


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin

This Week's Program:  
WideOpen Blacksburg

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

Mar 18, 2021 | 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)



Rotary Opens Opportunities

### Join This Week's Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

We hope that you will be able to join us (in person or on ZOOM) for this week's meeting. Our speakers this week are from WideOpen Blacksburg, which is bringing fiber-optic cable internet to developable neighborhoods and business districts in Blacksburg, Christiansburg and Montgomery County, based on demand.

#### **If attending via ZOOM;**

Look out for the email with a link to the Zoom session!

Meeting ID:                      Passcode:

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

### Today's Program: WideOpen Blacksburg

Dr. Andrew Cohill was director of the world-renowned Blacksburg Electronic Village at Virginia Tech from 1993 to 2002. In the 1990s, Blacksburg became widely known as the "most wired community in the world." Dr. Cohill is a broadband architect with extensive background in broadband network design and broadband planning. He started Design Nine broadband planning company in 1998, and WideOpen Networks fiber network company in 2012. Today he manages both companies and is excited about his latest venture: WideOpen Blacksburg. He hopes to bring fiber internet to 8,000 homes in Montgomery County in the next four years.

Lynn Huber is an electrical engineer and the project lead for the WideOpen Blacksburg endeavor. She has been charged with the task of making sure the community understands and embraces the benefits of fiber (vs. copper cable) to the home.



**This bulletin is sponsored by Jim McAlister, in memory of his mother, Peggy McAlister**



Peggy McAlister (pictured left), was a public health nurse serving Wythe County for 30 years, including during the 1950 Polio epidemic. Thanks to Rotary International, we have essentially eradicated this disease, but must stay vigilant.



# Last Week's Meeting

For those that missed it!



## Connect 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



### Club Directors

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



### District and Global

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



Virtual District Conference – **THIS WEEKEND!**

# Virtual District Conference

SATURDAY MARCH 20, 2021 9AM - 1PM

*YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM*



## Entertainment!

### The Boogie Kings

Left to right is William Hayes, Piano, Richard Adams , Horns, and Sam Brown, Drums.

- Live stream available **DAY OF** at <https://www.rotary7570conference.com>

**Rotary**   
DISTRICT 7570

“Everyone gets so much information all day long that they lose their common sense--Gertrude Stein.”

- Theodore Roosevelt



# Calendar

## March 2021

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

## Upcoming Programs and Events

Mar 25 – Club Assembly

Apr 1 – Virtual Tour of Smithfield Plantation

Apr 22 – Local Foundation

## 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