

Jan 5, 2023 | 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

We are excited to start our 2023 celebrating our club members and honorees with our Paul Harris Fellow awards! We hope that you can join us!

Announcements

Don't Forget to bring a bottle of wine for our District **Conference Silent Auction!**

Micah's 2022 Year End Update from John J. Stramiello, Director



We have finished packing for the 2022 school year. From September through December we packed 8,375 backpacks, 50,250 meals, and 117,250 items of food. This was only possible because of our many volunteers and our many donations. Thank you all so much for your caring hearts and your continued support. Our next packing date will be January 11, 2023. Merry Christmas and

Happy Holidays to everyone.

On another note, MBP is supplying snacks to many of the schools. This is in addition to the snacks we pack each week. We are in need of snacks for the beginning of the year. Some of these items are: Fruit snacks, individual packs of peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, Fruit Roll-Ups, granola bars and individual small bags of pretzels, Cheez-its and Goldfish.

Together we can make a difference....NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY

About This Week's Program

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.



Rotary Members Mobilize on World Polio Day

Rotary members and supporters took action on World Polio Day, 24 October, to raise awareness and funds toward eradicating polio:

- More than 4,200 Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in 118 countries registered their participation in World Polio Day.
- Donors contributed more than US\$740,000 online, which meant a total — with the Bill & Melinda Gates
 Foundation's 2-to-1 match — of more than \$2.2 million raised.
- Social media efforts tied to World Polio Day reached 31 million people, compared to 17 million in 2021.

Once again, Rotary's members and supporters united to show tremendous support in the fight against polio.



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The Four-Way Test

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

Is it the <u>Truth</u>?

Is it Fair to all concerned?

Will it build <u>Goodwill</u> and <u>Better Friendships</u>?

Will it be <u>Beneficial</u> to all concerned?

Club Leadership

President: Phil Araman
President-Elect: Tom Ryan
President-Nominee: Eric Johnsen

Secretary: Leslie Jester Treasurer: Fred Meyers

Club Directors

Club: Tom Ryan
Vocational: Eric Johnsen
Local: Bruce Roulstone
International: Chuck Burress
Youth: Karen Mary Biggs

District and Global

RI President: Jennifer Jones
District Governor: Kathy Kanter
Area 9 Governor: Terri Fisher
District Secretary: Nancy Whitlock
District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the second object, which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider these suggestions:

- Talk about your profession in your club and take time to learn about fellow members' occupations.
- Use your skills and expertise to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity and inspire others to behave ethically through your words and actions.
- Help young people achieve their career goals.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

By undertaking these activities, you bring vocational service to life. Vocational service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world.



January 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jane Bonomo	2 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	John Skelton	4	Noon Meeting Tommy McDearis	6	7 Hank Johnson
8 Christy Brown	9	10	Jim McAlister	12 Noon Meeting	13	14 Steve Cole
15	16 Satellite Club 5:30 PM Jeff Hammel	17	18 MICAH'S backpack	Noon Meeting Michelle Brauns	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Noon Meeting	27	28
29	30 Tiffany Marie-Todd Couch	31				1

Upcoming Programs and Events

Jan 12 – Virginia Tech's 150th Anniversary

Jan 19 – Citizen of the Year

Jan 26 – Ecole Philadelphia, Haiti, Rotary School

Feb 2 – NRV Regional Commission

Feb 9 - Tenneco

Feb 16 – First Responder of the Year

Feb 23 – Rotary Exchange Student Program

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 5:15pm

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.

Primary Sponsorship is a Annual 501C3 Charitable Tax Deductible gift of \$3000 for a commitment of 3 years. The Primary Sponsor program is limited to 15 Primary Sponsors who will have their name and/or Logo on signage to be displayed at every Rotary Club of Blacksburg meeting and event throughout the calendar year, your name and/or logo displayed on emails sent to club members throughout the calendar year as well as your name/logo displayed on out weekly club bulletin. We will highlight our Primary Sponsors through our Rotary Club of Blacksburg social media sites as well.

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



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