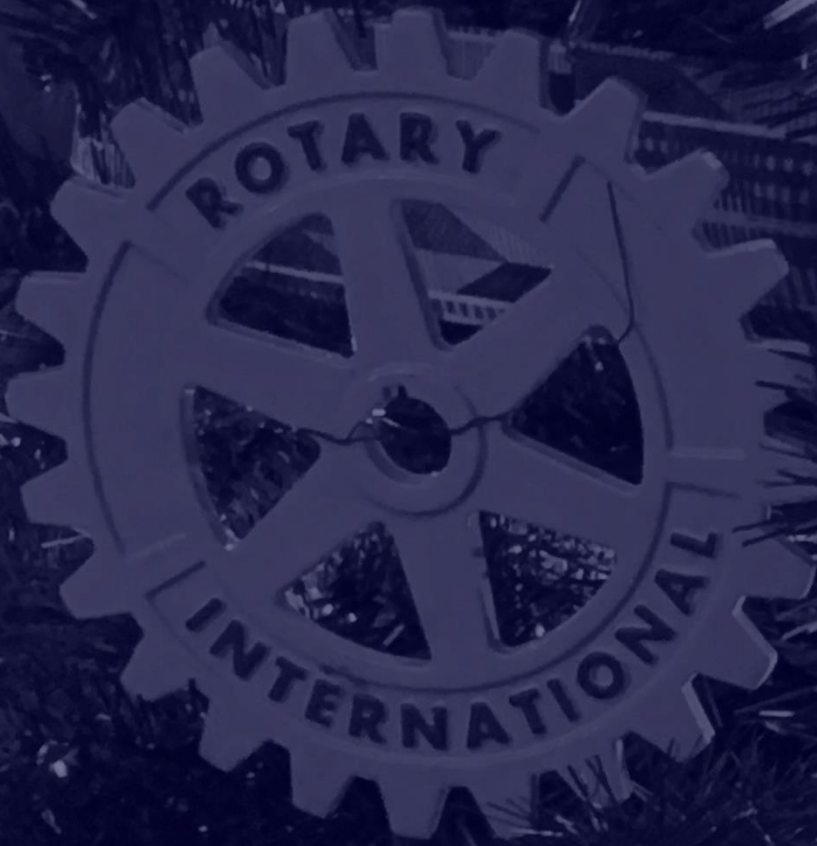


Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin



Rotary 

District 7570

Club 5753

This Week's Program:

Jim McAlister, State of Banking in Virginia

December 10, 2020 | 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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Rotary Club of Blacksburg

(Club 5753)

Join us for Lunch!

Meets every Thursday at Noon

Blacksburg Country Club

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Rotary Opens
Opportunities

Join This Week's Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

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

If attending via ZOOM;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85775683315?pwd=Nkc2cThZWHB4WWdEZGdPdFpTWVFCZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 7568 3315

Passcode: 200724

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

Bulletin Sponsorships

Earlier this year, we added the ability to sponsor our weekly bulletin. So far this year, we have raised over \$300 for the local foundation! If you're interested in being a sponsor during 2021, see the information on page 4 of the bulletin. **We are still looking for a January sponsor!**

Today's Program: The state of banking in Virginia

Jim McAlister will update the club on the current state of banking in Virginia. Jim is a graduate of George Wythe High School and has a degree from Virginia Tech in Public Administration. He graduated from the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at UVA, and in 1991 graduated with distinction from Stonier Graduate School of Banking. Jim is Regional Senior Vice President with First Bank and Trust and previously held several management positions with Bank of America, NationsBank and Sovran.

Thanks to this week's bulletin sponsor!

Chris French

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A Second Look: Epidemic in Chicago

By Franklyn Moreno, Rotary Club of Blacksburg
Printed in The Rotarian, March 2003.

In 1956, Moreno had just started college and was working with other teenagers on the northwest side of Chicago in the Northwest Youth Council, an organization that aimed to keep kids off the streets. To raise money, the council sold produce from a storefront and from a truck that served the surrounding neighborhood.

That year, Chicago faced a major polio epidemic. The city closed all the public and private swimming pools, then the beaches, then the day camps, and all the other public places where children congregated. People stayed home. Our storefront produce sales plummeted, but we still had the neighborhood delivery route. But, as the epidemic continued, the city banned all outdoor sales of food products: hot dog stands, street sweets vendors, and neighborhood produce wagons. We were out of business.

The health department put an emergency mass immunization program into operation. By the first week in August the epidemic was halted. Of the more than 1,000 cases of polio reported in September, not one case was from an individual who had received the vaccine. Events began to get back to normal. The pools and beaches opened. The Northwest Youth Council decided to make money through bingo. City schools opened in the fall.

But then I learned that a friend and classmate, Robert Urbaszewski, a leader in glee club and his church choir and a coworker in many campus organizations, had contracted polio. Robert was not going to be in class, he was going to be in an iron lung. Robert, who was an excellent dancer, was not going to be part of our exhibition square dance troupe. Robert was not going to graduate with us.

