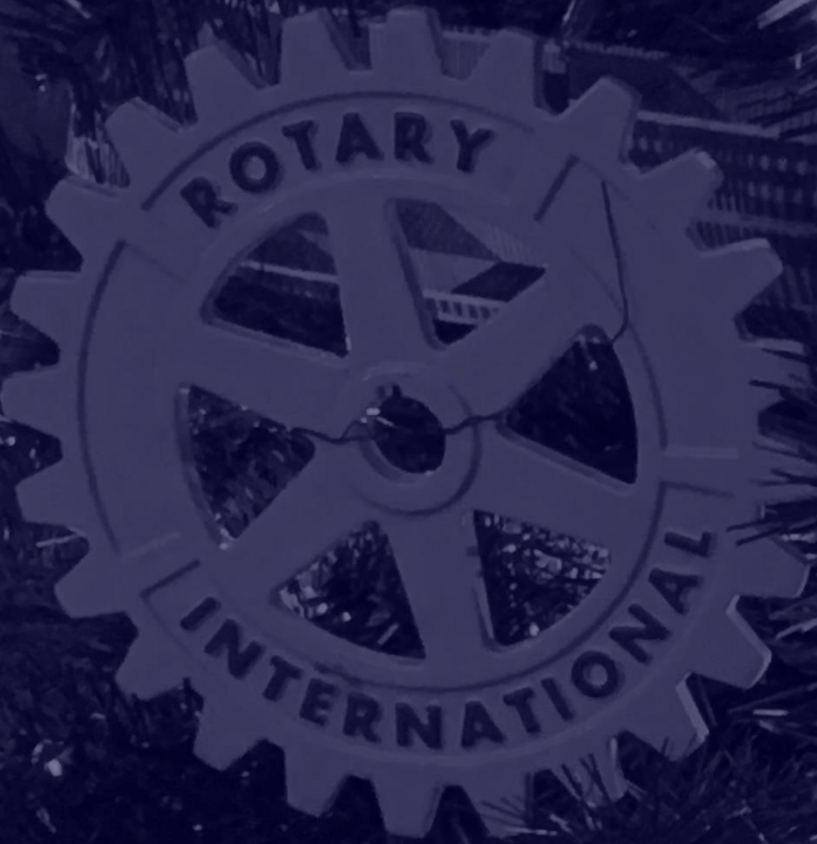


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The Bulletin



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District 7570

Club 5753

This Week's Program:
Virginia Tech Baseball

Dec 2, 2021 | Disease Prevention and Treatment 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



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(Club 5753)

Join us for Lunch!

Meets every Thursday at Noon

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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 Virginia Tech Baseball program.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87941203581?pwd=M0NWMU5BaFpIVUZKcG5UbVoyeTVoZz09>

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

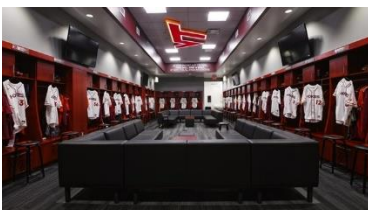
It's time for all of us to begin considering potential nominees for our annual COY award. Since 1990 our Club has selected an outstanding Montgomery County resident as the Rotary Club of Blacksburg's Citizen of the Year. The Award was established to recognize persons of varied careers and vocations for 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 (<https://www.blacksburgrotary.org/>). Nomination deadline is Dec 3rd. Feel free to contact a Committee member for additional information."

This Week's Program

Play ball! Let's learn about the VT Baseball team and how Coach Szeffc sees his team this year. Then, plan on a game or three at English Field.



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This Week's Speaker: VT Baseball Coach



John Szeffc: In his first three seasons, Szeffc (pronounced SHEFF) has coached the Hokies to a pair of seven-game winning streaks - one that opened the 2019 season and the second was in 2020, after the team started 1-3. Also in 2020, the team won 10 games in nonconference action, which included ending the shortened season on a nine-game winning streak, the longest since the team won 18 straight nonconference games in a row back in 2012.

The team also posted an 8-0 home record, the best start at the school since 2012, which helped the Hokies extend their home winning streak in the month of February to 15 straight victories. Added to the final win of 2019, Tech has won nine straight at home, the longest since an 11-game streak from April 28, 2015

through March 4, 2016, and will enter the 2021 season tied for the 12th longest home-win streak in the NCAA.

