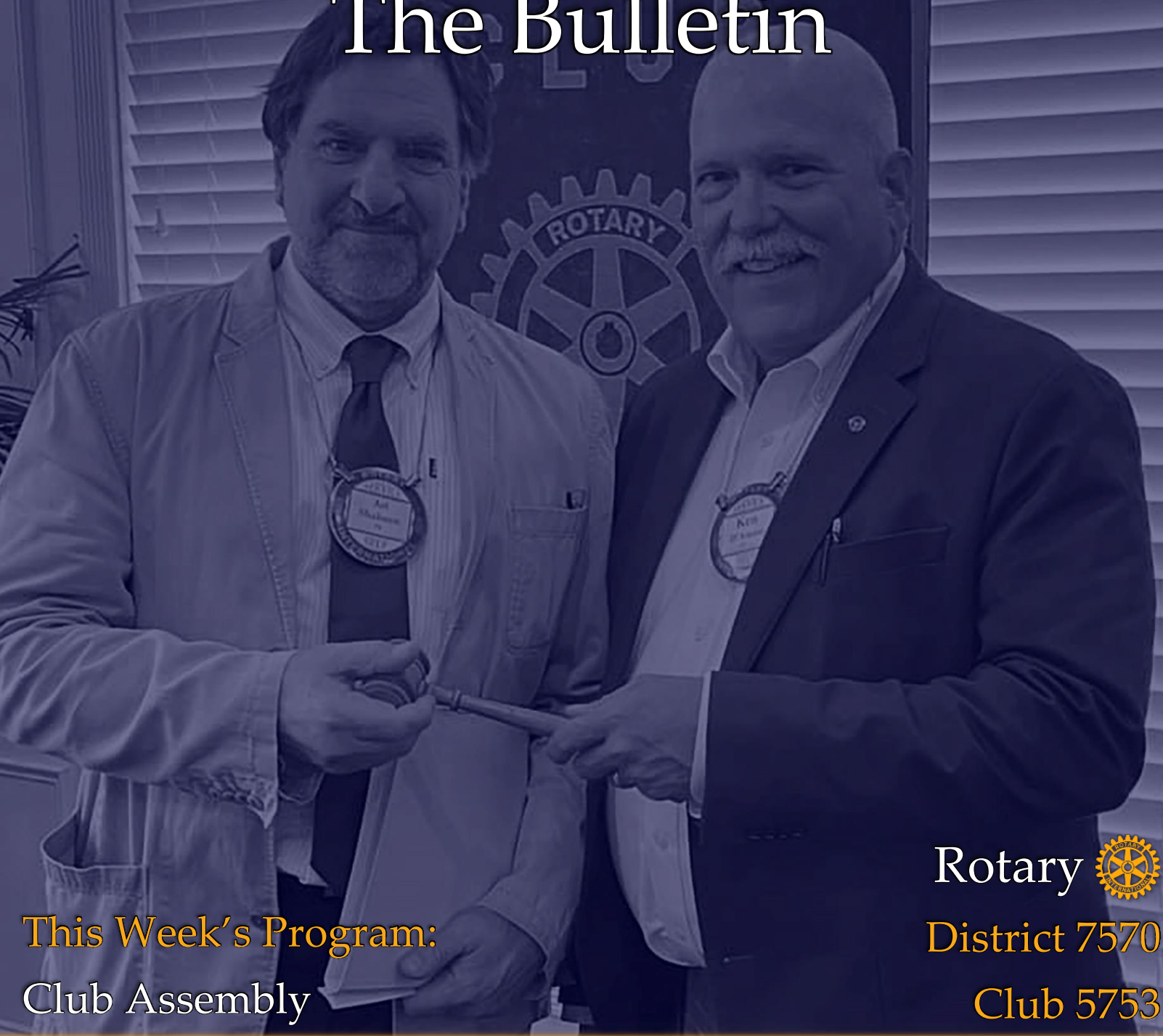



# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin



This Week's Program:  
Club Assembly

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

July 8, 2021 | Transition 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)



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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

