


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin

This Week's Program:  
Changing of the Guard

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

June 24, 2021 | 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

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) | [www.rotary7570.org](http://www.rotary7570.org)



Rotary Opens Opportunities

### Join This Week's Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

We will have our Annual Changing of the Guard this week to welcome in the New Board of Directors and Club Leadership as well as to thank the Leadership for the past year of service! We will ALSO have the opportunity to hear from Andrew Hutchison, General Manager of the Blacksburg Country Club about our weekly host and what is going on at the Club.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83184849312?pwd=eU9pUENISU51UzZkVForOVpkWndwQT09>

Meeting ID: 831 8484 9312

Passcode: 503600

### Make your Rotary Foundation donation today!

We are behind in collecting donations for the Rotary Foundation. If you have not made your donation yet, please consider doing so this week. If you are unable to make the \$100 donation, any amount will do! You can give your check to Fred Meyers or Mike Jones or mail it to the club at PO Box 770, Blacksburg 24063. If you want to make a donation online, go to [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) and sign in (you need to have an account.) Once signed in, click the DONATE button and select either Annual Fund or Polio.

### This Week's Speaker

Andrew "Hutch" Hutchinson is the General Manager/COO of the Blacksburg Country Club. He returned to the BCC in October of 2020, just is time to navigate through a global pandemic!

Prior to returning to Blacksburg, Hutch was the GM/COO of the Twentieth Century Club in Pittsburgh, PA, one of the oldest women's city clubs in the country. Hutch took the Club from the brink of bankruptcy and generated more than \$2 million in F&B revenue annually, positioning the Club for its sale in 2021 to the University of Pittsburgh. Before being GM of the Twentieth Century Club, Hutch served as the General Manager of Hidden Valley Country Club and was the Assistant General Manager of Blacksburg Country Club for 9 years.

Hutch is a Hokie, graduating from the Pamplin College of Business, with a B.S. in Hotel and Tourism Management. He grew up in Bethel Park, a suburb of Pittsburgh, PA.

"Volunteers are not paid--not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

**This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of**

**T.O. Williams, Carl McDaniels, and Joe Jones**



# Rotary Fellowships

## International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians

This is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting long distance running and endurance sports as an opportunity to experience fellowship. The objectives of our Fellowship are:

- To develop and promote world-wide friendship through running in competitive events and engaging in touristic activities
- To serve the community locally, nationally and internationally through running activities
- To promote international understanding and peace through running activities.



The idea of founding this organization originated at Paris Marathon in 2005. The charter initiation party of our fellowship was celebrated in 2006 during the marathon in Berlin. The main intention of the IMFR is to organize one Rotarian event a year during an international marathon, where you can meet Rotarian friends and run for a beneficial purpose. Members have come together once a year since 2005 to run in a nominated marathon. The IMFR is open to all Rotarians, Rotaracts and their families. All you need is enthusiasm for the challenge of running; amateur runners are more than welcome.

## The International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians

The Birdwatching Fellowship commenced in 1991, with its presence at the Mexico convention. It is now one of more than 120 Global Networking Groups within Rotary. The initiator of the Fellowship was PP Dick Tafel of North Bay, Ontario, Canada. In June of 2002 he was superseded as president by Mike Lakin of Botswana, Africa. The third President was PDG Steve Leonard of Indiana USA who served in that role for six years up until June 2013 when he was succeeded by PDG Julie West from District 6630 in Northeast Ohio, USA.



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www.blacksburgrotary.org

## 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: Arthur Shaheen  
 President-Elect: T.J. Anthony  
 President-Nominee: Ken D'Amato  
 Secretary: Leslie Jester  
 Treasurer: Philip Walker



## Club Directors

Club: T.J. Anthony  
 Vocational: Chadd Yeatts  
 Community: Susan Erickson  
 International: Peter Weimerskirch  
 Youth: Karen Stemen



## District and Global

RI President: Holger Knaack  
 District Governor: Nancy Whitlock  
 Area 9 Governor: Cora Gnegy  
 District Secretary: Ron Napier  
 District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



# President's Letter

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June 23, 2021

Members, Rotary Club of Blacksburg  
Blacksburg, Va. 24060

Dear Fellow Members:

