


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin



This Week's Program:  
Lifelong Learning Institute

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

June 16, 2022 | Rotary Fellowships 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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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### Join This Week's Meeting

We hope you will be joining us tomorrow to hear more about the LifeLong Learning Institute with our speaker Pat Hyer. Our ZOOM link is below. We will continue to ZOOM through the end of June, but will no longer be using ZOOM as of July 1.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88032972242?pwd=Rk9HTIBCSIRRM2lxeHlXclZuTWl0UT09>

Meeting ID: 880 3297 2242

Passcode: 024482

### Announcements

Prior to this week's meeting, we will also be having an orientation for our new member Walt Pirie. You are most welcome to join in on the orientation fun at 11:00 in the Main Clubhouse!

There is **Garbage Pickup** this Saturday.

### About this week's program

The Lifelong Learning Institute at Virginia Tech is a member-driven, volunteer organization that draws on the wealth of academic and community resources in the New River Valley to provide intellectual, cultural, and social experiences for curious adults 50 and older. LLI membership means opportunities for engaging lectures, vibrant discussion, local field trips, and charter travel with other curious adults. Launched in fall 2015, LLI at Virginia Tech now has about 500 members and offers a wide array of courses and events in two terms each year.

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:





## District 7570's Generous Response to Ukraine Crisis

On March 3, 2022, John Germ, The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair (TRFTC), urged Rotarians to help provide emergency aid to Ukraine by donating to the Disaster Response Fund through April 30, 2022, for disaster response grants for affected districts. TRFTC Germ stated, "Rotary is made up of people of action, especially in difficult times."

Thank you so much, District 7570, for being people of action! From March 3 through March 17, 2022, District 7570 Rotarians contributed \$175,054 to the Disaster Response Fund.

Then from March 18 through April 3, 2022, District 7570 offered a Dollar for Dollar & Foundation Points Match up to \$25,000 thanks to the generous support of Rotarians Jamie and Patty Baisden, owners of Wind River Chimes. The response was extraordinary! Rotarians and clubs quickly exceeded our \$25,000 goal and the Baisdens charitably increased their match to \$30,000. From March 18 through April 30, 2022 (this date allows for checks posted after April 3), District 7570 raised an additional \$123,178 from individuals and clubs and \$15,000 from District 7570. Many thanks to Jamie and Patty for inspiring us to serve others in Ukraine.

Through our generous donations totaling \$298,233, we are supplying water, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing to those in Ukraine who need it the most. Thank you for your remarkably generous donations in helping raise over \$15 million for Ukraine.

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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: 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



# Meet-A-Rotarian!

## Brian Morris



I was born in Minnesota and have also lived in Arizona, Arkansas, Missouri, North Dakota, Texas, England, UK and now Virginia. At 21 years old, I enlisted into the US Air Force serving in the positions of Aircraft Avionics Specialist, Quality Assurance Chief Inspector, and Aircrew Flight Engineer. I had the joy of being assigned to the B-2 Spirit (stealth bomber), RC-135 Rivet Joint (reconnaissance), and C-130 Hercules (cargo/troop transportation); deploying five times with these airframes.

In 2005, my wife Jessica and I met while we were on Active Duty together. After wooing her for eleven years we were married in 2016. Following our military retirements, we both graduated with our Doctor of Chiropractic degrees from Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, MN. As students of Chiropractic, we were introduced to Dr. Ray Tuck at several national conferences that eventually led us to being hired by Tuck Chiropractic (Blacksburg & Christiansburg clinic locations). We moved to the

New River Valley in August of 2021 from Minnesota. Excitingly, Jessica is pregnant with “Sweet Baby Boy Morris”, due on or around July 18th

As a young athlete, I’ve played baseball, basketball, soccer, and golf. In my early thirties, I found success as an endurance athlete completing the 2009 Ironman Austria Triathlon. Between 2009-2010, I finished first place overall in three marathons. Because I attributed much of my endurance success to training in CrossFit, I was certified as a CrossFit Strength & Conditioning Training Coach then opened and coached a CrossFit gym from 2011-2014.

Since moving to Christiansburg, I have found enjoyment in hiking, exploring and Overlanding camping with my wife in our Jeep Wrangler outfitted with a rooftop tent. I have also become involved with the Blacksburg Sports Club, Downtown Blacksburg Inc., and Northstar Church.

What excites me most about Rotary is that I get to meet and connect with amazing people as we serve our precious NRV communities.





# Sponsorships

## Rotary Bulletin Sponsorships

In an effort to support our local foundation, we offer the chance to sponsor of the weekly bulletin. The sponsor will be highlighted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of each bulletin. Sponsors can be individual Rotarians or your businesses, and may be text or your business logo. If you are interested, please talk to Chris French or Paula Alston. 100% of the sponsorship money will go to our local Foundation to benefit our projects.

- **\$20 for 1 Week Sponsorship**
- **\$50 for 1 Month Sponsorship**
  - Runs every week for a calendar month
  - Guaranteed to appear in at least 4 bulletins (will flow over to future available weeks in the event less than 4 bulletins are done in that month)
- **\$135 for 3 Month Sponsorship**
  - Guaranteed to appear in at least 12 bulletins total during current Rotary year
  - Sponsor can decide if weeks should appear consecutively or spread out
- **\$300 for Gold Sponsor (1 Max per Rotary Year)**
  - Runs every week for 3 calendar months
  - Months do not have to be consecutive
  - Runs in additional weeks, as available, until it has been shown at least 20 weeks total during the current Rotary year.
  - After being shown 20 weeks, logo will continue to be shown in any week where no other sponsor is available.
  - **Available after 5/31/2022 if no Platinum Sponsor**
- **\$800 for Platinum Sponsor (1 Max per Rotary Year)**
  - Runs every week for a Rotary year
  - Physical Sign at Meeting (Near Badges) recognizing sponsor at every meeting
  - **Deadline for 2022-2023 Year: 5/31/2022**

Thanks to this week's bulletin  
sponsor!

**YOUR NAME HERE!**



# Calendar

## June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Satellite Club	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 David Reemsnyder	17	18 Todd Murray Dawn Myers Karen Stemen
19	20	21 Satellite Club Ryan Spencer	22	23	24	25 Judy Ridinger
26	27	28	29	30 John Brown		

## Upcoming Programs and Events

### Jun 23 – Changing of the Guard

Jun 30 – Club Social – Eastern Divide Brewing Co

Jul 7 – NO MEETING

Jul 14 – Community Foundation of the NRV

Jul 21 – TBD

Jul 28 – Committee Day

Aug 4 – VT Women’s Soccer

Aug 11 – VT Men’s Soccer

**Aug 18 – 5:30 PM District Governor Visit**

**Aug 20 – Rotary Yard Sale – YMCA Lot**

## Need a Make-Up?

### Blacksburg Satellite Club

Corporate Research Center – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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