

Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin



Rotary 

District 7570

Club 5753

This Week's Program:

Rotary Exchange Student Program

Feb 23, 2023 | Peace and Conflict Resolution 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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Join This Week's Meeting

This week, we hope you'll join us to learn more about Rotary's Exchange Student Program.

Announcements

We are getting our ducks in a row for 2023-24! As we welcome in new leadership in the District and in our Club, we will be getting our committees ready to jump into action :)

Please use the following link to sign up for at least 2 committees to serve on for the next Rotary Year. Please me know if you have any questions about any of the committees and what they do.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084EA4A72BA4FF2-20232024>

About This Week's Program

Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

Rotary Youth Exchange inspires young leaders to serve as catalysts for peace and social justice in their local communities and throughout the world, long after their exchanges end. This program is possible because of the dedication, leadership, and passion of the tens of thousands of volunteers — Rotary members and nonmembers alike — who make this unique program so successful.

Long-term exchanges last a full academic year, and students attend local schools and live with multiple host families.



This week's bulletin is sponsored by
Franklyn Moreno:

**“Sugar, sugar, you love the coffee
you're put in, but what will you do
when they start using Saccharin?”**

Franklyn Moreno



ShelterBox Response to Turkey/Syria



The ShelterBox assessment team has relocated to Gaziantep in Southern Turkey where pre-existing humanitarian hubs were based and the epicenter of the earthquake. The search and rescue phase is ending and efforts will largely turn to recovery. ShelterBox is gathering emergency shelter aid and essential household items. We anticipate distributing tents and shelter kits, stoves, thermal blankets, and clothing to keep people warm through the freezing winter nights.

We are also considering cash vouchers to help people buy what they need to survive. Our solar lights will help people when there is no electricity and help charge phones to keep them in contact. Our tents will help people to shelter from the winter weather, prevent the spread of disease, and provide some privacy. We're also providing thousands of blankets and expect items like mattresses to be needed. Warm children's clothing is being distributed in northern Syria. Our supply chain team at ShelterBox is working around the clock to get supplies from pre-positioning hubs across the world to Turkey and Syria. Your help is needed. Please consider a donation of any amount to www.shelterboxusa.org. For any questions, please ask Christy Brown!

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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: Phil Araman
 President-Elect: Tom Ryan
 President-Nominee: Eric Johnsen
 Secretary: Leslie Jester
 Treasurer: Fred Meyers

Club Directors

Club: Tom Ryan
 Vocational: Eric Johnsen
 Local: Bruce Roulstone
 International: Chuck Burress
 Youth: Mary Biggs

District and Global

RI President: Jennifer Jones
 District Governor: Kathy Kanter
 Area 9 Governor: Terri Fisher
 District Secretary: Nancy Whitlock
 District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



Meet-A-Rotarian

John Sutphin



My name is John Sutphin, I am a native to the Blacksburg area and just recently moved back after living in North Carolina for many years. After graduating from Virginia Tech with a degree in Finance, I moved to Winston-Salem NC to attend business school full time at Wake Forest University. I graduated from Wake Forest in 2003 and then began a career in energy and utilities with Piedmont Natural Gas in Charlotte. I held a number of senior management roles during that time in the areas of treasury management, financial planning & analysis, supply chain, and investor relations among

others Along the way I was fortunate enough to gather several certifications in treasury management, investor relations, and regulatory finance. After the purchase of PNG by Duke Energy in 2015, I transitioned into a role in acquisition integration with Duke and then lead their natural gas supply chain operations until 2018. Since that time, I have been working as an independent consultant, mostly in utilities and energy, in various parts of the United State including Blacksburg.

Giving back to the community is important to me, and I have spent time working with various non-profits and charitable organizations through the years. I was on the board of the Morrison YMCA in Charlotte for many years and coached youth sports in that organization for 10 years. Other organizations I have worked with include the Y Readers, Samaritan's Purse, Meals on Wheels and School Tools.

My wife, Jenny Sutphin, also grew up in this area and has a background in biology and veterinary medicine. She has been a full-time mom and preschool teacher over the last 20 years. My son Jack is a clinical neuroscience major at Virginia Tech and my daughter Ava is a junior in high school.

Outside of work, I enjoy cooking, fitness activities, Virginia Tech sports, sporting clays and helping my Dad around his farm. I'm excited to be back in this area and to be a part of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg!



Calendar

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chuck Lee Peter Weimerskirch	2 Noon Meeting	3	4
5	6	7 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	8	9 Noon Meeting Matthew Shortt	10 Franklyn Moreno	11
12	13	14	15 MICAH'S backpack	16 Noon Meeting	17 Mike Jones	18
19	20	21 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	22 Bruce Roulstone	23 Noon Meeting	24 Dick Bohlin	25
26	27	28				

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Mar 2 – RI Wheelchair Project
- Mar 9 – Addressing Water and Health Issues
- Mar 16 – Human Trafficking in Southwest Virginia
- Mar 23 – TBD
- Mar 30 – Club Social

Announcement: Our club will pack backpacks for Micah's on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. through the school year. St. Michaels Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg. Mark your calendars.

Need a Make-Up?

Blacksburg Satellite Club
Corp. Research Center – 1st/3rd Tues 5:30pm

Montgomery County
Inn at Va. Tech – 1st/3rd Wednesday, 7:15 AM

Christiansburg-Blacksburg
Blacksburg C.C. 2nd/4th Monday 5:30 PM

Floyd
Floyd Country Store, Wednesday Noon

Radford
Long Way Brewing, Wednesday Noon

Salem
Salem Civic Center, Thursday Noon

Pulaski
Pulaski CC of Thornsprings, Monday 12:15 PM

Giles
Location varies; please call, Thursday Noon

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH YOUR PRIMARY SPONSORSHIP TO ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKSBURG

As a Primary Sponsor of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, you can diversify your dollar into our Local Community. Through sponsorship, you will be supporting the Local Organizations supported financially as well as through Rotary sweat equity.

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg currently works with;

Financial and Time support for the **Montgomery County Christmas Store**

Financial and Time support for the **Interfaith Food Pantry**

Financial and Time support for **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

Financial support for the **Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Fine Arts**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Math and Science**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Career & Technical Education**

Financial support and Recognition for a **Citizen of the Year**

Financial support and Recognition for a **First Responder of the Year**

Financial Support for the **Community Health Center of the NRV**

Financial Support and Time support for the **Nature Play Area of Heritage Park**

Financial Support of the **YMCA**

Time Support of 2 **Adopt A Spot** road cleanups in Blacksburg

Financial Support and Time Support of **Micah's Backpack** program

Financial Support and Time support of the **NRV Glean Team**

Financial Support of the Rotary Club of **Blacksburg Mountain Biking Skills Park**

As well as our Global efforts through Rotary International.

Primary Sponsorship is a Annual 501C3 Charitable Tax Deductible gift of \$3000 for a commitment of 3 years. The Primary Sponsor program is limited to 15 Primary Sponsors who will have their name and/or Logo on signage to be displayed at every Rotary Club of Blacksburg meeting and event throughout the calendar year, your name and/or logo displayed on emails sent to club members throughout the calendar year as well as your name/logo displayed on our weekly club bulletin. We will highlight our Primary Sponsors through our Rotary Club of Blacksburg social media sites as well.

We would love to partner with you in our support of our Local Community.

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