


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin



This Week's Program:  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

Oct 21, 2021 | Economic and Community Development

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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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### Join This Week's Meeting

We hope that you will be able to join us Thursday at Noon in person or via ZOOM for our program on the National Alliance on Mental Illness. There will also be a Board of Directors meeting directly after the regular meeting!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81984486467?pwd=VEJDOE1OOERnK2FRZTRtT2J4WkVUT09>

### Business After Hours

Did you know our club is a member of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce? American National Bank will host this month's Business After Hours for the Chamber on Thursday 10/21, from 5:30-7:00pm at their Christiansburg office located at 2950 Market Street.



### This Week's Program

Kristine Reid has served with the local National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) New River Valley affiliate since it formed. Her roles include:

- NAMI NRV Steering Committee Member
- Point of Contact, responding to all inquiries that come to the affiliate on the warm line by phone or e-mail
- Program Coordinator
- NAMI Family Support Group facilitator for the family and friends of persons living with a mental illness
- NAMI 101 presenter to groups in the community in order to bring greater awareness to NAMI's mission.

**This week's bulletin is sponsored by Dr. Kenneth D'Amato**

**Knowledge is knowing  
a tomato is a fruit.**

**Wisdom is not putting it  
in a fruit salad.**



# Local News

## Chocolate Festival is a Great Success!



## Connect with us!



### E-Mail

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### Web

www.blacksburgrotary.org



## 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: Ken D'Amato  
President-Elect: Phil Araman  
President-Nominee: Tom Ryan  
Secretary: L. Jester / R. Spencer  
Treasurer: Fred Meyers



### Club Directors

Club: Phil Araman  
Vocational: Eric Johnsen  
Local: Tom Ryan  
International: Peter Weimerskirch  
Youth: Karen Stemen



### District and Global

RI President: Shekhar Mehta  
District Governor: Tara Ellis  
Area 9 Governor: Cora Gnegy  
District Secretary: Tim Carter  
District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



## Why Polio Plus?

### World Polio Day is October 24, 2021. One Day, One Focus...Ending Polio.

Why Polio Plus? That's an excellent question! For over 35 years one of Rotary's missions has been to eradicate this crippling childhood disease. The Bill Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization have partnered with Rotary International in this fight. We are not alone.

What is Polio? Polio is an infectious disease caused by a virus that lives in the throat and intestinal tract. It is most often spread through person-to-person contact with the stool of an infected person and may also be spread through oral/nasal secretions. Those who develop symptoms may incur paralysis or death.

How common was polio in the United States? Polio was one of the most dreaded childhood diseases of the 20th century. With the introduction of Salk vaccine in 1955, the number of cases rapidly declined to under 2,500 by 1957. By 1965, only 61 cases of paralytic polio were reported.

Is polio still a disease seen in the United States? The last imported case caused by wild poliovirus into the United States was reported in 1993.

Who should get polio vaccine and when? The poliovirus vaccine used in the United States is IPV. It is a shot given in the leg or arm, depending on age. The Polio vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines. IPV is routinely given to children, who receive 4 doses over time.

If Polio isn't a significant threat here, why should we care? Unfortunately, polio lurks in the shadow of war and highly populated poverty-stricken countries. Polio remains in two countries, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

Are we in danger? If the disease exists anywhere, then we are threatened. There is no cure for polio once infected. The focus of modern treatment has been on providing relief of symptoms, speeding recovery, and preventing complications.

What is the cost? The cost to immunize a child is \$0.60. What else can you contribute to that will have such a significant impact? Thirty donations of \$25.00 each will afford the vaccine for 1,250 children!










We are SO close! Rotarians have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. Even though we are 99% plus of the way to eradicating this disease, there remains a threat! We have yet to win. End Polio NOW!





# Calendar

## October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Marc Verniel 
3	4	5  Satellite Club	6	7 	8	9
10 Fred Meyers 	11	12 Ronald Gibbs 	13	14 	15	16
17 <b>Chocolate Festival</b> Larry Ball 	18	19  Satellite Club	20	21 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30
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## Upcoming Programs and Events

Oct 28 – Committee Day

Nov 4 – Immigration Law

**Nov 6 - Building beds with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 9:00 a.m. 3275 N. Franklin, Cburg**

Nov 11 – Rotary Foundation Jeopardy

Nov 18 – Nicole Weprin, Condor Recovery Program

### 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