Tomorrow, I serve my last day as President of our Club. Ken D'Amato will then take the wheel. Together with the new Board, Ken will be a stellar leader.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this past year. I felt honored and really enjoyed it. Our Club has a number of distinctions and is, in my opinion, one of the best such clubs in the region. It is not always easy to be good, but our individual members, through perseverance and sacrifice, have managed to overcome some of the greatest challenges in recent memory, COVID-19 being the essence. We continued to meet, sometimes only visually through Zoom, sometimes in person at Smithfield and Wong Park among others; to give of ourselves both physically and monetarily; and to meet our commitments. Our membership numbers remain stable. We are a Gold Club. Our golf tourney was a huge success. And our Satellite Club (Sixteen Squares) is a hit!

It is impossible to give credit to everyone to whom it is due in a club such as ours. We have so many deserved constituencies, committees, Board Members, and individuals. We are fortunate to have leadership in Leslie Jester and Paula Alston, whose contributions in myriad ways transcend terms and timelines. Your new President, Ken D'Amato, deserves special recognition for stepping up early as President-Elect and being a strong presence on the Board, and an inspiring coordinator of such projects as the Peace Garden and Huckleberry Road cleanups. We should also thank Philip Walker and Fred Meyers for their work in keeping the finances straight during a tough transition year. Unsung heroes include Chris French who publishes the bulletin every week (come rain and shine), and TJ Anthony and Franklyn Moreno, who produce great weekly programs. I could go on and on.

I wish everyone the best. I am going on inactive status for one year to squeeze out some extra time for my family. Ken knows where to find me if needed. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arthur V. Shaheen".

Arthur V. Shaheen



# Past Presidents

## Rotary Club of Blacksburg Past Presidents

Year	President	Notes
1978-79	Bane Atkinson*	Passed away in 2009
1979-80	Bob Sullins	Lives in Florida
1980-81	Heth Thomas	Lives in Roanoke Valley
1981-82	Jim Johnson	Lives in Roanoke, in the Roanoke Valley club
1982-83	Bob Oliver	
1983-84	Don Flory	Church of the Brethern Minister in Mid West
1984-85	Carl McDaniels*	Passed away in 2019
1985-86	Dan Schneck	Christiansburg --- no longer in Rotary
1986-87	John Skelton	
1987-88	Jim Moore*	Passed away in 2002
1988-89	Dick Bohlin	
1989-90	Dave Reemsnyder	
1990-91	Miller Bushong	Had stroke while President, Hap Bonham finished term.
1991-92	Gene Wilson*	Passed away in 2013
1992-93	Hap Bonham	Moved away in 2016
1993-94	Dick Talbot*	Died in plane crash. Park on Huckleberry in honor of him
1994-95	Charlie Caines	Lives in the Kansas City area
1995-96	Chuck Lee	
1996-97	Doug Smartt	
1997-98	John Brown	
1998-99	Ken Martin	Lives in Tennessee
1999-00	Chuck Richards	
2000-01	Pat Cupp*	Died in auto accident. Franklyn Moreno finished his term
2001-02	Franklyn Moreno	
2002-03	Mary Miller	First female president of club
2003-04	Jerry Robinson	
2004-05	Bob Rogers	Lives in Gaithersburg, MD
2005-06	Tom Reid	Lives in Richmond
2006-07	Dave Widder	
2007-08	Susan Brown	Honorary member
2008-09	Bob Hoover	Left club in 2019
2009-10	T. O. Williams*	Passed away in 2018
2010-11	Christy Brown	
2011-12	Candi Kelly	
2012-13	Mark Hamric	Left club in 2018
2013-14	Paula Alston	
2014-15	Jamie Dunn	Left the club in 2021
2015-16	Mike Jones	
2016-17	Philo Hall	
2017-18	Ferne Moschella	Left the club in 2020
2018-19	Mark Woolwine	
2019-20	Mike Snyder	
2020-21	Arthur Shaheen	

\*Deceased



# Calendar

## June 2021

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

## Upcoming Programs and Events

July 1 – NO MEETING

July 8 – CLUB ASSEMBLY

July 15 – Town of Blacksburg Sustainability

July 22 – Racial Disparities in COVID and vaccines

July 29 – Club Social – Eastern Divide

### 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