

# Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin

This Week's Program:

Rotary – India Polio Trip

Rotary 

District 7570

Club 5753

April 27, 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

Join us this week at our regular time for a presentation from Tom Alston and Walt Pirie on their recent trip to India.

### Announcements

**Paula's Installation:** Paula's installation as District Governor will be held on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm at the Blacksburg Country Club. If you would like to attend, please let Leslie know and she will get you registered.

**Micah's Backpack Update:** This summer, our club has volunteered to increase our packing frequency with Micah's Backpack. Starting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, our club will be sending volunteers to help every Tuesday during summer.

### About This Week's Program

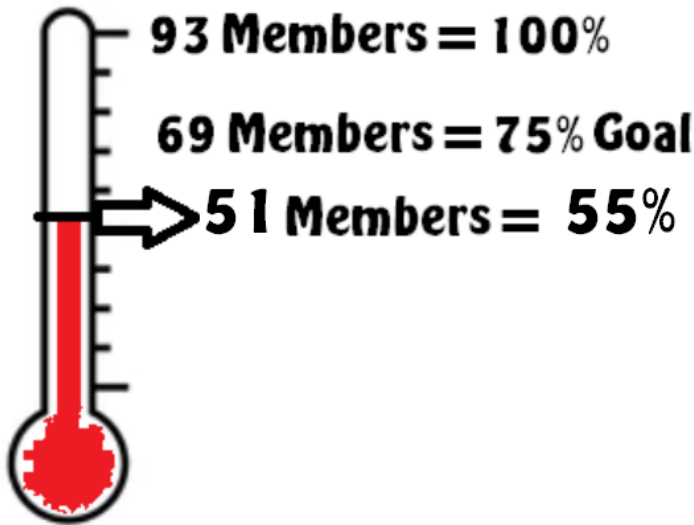
Tom Alston and Walt Pirie are presenting on their trip to India to administer the polio drops. They were able to visit many rotary projects in India and will report on what they saw.

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# Rotary News



**We still need 18 more of our members to donate in order to reach our Gold Club goal of 75% participation!**

**If you have not yet donated at least \$25.00 to Rotary International during this fiscal year, you still have until July 1<sup>st</sup> to make a donation!**

**On This Week's Cover:** Leslie Jester with Dyan and Maddy.

## 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: 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 – Second Chance !

## Bernie Bragen

I moved to the New River Valley in December after being appointed as the Superintendent of Schools for Montgomery County. I was born and raised in New Jersey and spent much of my professional career there. My educational journey started as a special education teacher and child study team member, and after 10 years, I moved into administration. I held the roles of Supervisor of Special Education, Assistant Principal, Principal, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Superintendent of Schools before I arrived in Montgomery County. I am currently in my 34<sup>th</sup> year in the field and 11<sup>th</sup> year as superintendent.

I have a bachelor's degree in management science/Finance and a master's degree in Special Education from Kean University in Union, New Jersey. I earned a second master's degree in Administration/Leadership from New Jersey City University and a doctoral degree from Nova Southeastern University in Educational and Organizational Leadership. Most recently, I have been working towards a master's degree in accounting from the University of Delaware, with an anticipated graduation of Summer 2023. I ascribe to the belief that those who dare to teach must never cease to learn.



While in school, I played football and lacrosse and coached both sports along with track during my teaching career. I have always loved the outdoors and am an avid golfer and hiker. I also loved to surf fish on the beaches of New Jersey and will have to adjust to inland fishing in my new community.

I am also the proud father of three daughters, who are my life's greatest accomplishment.





# Calendar

April 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Chris Turman	4 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	5	6 Noon Meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12 Leslie Jester	13 Noon Meeting	14 William Flattery	15
16	17	18 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	19	20 Noon Meeting MICAH'S backpack	21	22
23	24	25 Chris Belluzzo Emily Gibson Candi Kelly	26	27 Noon Meeting	28	29
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## Upcoming Programs and Events

- May 4 – Rotary Scholarships II
- May 11 – Radford Army Ammunition Plant
- May 18 – Solar Solutions
- May 25 – Picnic at Wong Park

**Announcement:** Our club will pack backpacks for Micah's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 5:30pm
- Montgomery County**  
Inn at Va. Tech – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:15 AM
- Christiansburg-Blacksburg**  
Blacksburg C.C. 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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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