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



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Club: T.J. Anthony
Vocational: Chadd Yeatts
Community: Susan Erickson
International: Peter Weimerskirch
Youth: Karen Stemen



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RI President: Holger Knaack
District Governor: Nancy Whitlock
Area 9 Governor: Cora Gnegy
District Secretary: Ron Napier
District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



Rotary Bulletin Sponsorships

Rotary Bulletin Sponsorship Opportunities

In an effort to support our local foundation, we offer the chance to sponsor of the weekly bulletin. The sponsor will be highlighted on the 2nd page of each bulletin. Sponsors can be individual Rotarians or your businesses, and may be text or your business logo. If you are interested, please talk to Chris French or Paula Alston. 100% of the sponsorship money will go to our local Foundation to benefit our projects.

- **\$20 for 1 Week Sponsorship**
- **\$50 for 1 Month Sponsorship (Limit 3 Per Sponsor per Rotary Year)**
 - Runs every week for a calendar month
 - Guaranteed to appear in at least 4 bulletins (will flow over to future available weeks in the event less than 4 bulletins are done in that month)
- **\$135 for 3 Month Sponsorship (Limit 1 Per Sponsor per Rotary Year)**
 - Guaranteed to appear in at least 12 bulletins total during current Rotary year
 - Sponsor can decide if weeks should appear consecutively or spread out
- **\$300 for Gold Sponsor (1 Max per Rotary Year)**
 - Runs every week for 3 calendar months
 - Months do not have to be consecutive
 - Runs in additional weeks, as available, until it has been shown at least 20 weeks total during the current Rotary year.
 - After being shown 20 weeks, logo will continue to be shown in any week where no other sponsor is available.
 - **Deadline for rest of 19-20 Rotary Year – 1/8/2021**
 - **Deadline Window for 20-21 Rotary Year – 5/31/2021**
- **\$800 for Platinum Sponsor (1 Available for 2020-2021 Rotary Year)**
 - Runs every week for a Rotary year
 - **Deadline to apply for 20-21 Rotary Year – 3/31/2021**
 - Physical Sign at Meeting (Near Badges) recognizing sponsor at every meeting

Thanks to this week's bulletin
sponsor!

YOUR NAME HERE!



President's Letter

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December 9, 2020

Fellow Members
Rotary Club of Blacksburg
Blacksburg, Va. 24060

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

We are down to two more meetings of the Club before the year's end, tomorrow (12/10) and next Thursday (12/17). What a year it has been!

Notwithstanding the challenges of the pandemic, the Club has accomplished a great deal: kickstarted a Satellite Club (16 Squares); achieving yet another Gold Club Status; maintaining membership numbers (approximately 100 plus Satellite Club); continuing to have some form of Club and Committee meetings; obtaining matching grants (NRV Land Trust); performing community work (Huckleberry, International Peace Garden); and meeting socially (at Eastern Divide), among other things. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts and continued involvement during these difficult times.

At the same time, we should remember that the year's challenges have had some impact on us. A few examples are not being able to all meet physically, count on robust level of volunteerism and involvement due to restrictions or carry out our regular fund-raising projects (Golf Event, Chocolate Festival, etc.). I believe therefore that it is a good time to take stock of ourselves both individually and as a Club and decide what if anything else we can do. For each individual this will be different. Certainly, the Club could use more funding for good projects; and Committees could use more helping hands to do their important work.

I wish each of you the best Holiday Season and hope that you and yours remain safe and healthy.

Very truly yours,
Arthur V. Shaheen
Arthur V. Shaheen



Meet-A-Rotarian

Paul Mele, Satellite Member



Hello fellow Rotarians, thanks for having me. Like many folks in the New River Valley, my wife Julie and I are Hokies who've chosen to settle down in the Blacksburg area. We have lived all over the country throughout my 30-year Army career and we were blessed to return in 2017 to serve our last three Army years with the Army ROTC unit at Virginia Tech and Radford University.

Born in Washington D.C. and raised in Silver Spring, MD, I received my Army Commission from The Virginia Military Institute. Wanting a bit of "normal college" experience before going into the Army, I came to VT for two years during which I fell in love with both Julie and the NRV.

Our daughter is also a Hokie who will finish VCU Pharmacy School in 2025 and our son is a class of 2022 Blacksburg Bruin.

Knowing we'll no longer be moving every 1-3 years, I joined Rotary International to meet people in our new hometown and to continue serving others. (Thanks for the invite Mike Fisher.) I also founded the NRV Chapter of Sleep In Heavenly Peace, a 501c (3) nonprofit that provides hand-built, sleep-ready twin beds to kids in need. Check us out on Facebook @SHPNewriver or shpbeds.org.

Look for me and Julie at Blacksburg Baptist Church, cheering on the Bruins, searching for the perfect diner (we're real foodies), or enjoying the great outdoors all around us.





Calendar

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Satellite Club Ryan Thomas	2	3 	4	5
6 Terri Mauk	7	8	9	10 	11	12
13 Jim Halferty	14	15 Satellite Club Annette Perkins	16	17 	18 Marquita Hill	19
20 Mary Biggs	21 Brenda Moses Larry Hincker	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29 Philo Hall	30 Paula Alston Stan Perkins	31 Ed Powell		

Upcoming Programs and Events

Dec 17 – Captain Charlene Cover, Salvation Army

Dec 24 – NO MEETING

Dec 31 – NO MEETING

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