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Col. Lewis Jeffries, Mary Draper Ingles Story



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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



Rotary Club of Blacksburg

(Club 5753)

Join us for Lunch!

Meets every Thursday at Noon

Blacksburg Country Club

www.rotary.org | www.rotary7570.org



Join This Week's Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

Please RSVP to Leslie Jester (<u>lesliejester@outlook.com</u>) if you will be attending in person so we can get a headcount on lunches.

If attending via ZOOM;

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82460367259?pwd=aU9uZFEwVThnUjFHRnM0MVJ6RUhlQT09

Meeting ID: 824 6036 7259

Passcode: 701728

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

5th Thursday Social

Don't miss next week's 5th Thursday Rotary Social! The event will be held at 5PM and the location is the Eastern Divide Brewing Company. For more information, see the last page of the bulletin!

Today's Program: The Mary Draper Ingles Story

The guest speaker will be Col. Lewis Ingles "Bud" Jeffries, USA (ret.). Jeffries will talk about his ancestor, local heroine Mary Draper Ingles.



Col. Jeffries is the seventh generation of the family founded by William and Mary Draper Ingles, one of the most famous families of the Western Virginia frontier. Jeffries and his wife, Ann, still live on the historic working family farm that dates back to 1747. In 1755, Mary and several family members were captured during a Shawnee raid on their

settlement and taken to Bigbone, Kentucky. Determined to return home, Mary walked several hundred miles under dire circumstances to reunite with her husband.

Thanks to this week's bulletin sponsor!

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Pledge Your Support for World Polio Day!

October 24 is World Polio Day! It is a day where Rotarians the world over can celebrate the significant progress made in eradicating wild Polio virus from the world. Rotary International is a founding partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) along with the World Health Organization (WHO), US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), UNICEF, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the vaccine alliance; together they are proclaiming the milestone of eradicating wild polio virus from the African Continent. All 47 countries in the African region are now free of wild polio virus.

Since 1988, Rotary International and its GPEI partners have contributed more than \$2.1 billion to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Since that time, polio has been 99.9% eradicated. There remain two countries where wild polio virus is still endemic; Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary International is committed to raising \$50M per year to eradicate polio entirely. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match that amount 2 to 1, for a total of \$150M per year.

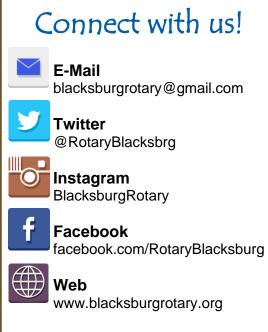
Pledge your support to your Rotary Club and Rotary International Foundation in these 3 easy ways:

1) A check made out to The Rotary Foundation with PolioPlus in the memo line. Give to any club officer or Philip Walker, Treasurer, who will ultimately get the checks.

2) Go to Rotary.org website and click the donation button. Choose Polio. Make sure you get credit by creating an account with your Rotary member number. You can find it as part of the address label on your Rotarian magazine or get it from the Rotary Committee of Leslie.

3) Sign-up for the Cooking Together event. The proceeds from the event go to PolioPlus.

4) The goal of our club is \$3000 for PolioPlus and 100% participation.



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?

The Rotary Foundation Committee

🛞 Club Leadership

President: Arthur Shaheen President-Elect: T.J. Anthony President-Nominee: Ken D'Amato Secretary: Leslie Jester Treasurer: Philip Walker

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Laura Jirsa



My name is Laura Jirsa and, although I was born in Michigan, I grew up in Northern Virginia. The big town of Warrenton to be exact. I am the youngest of 8 children. I pursued a degree in Aviation technologies and later Communications.

From a young age my enthusiasm for people led me in the direction of leadership roles. Currently, I have the great fortune to work at the Community Health Center of the New River Valley as the Director of Dental programs

and Patient Engagement. I am passionate about my work because it allows me to use my skills to contribute to an organization that truly helps make a difference in the community. We have moved across the country 8 times because of my husband's basketball career. Each time I've had the opportunity to work in different service roles including hospice, school mentor programs and the city mission in West Virginia. My greatest joy is working with my families nonprofit ebeauty. Created to provide free wigs for women undergoing chemotherapy. We are the only organization of its kind.

I am passionate about the environment and reducing my carbon footprint. For over 10 years I have worked with Norwex, a Canadian based company that promotes cleaning without chemicals.

In my free time I enjoy cycling, hiking, playing golf and cooking. I live in Blacksburg with my husband Ron who coaches men's basketball for Radford University and our daughter, Hannah who swims for VT and studies microbiology.



Sponsoring a new Rotarian

Have you sponsored a new member lately? As you think about who you might bring to a club meeting as a guest to introduce to Rotary, here are some guidelines from your Membership Committee to ensure that your potential new member will be a successful Rotarian.

Guidelines for sponsoring a new member

- Invite a prospective new member to several Rotary meetings (if possible) before their application is submitted.
- Discuss the various club committees with your prospective member (a list will be provided) and help guide them to a committee they may have an interest in. Introduce them to the chair and follow through with the secretary to ensure they are assigned to that committee.
- Discuss main objectives, time commitment and monetary commitment for Rotarians.
- Submit prospective member's application to the Board for consideration.
- Attend orientation session that the new member has been invited to if you are able. Attend the meeting where they are inducted into Rotary.
- Sit with the new member at different tables for the first few meetings after he/she becomes a member and introduce them to other members (if you cannot attend, ask other members to step in for you.)
- Introduce the new member to their assigned Rotary Ambassador. The Ambassador will check on the member throughout the first year of membership and introduce them to other members.
- It is suggested that you follow up with the new member you sponsored after a couple of months, then again around 6 months to see how they are doing. This could be by email, or an in-person conversation.





Cooking Together for Rotary



Your District 7570 Foundation Celebration committee is pleased to announce a fun and safe Cooking Together event that we can all enjoy in the comfort of our own homes, while raising funds for polio eradication, and helping you meet your individual giving goals for the year!

Invite your neighbors over for a memorable & meaningful dining experience! Create special mother/daughter time by learning to cook a new dish together! Do something new for date night! Throw a dinner party for a cause!

<u>Registration</u> is now open! Please join us as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation & PolioPlus with this unique virtual experience & World's Greatest Meal!

Learn to cook your first course and entree with nine-time James Beard Foundation finalist, Chef Cindy Wolf. Participants will receive a detailed ingredients list and step-by-step instructions to review for our Cooking Together event!

We look forward to a fun and lively evening with special guests and surprises along the way! Invite your friends and family for a gathering and enjoy your meal with other participants in the "virtual rooms" following the cooking portion on the evening.

One hundred percent of proceeds will be donated to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Fund! Remember, you don't even HAVE to cook to attend the festivities! Please visit our <u>website</u> for more information & register today!



Calendar

| October 2020 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 Nancy Morehouse | 5 | 6 Satellite Club Sean Grube | 7 | 8 | 9 Tommy Loflin | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Brian Wheeler | 15 | 16 | 17 |
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Upcoming Programs and Events

Oct 17th – Road Clean-Up Prices Fork Interchange

- Oct 22nd Col. Lewis Bud Jeffries, Mary Draper Ingles Story
- Oct 29th Club Social Eastern Divide Brewing Co.
- Nov 5th Tony Robie, VT Head Wrestling Coach
- Nov 8th Cooking with Rotary
- Nov 12th Club Program Local Foundation
- Nov 19th John Eustis, New River Land Trust

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



STH THURSDAY SOCIAL OCTOBER 29 5:00 P.M. EASTERN DIVIDE BREWING CO.