctor-patient relationship, recommending evidence-based treatment, and empowering patients to feel confident in improving their own health. When not treating patients, Dr. Parker enjoys fishing, gardening, app design, and playing golf and tennis.

### Dr. Noelle Bissell

In 2017, the New River Health District announced that after an exhaustive nationwide search, Noelle Bissell, M.D., had been selected as the district's new health director.

"We are confident that Noelle's experience, knowledge, and integrity are a great match for the work, staff, and community of the New River Health Department, and that together we will continue to advance the mission in our local communities and spread the vision of healthy living for all," said Deputy Commissioner for Community Health Services Robert W. Hicks.

Dr. Bissell, a native of the Baltimore area, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1986 from Johns Hopkins University. She received her Doctor of Medicine degree in 1990 from the University of Maryland, then completed an internship and medical tour with the U. S. Navy and was stationed in Iceland and Japan.

While in the Navy she met her husband, Charles, and after marrying they moved to San Diego where she completed her internal medicine residency with Mercy Hospital/ University of California at San Diego. They moved to the New River Valley in 2003. Charles is a surgeon at Carilion-New River Valley Medical Center. The Bissells have four children.



# Two Foundations, One Goal



As a member of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, you are associated with two foundations. The International foundation is The Rotary Foundation (TRF.) Started in 1917 with a contribution of \$26.50, it has grown into the most respected and highly-touted foundation in the world. So where do they get their money?

Every Rotarian is asked to give \$100 every year to TRF. If you do give \$100, you are a "sustainer" and 10 years of \$100s will get you a Paul Harris Fellow.

If you give \$1,000.00 each year, you are eligible to join the Paul Harris Society by filling out a form. Any money our district donates to TRF comes back to our district three year later at 50% and this is what funds the district grants. The Blacksburg Rotary Club has received a grant every year that we applied for one. Last year's grant helped with landscaping at the Habitat for Humanity houses in Blacksburg. This year, the grant is to make trail improvements to the Rotary Bike Skills park. The other 50% of the money goes to global grants for projects like digging clean water wells in Africa or funding schools or libraries or putting medical equipment in hospitals. We would like to be a "Every Rotarian Every Year" club as well as a 100% sustainer club. We cannot do it without you. \$100 a year is all it takes.

The other foundation is our local foundation: Blacksburg Rotary Club Foundation. This is what funds all of our local projects. Things like our scholarships, donations to local non-profits, hosting an exchange student, money needed to match grant money from the district, sending BHS students to RYLA, donations for our Citizens of the Year and First Responder of the Year and several other projects. This comes to well over \$30,000 a year. So where do we get the money to fund the local foundation? It comes from our fundraisers like the Chocolate Festival, the yard sale, the golf teurnament, the SuperBowl Matrix, bulletin sponsors but it also comes from the \$100 donation we hope to receive from each member. If you contribute your \$100, you are considered a "contributor!" We are a little behind in this endevor and hope you will consider sending in your \$100 soon..

If you have any questions about either Foundation, please ask a board member or Mike Jones and Tom Ryan (TRF committee) or Lee Talbot (the Local Foundation.) Our goal is to do good in the world. We need you to achieve that goal!

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<b>3</b> John Skelton	4	Satellite Club Tommy McDearis	6		8 Christy Brown	9
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17	18	Satellite Club  Diane Boon	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Stephen Chandler	29	30
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## **Upcoming Programs and Events**

Jan 21 - Rotary Citizen of the Year

### Save the Date!

June 14th, 2021 is our annual Rotary Golf Tournament!

## Need a Make-Up?

#### **Montgomery County**

Inn at Virginia Tech – Wednesday, 7:15 AM

#### **Christiansburg-Blacksburg**

Blacksburg Country Club, Monday 5:30 PM

### Floyd

Floyd Country Store, Wednesday Noon

#### Radford

Best Western Radford Inn, Wednesday Noon Kuhn Barnett School Building, Tuesday 5:30 PM

#### Salem

Salem Civic Center, Thursday Noon

#### Pulaski

Pulaski CC of Thornsprings, Monday 12:15 PM

#### Giles

Giles Community Hospital, Thursday Noon