

April 7, 2022 | 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



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

We are excited to welcome Ruth Waalkes, Executive Director of the Moss Arts Center, to the club tomorrow to talk about the Moss Arts Center! We hope that you will be able to join us in person or VIA ZOOM. Please use the following link if you will be joining us on ZOOM;

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87372421125?pwd=S0E5OE1xbnRobExzSkRNODlpdEpCdz09

Meeting ID: 873 7242 1125

Passcode: 900201

<u>Announcements</u>

About the Moss Arts Center

Located at the crossroads of Virginia Tech and downtown Blacksburg, Virginia, on the corner of Main Street and Alumni Mall, the Moss Arts Center is a thriving community where the arts are a catalyst for engagement, inspiration, and discovery.



The center operates as both a presenting organization and as a 147,000-square-foot, top-caliber arts center. Since opening in 2013, the center has brought innovative, significant, and diverse programming to the campus and the region.

The Moss Arts Center is named in tribute to artist and philanthropist Patricia Buckley Moss, who committed \$10 million toward construction of the facility on the campus of Virginia Tech.



Local News

District Conference Recap

The 107th District Conference was held last weekend at the Hotel Roanoke. It was a perfect weekend to spend among Rotary friends. Our club took first place for Vocational Service and Club Bulletin and second place for Club Service. We were also awarded a certificate for our PolioPlus impact and giving.

At the conference, attendees raised over \$51,000 for PolioPlus, \$15,000 for the Annual Share for the Rotary Foundation through the silent auction, and over \$100,000 for aid to Ukraine.

We also packed over 32,000 meals, bringing our District's total meal count to 2,362,122. We remembered Mel Huber during the memorial service on Sunday morning.

You should plan to attend next year's conference at the Homestead on March 2-5, 2023.



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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do...

Is it the <u>Truth</u>?

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

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

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. Rotary members expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. Members provide education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

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 <u>save lives of mothers and children</u> 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.

April 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Chris Turman	4	5 Satellite Club	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Dan Goerlich		Leslie Jester Ron Rordam		William Flattery		
17	18	19 Satellite Club	20 Mark Miear	21	22	23
24	25 Chris Belluzzo	26	27	28	29	30
	Candi Kelly Chadd Yeatts					Ken D'Amato

Upcoming Programs and Events

Apr 14 – Blacksburg Police Advisory Committee

Apr 21 – A Look at the Galapagos

Apr 28 - Club Assembly

May 5 – Science and Math Scholarship Awards

May 12 – Career & Technical Scholarship Awards

May 19 – Fine Arts Scholarship Awards

May 26 – Wong Park Picnic

Jun 2 -

Jun 9 – Webster Santos, VT Chemistry

Jun 16 -

Jun 23 – Changing of the Guard

Jun 30 - Club Social - Eastern Divide Brewing Co

Need a Make-Up?

Blacksburg Satellite Club

Corporate Research Center – 1st/3rd Tues 5:15pm

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