# Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin

This Week's Program: Myths and Truths of Immigration Law 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



#### 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 Myths and Truths of Immigration Law.

#### 2021 Citizen of the Year Award – From the Vocational Service Committee

It's time for all of us to begin considering potential nominees for our annual COY award. Since 1990 our Club has selected an outstanding Montgomery County resident as the Rotary Club of Blacksburg's Citizen of the Year. The Award was established to recognize persons of varied careers and vocations for their ethical business behavior, and who exemplify the Four Way Test and Service Above Self in their business and personal lives.

Nominees must: 1) Be a Montgomery County resident ; and, 2) Not be a Rotarian.

Nomination forms can be obtained from any Vocational Service Committee member, and is on our website (<u>https://www.blacksburgrotary.org/</u>). Nomination deadline is Dec 3rd. Feel free to contact a Committee member for additional information."

#### This Week's Program

Rachel L. Thompson will speak to the club on the myths and truths of Immigration Law. For more information on our speaker, see page 2 of the bulletin.

Business owners - When do you plan to sell your business?							
Most good exit plans need at least 5 years to minimize taxes and maximize the sale price							
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## Local News

#### **About This Week's Speaker**

Rachel L. D. Thompson, partner of Poarch Thompson Law, serves on the Federal Bar Association's Immigration Law Section Advisory board. Rachel is also chair of the FBA-ILS' Law School Commi ttee and was named the Younger Lawyer of the Year by FBA in 2018. She is President of the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association and a board member of Depaul Community Resources, who



presented her with the Alison Parker Young Woman of Achievement Award. She is also on the board of Blue Ridge Legal Services. Rachel is licensed to practice law in Virginia (2013), the Western District of Virginia, and the U.S. Supreme Court. A frequent speaker on immigration and adoption law, Rachel is routinely recognized as Legal Elite and SuperLawyer by her peers. Rachel is also an adjunct professor at Liberty University School of Law.

Rachel first moved to Southwest Virginia when she attended Liberty University School of Law (Lynchburg, Virginia), graduating in May 2012. The multiculturalism inherent in her native city (Philadelphia) and her family (Rachel's mother was born and raised in South Africa and her father was born and raised in Jamaica) instilled an early and profound love for diverse cultures, hope in the possibilities of immigration, and a fascination with other languages. From her early experience of faith and community (Rachel's childhood church, which her father still pastors, is a congregation with immigrants from myriad African and Caribbean countries) Rachel learned the value and power of moving beyond where you came from even while cherishing your roots. When Rachel watched her mother become a naturalized U.S. Citizen, it only cemented Rachel's desire to work with multiethnic populations to assist with their immigration needs.

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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: 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 The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary International, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating by Charity Navigator, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution. Become a Sustainer by donating \$100 to the Foundation. If that is not possible, help our club become an Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) club by donating at least \$25.00. With your help, we can continue to be part of Rotary's life-changing work!







November 2021								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1	2 Satellite Club	3 Eric Johnson	4	5			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
14	15	16 Satellite Club	17	18	19	20		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
28	29	30						

## **Upcoming Programs and Events**

#### 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
- Nov 25 NO MEETING
- Dec 2 Virginia Tech Wrestling
- Dec 9 BHS Madrigal Singers
- Dec 16 TBD
- Dec 23 NO MEETING
- Dec 30 NO MEETING

#### 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