


Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin



This Week's Program:
Ecole Philadelphia

Rotary 
District 7570
Club 5753

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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



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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

This week, we hope you'll join us to hear Steven J. Skripak educate the club about Ecole Philadelphia de Mirebalais, Haiti, and adaptations they have had to make during challenging times.

Announcements

Our next Discovery Rotary event is right around the corner on February 9th! , It will take place at 11:30am, just prior to our regular meeting. This 30-minute program will introduce your guest to Rotary and the Blacksburg club. Please come with them! We will meet in the main dining room (our regular meeting space) and go through a presentation, then enjoy a nice lunch. We will do this every 2nd Thursday of the month until June, so start lining those guests up!

About This Week's Program – Ecole Philadelphia

A fully donor-funded Christian school servicing financially-impooverished families in the Bayas area of Mirebalaias, Haiti. The school initially met in large tents with rough rock flooring and was taught by volunteer teachers . At the beginning, students ranging in age from 3 to 10 years old.

All the tents have now been destroyed by a combination of wind and sun, and classes now meet in a permanent structure built in 2012 and a wooden structure built in 2013 which should last some years. Our school now extends to the fifth grade with our oldest children being about 13. Pastor Emmanier Joseph serves as the head administrator for the school.



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2023-2024 Rotary Presidential Theme

Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations.



McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, Create Hope in the World, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 9 January. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.

"The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McNally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.

McNally spoke about a woman he met in Ban Taling Chan, Thailand, where Rotary members helped build houses, a meeting hall, and childcare and health care facilities following the tsunami that devastated South Asia in late 2004. The woman had lost her husband, her daughter, and her son in the tsunami, as well as her livelihood. But she still had a gift to offer McNally: a beautiful seashell.

"She went on to tell me that Rotary... had restored her optimism. We gave her hope," McNally said. "This is how Rotary brings lasting change to the world," he added, "one restored or newly created hope at a time."

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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

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Meet-A-Rotarian – Second Chance!

Tiffany Couch



My name is Tiffany Couch, and my hometown is Christiansburg, VA. I currently work at the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as a Master Deputy Court Clerk Supervisor. For the past four years I have learned a lot working in the Clerk's Office. I feel very lucky to work in public service; this job is very rewarding. I have always wanted to help others and serve my community. Before working in the Clerk's Office, I worked as a legal assistant for the Shaheen Firm, P.C.

In 2017 I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice while specializing in Political Science. I have been married to my husband, John Couch, for 3 years; he is a retired Marine. My parents are Judy and Stephen Todd. I enjoy reading, puzzles, crafting, gardening, and playing fetch with my two dogs, Rory and Gunner. My husband enjoys working on vintage vehicles and I like to help him.



I joined the Rotary Club of Blacksburg because I would like to continue my Grandparent's legacy. They cared deeply for their community and always did what was best for their neighbors. In 2021 my last Grandparent passed away and I feel it is my duty to continue their tradition of helping others. I look forward to serving with you.



Calendar

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Jane Bonomo	2 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	3 John Skelton	4	5 Noon Meeting Tommy McDearis	6	7 Hank Johnson
8 Christy Brown	9	10	11 Jim McAlister	12 Noon Meeting	13	14 Steve Cole Jeff Hammel
15	16 Satellite Club 5:30 PM Michelle Brauns	17	18 MICAHA'S backpack	19 Noon Meeting Diane Boon	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Noon Meeting	27	28
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Upcoming Programs and Events

- Feb 2 – NRV Regional Commission
- Feb 9 – Tenneco
- Feb 16 – First Responder of the Year
- Feb 23 – Rotary Exchange Student Program
- Mar 2 – RI Wheelchair Project
- Mar 9 – Addressing Water and Health Issues
- Mar 16 – Human Trafficking in Southwest Virginia

Announcement: Our club will pack backpacks for Micah's on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. through the school year. St. Michaels Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg. Mark your calendars.

Need a Make-Up?

- Blacksburg Satellite Club**
Corp. Research Center – 1st/3rd Tues 5:30pm
- Montgomery County**
Inn at Va. Tech – 1st/3rd Wednesday, 7:15 AM
- Christiansburg-Blacksburg**
Blacksburg C.C. 2nd/4th Monday 5:30 PM
- Floyd**
Floyd Country Store, Wednesday Noon
- Radford**
Long Way Brewing, Wednesday Noon
- Salem**
Salem Civic Center, Thursday Noon
- Pulaski**
Pulaski CC of Thornsprings, Monday 12:15 PM
- Giles**
Location varies; please call, Thursday Noon

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH YOUR PRIMARY SPONSORSHIP TO ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKSBURG

As a Primary Sponsor of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, you can diversify your dollar into our Local Community. Through sponsorship, you will be supporting the Local Organizations supported financially as well as through Rotary sweat equity.

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg currently works with;

Financial and Time support for the **Montgomery County Christmas Store**

Financial and Time support for the **Interfaith Food Pantry**

Financial and Time support for **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

Financial support for the **Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Fine Arts**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Math and Science**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Career & Technical Education**

Financial support and Recognition for a **Citizen of the Year**

Financial support and Recognition for a **First Responder of the Year**

Financial Support for the **Community Health Center of the NRV**

Financial Support and Time support for the **Nature Play Area of Heritage Park**

Financial Support of the **YMCA**

Time Support of 2 **Adopt A Spot** road cleanups in Blacksburg

Financial Support and Time Support of **Micah's Backpack** program

Financial Support and Time support of the **NRV Glean Team**

Financial Support of the Rotary Club of **Blacksburg Mountain Biking Skills Park**

As well as our Global efforts through Rotary International.

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We would love to partner with you in our support of our Local Community.

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