


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin

This Week's Program:  
Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

March 9, 2022 | Water and Sanitation 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

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) | [www.rotary7570.org](http://www.rotary7570.org)



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### Join This Week's Meeting

This week, we'll be joined by Catherine Fox, Vice President of Destination Development for Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge.

### Announcements

#### District Conference

Did you know that our club reimburses 1st time attendee Registration fees for District Conference? Here's the link for you to register today!

<https://www.rotary7570conference.com/>

**ROTARY DISTRICT  
7570 CONFERENCE  
APRIL 1-3, 2022**

#### New Member Orientation

There will be a new member orientation at 11am on Thursday this week at the main clubhouse. Come welcome our newest member and also brush up on some of the things that make Rotary great!

### About This Week's Speaker



Catherine Fox is vice president of destination development for Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge. She is a native of Roanoke and joined the staff of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge in 1988. (The entity was formerly

known as the Roanoke Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau). Her work focuses on developing the region as a destination and putting a spotlight on tourism as an economic driver. Catherine was recently appointed to the board of the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging and Travel Association. Catherine is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in Travel and Tourism Management.

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## Rotary Leadership Institute

*Jane Crawford, Chair*

Registration is now open for virtual RLI on May 1 and May 2 (5:00-8:00pm) for Parts I, II, and III! Please note that attendance during both days is required to receive credit and you may only take one Part at a time. RLI is a dynamic, interactive, and fun event for all Rotarians. Learn more at: [www.rli33.org](http://www.rli33.org)

## Youth Conference at District Conference – April 2!

*Bret Hrbek, Chair*

The youth will be back for District Conference! On Saturday, April 2, the district has a bus coming up from Bristol and heading south from Winchester to pick up youth interested in attending the Saturday district conference sessions. Everything is covered: food, registration, transportation. If you know of any youth who should attend, please direct them to this link:

<https://www.rotary7570conference.com/youth>

Share with them the attached flier. We still need a Rotarian chaperone to ride the bus from Bristol to Roanoke and back. If you are willing to attend the Saturday District Conference sessions and chaperone the bus, please e-mail Bret Hrbek at [brethrbek.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:brethrbek.rotary@gmail.com).

## Connect with us!



### E-Mail

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### Twitter

@RotaryBlacksbrg



### Instagram

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### Facebook

[facebook.com/RotaryBlacksburg](https://facebook.com/RotaryBlacksburg)



### Web

[www.blacksburgrotary.org](http://www.blacksburgrotary.org)

## 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



# Rotary Response to Crisis in Ukraine

As one of the world's largest humanitarian organizations, Rotary has made peace the cornerstone of its global mission. We are deeply concerned about the Ukraine crisis and need your help.



Rotary is made up of people of action, especially in difficult times. In response to the deepening refugee crisis, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have decided to prioritize contributions made to the [Disaster Response Fund](#) until 30 April 2022 to support [disaster response grants](#) for districts affected by these events. These expedited disaster response grants can be used to supply water, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing.

Half a million people have fled Ukraine and are in dire need of emergency aid. The United Nations estimates that number of refugees could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

With your donation to our [Disaster Response Fund](#), we can support communities and help rebuild lives during this tragic time.

You may also support Ukraine by donating to [Shelterbox](#). For a full list of ways that Rotary International is responding to the crisis in Ukraine, [click here](#).





# Calendar

## March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Satellite Club	2	3  David Hodgson	4 Susan Erickson	5
6	7	8	9	10 	11	12
13 Mike Burnop	14	15  Satellite Club	16 Brian Mack	17 	18	19
20 Christine Smith Jack Wilkinson	21	22 Al Bowman	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29 Alec Siegel	30	31 		

## Upcoming Programs and Events

- Mar 10 – Visit Virginia’s Blue Ridge
- Mar 17 – ShelterBox
- Mar 24 – First Responder of the Year
- Mar 31 **5:30 PM** – Member Appreciation at Smithfield
- Apr 1-3 District Conference in Roanoke**

### Need a Make-Up?

- Blacksburg Satellite Club**  
Corporate Research Center – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 5:15pm
- Montgomery County**  
Inn at Virginia Tech – Wednesday, 7:15 AM
- Christiansburg-Blacksburg**  
Blacksburg Country Club, 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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