


Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin



This Week's Program:
Medical Marijuana

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



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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!

We are excited to host Virginia Tech Softball head coach Pete D'Amour for this week's program. We will be meeting in person at Blacksburg Country Club with lunch provided OR you can join us via ZOOM using the link below.

If attending via ZOOM;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86772609568?pwd=L0FLN2tnK1U3a3crWHRKQIJYUxZz09>

Meeting ID: 867 7260 9568

Passcode: 975035

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

Today's Program: Gordon Martel, Dharma Pharmaceuticals



Since 2019, Gordon Martel has been the C.O.R.E. representative for Dharma Pharmaceuticals, one of five companies to be awarded a license by the Commonwealth of Virginia to grow, process and distribute medicinal Marijuana. Their territory covers from Bristol to South Boston and includes Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Danville. Currently Dharma has one dispensary located in Bristol with the ability to open up 4 more dispensaries within their assigned territory.

To become a consumer and recommender of Medical Marijuana (MM) there is a process to follow. Insurance coverage is not available at this time but hopefully soon there will be legislation to allow

insurances to cover the cost of certain conditions.

Many practitioners of medicine are embracing MM as the well-known opioid crisis continues to increase and chronic pain patients are seeking an alternative to painkilling meds.

Today's presentation will center around the processes and procedures to become a consumer and recommender, and to discuss different conditions where MM is having an impact.

Thanks to this week's bulletin sponsor!

**"I am only one, but still I am one,
I cannot do everything, but still I
can do something; and because I cannot
do everything I will not refuse to do
that something that I can do."**

--Edward Everett Hale



Peace and Conflict Resolution Month

Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts. Rotary creates environments of peace.

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect. By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our commitment to peacebuilding today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our vision of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved. Rotary creates environments where peace can happen.

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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?



**Rotary Centers for
International Studies in peace
and conflict resolution**



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Youth: Karen Stemen



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District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



Rotary Ramps up Covid Vaccination Efforts

Rotary clubs around the world are mobilizing in their communities to support the introduction and delivery of COVID-19 vaccinations. Rotary leaders are urging members to connect with their local health agencies to determine how Rotary can support COVID-19 vaccine efforts.

Rotary has decades of experience in supporting the distribution of polio vaccines as well as highlighting their power and efficacy, which is a critical reason why polio is on the brink of eradication. It's this expertise, along with strategic partnerships and innovation, that Rotary members can tap into to protect communities from COVID-19.

Rotary International President Holger Knaack and Foundation Trustee Chair K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran have called on Rotary members to take action on a number of levels. Rotary members in North Carolina, USA, quickly organized to offer assistance to health officials. District leaders contacted the state's secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to strategize support efforts.

The six district governors in North Carolina joined the state's health department in conducting a webinar, open to the more than 12,200 Rotary members in North Carolina, to provide information about the available COVID-19 vaccines, how they will be distributed, and answer their questions so they can serve as role models and instill confidence in the vaccines in their community.

"Rotarians are leaders who are looked upon for guidance, and the more information and opportunity to share ideas with health officials, the better," said Dawn Rochelle, governor of Rotary district 7730 (North Carolina).

At a meeting in December, the Rotary International Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees created a joint taskforce that will help guide upcoming efforts to distribute the COVID-19 vaccines and advocate for people to get vaccinated. The newly formed group will also share information promoting vaccine acceptance, and encourage service projects to stop the spread of the disease, such as social distancing, wearing masks, and washing hands frequently.

Other ways clubs can mobilize around COVID-19 vaccine introduction and delivery at the local level include community education, ensuring equitable distribution of the vaccine, helping stop the continued spread of the disease, and aiding local health authorities to get prepared for mass vaccinations.

The infrastructure created by Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners is already supporting efforts to combat COVID-19. The GPEI recently announced that it is ready to support the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines.

[Read the full article at rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org)



Calendar

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pete Weimerskirch Chuck Lee	2 Satellite Club	3	4 	5	6
7 Mark Woolwine	8	9	10 Franklyn Moreno	11 	12 Mary Alice Barksdale	13
14	15	16 Satellite Club	17 Mike Jones	18 	19	20 Harold Hankins
21 Jerry Robinson	22	23	24 Dick Bohlin	25 	26	27 Eric Dorminey
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Upcoming Programs and Events

Feb 18 – First Responder of the Year

Feb 25 - TBD

Mar 4 - TBD

Save the Date!

March 20 - Virtual District 7570 Conference

June 14 - 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