After the shortened 2020 season, three players earned All-America distinction from Collegiate Baseball Newspaper as it recognized both pitcher Ian Seymour and catcher Carson Taylor as Third Team selections, marking the first time Tech had multiple All-Americans since 2003. Outfielder Gavin Cross was later named to the All-American Freshman Team, just the seventh ever at the school. Also, despite just a five-round MLB Draft in 2020, the draft marked the first time in school history, two Tech players are chosen in the top four rounds as Seymour (2nd) and Taylor (4th) were selected.

Szeffc has coached 109 players that have been drafted or signed professional contracts since 1997, including four in 2018 and five in 2019. Over the last eight drafts, 36 of his players have been selected, including the 45th pick of the 2014 draft Jake Stinnett, the highest pick of a Maryland player in almost a decade. Almost a dozen have gone on to play in the Major Leagues, including most recently, Mike Shawaryn (Red Sox) and Lamonte Wade (Twins) in 2019. He has also helped develop 26 All-Americans, including 10 of the 20 players in Maryland history to earn that distinction.

The Middletown, N.Y. native arrived at Maryland after a two-year stint as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Kansas State (2011-12) and a two-season stay as assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator at Kansas (2009-10). He also enjoyed a six-season tenure as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Louisiana-Lafayette (2003-08). Szeffc began his coaching career as an assistant at Sacred Heart (1995) and at Drexel (1990-93). He graduated from Drexel University with a degree in corporate communications in 1989. He also holds a master's degree in sports administration from Temple University.

Szeffc and his wife, Barbara, have a daughter, Anna, and two sons, John Michael, and Sam.

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



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District Governor: Tara Ellis
Area 9 Governor: Cora Gnegy
District Secretary: Tim Carter
District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



December is Disease Treatment and Prevention Month

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment month and includes World AIDS Day on the December 1 and International Day of Disabled Persons on December 3. Of course, this year we are all doing our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated, wearing face masks when we go out in public, and social distancing. It's still important. This year we have almost doubled our goal of \$3,000 for PolioPlus. Over the years, our club has purchased wheelchairs to send to South America, provided financial support for Hope to Walk in their efforts to provide low-cost prosthetics to people in Central American and now SE Asia. Last year, we provided a grant for the Community Health Clinic for additional PPE. And every year, we make our goal for support of PolioPlus.

From the Rotary International website: We believe good health care is everyone's right. Yet 400 million people in the world cannot afford or don't have access to basic health care.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care. We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given time. The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard. \$65 Million was given in grants to fight disease.

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Make your donation today! November was Rotary Foundation month and our goal this year is that every member donates at least \$25. And to be recognized as a sustainer, make your contribution \$100 or more.














There are 2 easy ways to make your gift. The first is to go to Rotary.org and click on 'Donate'. You can make a one-time donation or set-up an automatic, recurring contribution. You can also go old school and bring a check to Fred Meyers or myself. Make it payable to 'The Rotary Foundation'.

In either case, designate your gift to 'Annual Fund - SHARE'. This ensures that half of your donation will come back to our district in the form of matching grants.

Will you join me in reaching our goal?



Calendar

December 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Tom Ryan 	2 	3	4
5	6	7  Satellite Club	8	9 	10	11
12	13 Jim Halferty 	14	15	16 	17	18 Marquita Hill 
19	20 Mary Biggs 	21 No Satellite Meeting Larry Hincker 	22	23 No Meeting	24	25 
26	27	28	29 Brenda Moses 	30 No Meeting Stan Perkins  Paula Alston	31 Ed Powell 	

Upcoming Programs and Events

Dec 9 – BHS Madrigal Singers

Dec 16 – TBD

Dec 21 – Satellite Club will not meet

Dec 23 – NO MEETING – Merry Christmas

Dec 30 - NO MEETING – Happy New Year

Jan 6, 2022 – Paul Harris Fellows Ceremony

Jan 13 – COL Keith Parrella, U.S. Embassy security

Jan 20 – Citizen of the Year presentation

Need a Make-Up?

Blacksburg Satellite Club

Corporate Research Center – 1st/3rd Tues 5:15pm

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