


Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin

This Week's Program:
Water and Health Issues

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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Join This Week's Meeting

This week, we hope you'll join us to learn more about Dr. Cohen's work and research on addressing water, wastewater, and health related challenges in lower-income regions of Appalachia.

About This Week's Program

Dr. Alasdair Cohen is an Assistant Professor of Environmental Epidemiology in the Department of Population Health Sciences and the Public Health Program at Virginia Tech (VT). He also has an affiliate faculty appointment in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at VT, and serves as Research Director for the Berkeley/China/Virginia Tech Program for Water & Health (www.RuralWaterHealth.org). Cohen earned his PhD in Environmental Science, Policy, & Management, and an MPH in Epidemiology, from the University of California, Berkeley, as well as an MSc in Water Science, Policy, & Management from the University of Oxford.

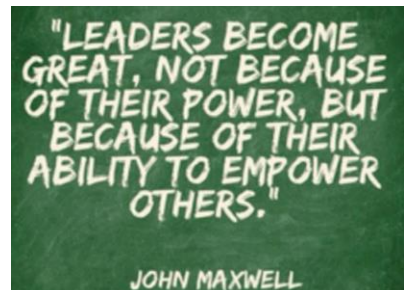
Dr. Cohen's overarching goal is to help advance programs and policies for improving drinking water (treatment, supply, and access), sanitation, and health in lower-income rural areas. He and his group collaborate with government agencies, international institutions, non-profits, universities, and others to conduct field- and desk-based research internationally and domestically. He has 15+ years of research and project management experience, and has worked for three United Nations (UN) agencies, primarily leading projects to develop and evaluate water-and-poverty focused indicators to support rural poverty reduction projects.

Since 2006, he has designed and managed the implementation of six large-scale (>400 households) field-based research projects in Bangladesh, China, India, and Mozambique with UN, government, and academic collaborators. In particular, he designed and managed a UN-led project to create The Multidimensional Poverty Assessment Tool (www.IFAD.org/MPAT), an open-source, survey-based monitoring and evaluation tool that has since been used in numerous countries. Since 2013, he has also collaborated with various agencies at the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC) to conduct drinking water and health focused research in low-income rural areas of China.

Currently, Cohen is leading two small-scale water-and-health focused prospective cohort studies, as well as a wastewater focused project, in southwest Virginia. Building on initial findings from this and other research, he is now working on a number of proposals to better understand and help address water, wastewater, and health related challenges in lower-income regions of Appalachia.

More information can be found at www.GlobalEnvironmentalHealth.org

This week's bulletin is sponsored by Gunin Kiran:






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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?

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Calendar

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Noon Meeting	3 David Hodgson	4 Susan Erickson
5	6	7 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	8	9 Noon Meeting	10	11
12	13 Mike Burnop	14	15	16 Noon Meeting MICAH'S backpacks Brian Mack	17 Patrick Moran	18
19	20 Jack Wilkinson Christine Smith	21 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	22 Al Bowman	23 Noon Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29 Alec Siegel	30 Field Trip to Dublin 5 PM Club Social	31	

Upcoming Programs and Events

Mar 16 – Human Trafficking in Southwest Virginia

Mar 23 – TBD

**Mar 30 – Field Trip to Fontaine Modifications
(No Noon Meeting)**

Mar 30 5PM – Club Social at Bull & Bones B'Burg

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

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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.

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

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