


Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin

This Week's Program:
Historic Smithfield

Rotary 
District 7570
Club 5753

April 1, 2021 | Maternal and Child Health 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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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 speaker this week will be fellow Rotarian Ryan Spencer, Executive Director of Historic Smithfield.

If attending via ZOOM;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84810699765?pwd=R2htcG84WnB2Zm1NaFZ2d0lQemFaUT09>

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

Meeting ID: 848 1069 9765 Passcode: 576614

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

This Week's Program: Historic Smithfield – Speakers

Ryan is the Executive Director at Preston's Smithfield in Blacksburg, Virginia where he lives with his wife, Julia (a fellow historian). Before working at Smithfield, Ryan spent 13 years at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan where he served in several roles, including General Manager of Greenfield Village. Ryan is a graduate of the University of St. Andrews, Scotland with a Master of Letters in Museum Studies, and Hillsdale College in Michigan with a B.A. in history, literature, and education. Ryan graduated from AASLH's History Leadership Institute in 2012. Currently, he is involved with Greek Cru at Virginia Tech, Rotary International, and supporting LGBTQ Christians in the church.

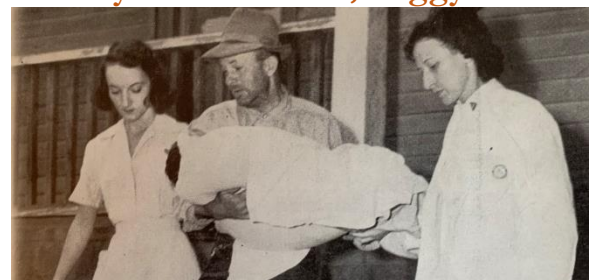
Kenna Jewell received a Bachelors degree in Art History from Radford University

followed by a Masters degree in Material Culture and Public Humanities (MCPH) from

Virginia Tech.

In 2018, Kenna began her current position at Preston's Smithfield as Operations Manager.

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.



Historic Smithfield

William Preston's Smithfield tells the story of American history in a way that no other site can. It sits at the intersection of Colonial America, westward expansion, African slavery, and conflicts between indigenous peoples and European settlers.

Smithfield connects George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, the American Revolution, secession, emancipation, and the Civil War. It is the birthplace of universities, including Virginia Tech. It represents the hope, promise, and tragedy of American democracy and provides a unique opportunity to gain perspective from the past, insight for the present, and inspiration for the future.



"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

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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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Rotary Maternal and Child Health Month

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.



[Click Above to Play Video](#)

OUR IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Mobile prenatal clinics

Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

Cancer screening

Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

Preventing injuries and deaths

Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.



Calendar

April 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3 Chris Turman
4	5	6 Satellite Club	7	8 	9	10 Dan Goerlich
11	12 Leslie Jester Ron Rordam	13	14 William Flattery	15 	16	17
18	19	20 Satellite Club Mark Mear	21	22 	23	24
25 Chris Belluzzo Candi Kelly Chadd Yeatts	26	27	28 Billy Hite	29 5th Thursday Club Social!	30 Ken D'Amato	

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Apr 8 – Rural Opioids Technical Assistance
- Apr 15 – Vaccine Protections Historically and Covid
- Apr 22 – Lemur Research
- Apr 29 – 5th Thursday Club Social at Eastern Divide
- May 6 (Clubhouse) – Science & Math Scholarships
- May 13 (Clubhouse) – Career & Technical Scholarships
- May 20 (Clubhouse) – Fine Arts Scholarships

Save the Date!

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