We hope that you will be able to join us, in person or virtually, to hear about the plans we have for the Rotary 2021-2022 year in our annual Club Assembly on Thursday. Please use the following link if you will be ZOOMing with us;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83252270918?pwd=V2V0N005d2JQNWxpZkdXSFU2U2w3dz09>

Or join by phone: (646) 558 8656

Meeting ID: 832 5227 0918

Passcode: 999391

### 2021-2022 Rotary Theme

2021-22 RI President Shekhar Mehta announced his theme "Serve to Change Lives" during the opening session of the International Assembly last January. The theme serves as an inspiration for all Rotarians and a rallying call for our efforts in 2021-2022.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### Transition Month

July is transition month. Worldwide, every club, district and RI installs new leadership to lead the organization for the next year. It takes many people and lots of support from all members to be a successful club. Let's give Club President Ken, District Governor Tara and RI President Shekhar Mehta our full support.

### Bulletin Sponsorships

We are in a new Rotary year and looking to add bulletin sponsors. If you or your business is interested in sponsoring the bulletin, see additional information on Page 5 or contact Paula Alston or Chris French!

This week's bulletin is sponsored by

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In thanks to all those in the medical community for their efforts and sacrifices over the past year.



# Local News

## Meet District Governor Tara Ellis



Tara Ellis joined the Rotary Club of Bristol VA-TN in 2010 and immediately became a very active member. She served as the 99th President in 2015-2016 as well as a member of the Board of Directors. In 2017, Tara led our District's GSE team to India. She led the Rotary Club of Bristol VA-TN in raising more than \$12,000 and served as the International Partner toward the Global Grant initiated by Rotary District 3060 in India that purchased, installed, and trained staff on twenty dialysis machines that were placed at existing facilities in order to provide much needed access to dialysis at a very reasonable cost for the poorest in Gujarat-Maharastra India.

Tara is a Major Donor, a Sustaining Member, a member of the Paul Harris Society and Bequest Society, a Benefactor, and a Skelton Fellow. She is an RLI graduate, was a member of the 2018 Zone 33/34 Emerging Leaders Class and received the District Service Award for 2017-2018.

In her professional life, Tara is the Director of Management Services at Bristol Tennessee Essential Services (BTES) where she is responsible for human resources, the customer service department, and BTES' facilities. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and Communications, an MBA with a concentration in Marketing, a Professional Human Resource (PHR) certification, and is a Society of Human Resource Management – Certified Professional (SHRM-CP). Tara and her husband, Paul, live in Northeast Tennessee.

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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 Rotary's New President

Shekhar Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, has been a Rotarian since 1985. He trained as an accountant and founded a real estate development company, Skyline Group, which he also chairs. But his professional title tells only a small part of the story of who he is. He is also a director of the India arm of Operation Eyesight Universal, a Canada-based nonprofit focused on preventing avoidable blindness. He helped establish



more than 15 eye hospitals, in several Indian states, that together carry out nearly 50,000 surgeries each year. And he started Saving Little Hearts, a project that has facilitated more than 2,500 heart surgeries for children from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and some African countries and that is now an India-wide program.

At the International Assembly this year, Shekhar talked about how he and some fellow Rotarians decided to start a local version of ShelterBox, a Rotarian-founded organization based in the UK. "We named it Shelter Kit and put 52 items of daily need in a large trunk," he told the incoming district governors. "Over the last 15 years, in every major disaster in India, Indian Rotarians have volunteered to bring Shelter Kits to areas struck by disasters." The program already has served about 75,000 people. Shekhar also served on the ShelterBox board of trustees.

And he is also the architect of the TEACH program, which aims to do nothing less than end illiteracy in India. (You'll read more about this ambitious program in a future issue.)

Although Shekhar is skilled in the business arts, he prefers to engage his other fluencies. He told me that, after so much studying and reading during his career, he now favors learning by talking to people. He added, "I hate accounting." It all follows his belief that we would do well to think from our hearts as much as our minds.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/meet-rotarys-new-president-shekhar-mehta>



# Sponsorships

- **\$20 for 1 Week Sponsorship**
- **\$50 for 1 Month Sponsorship (Limit 3 Per Sponsor per Rotary Year)**
  - 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 (Limit 1 Per Sponsor per Rotary Year)**
  - 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)**
  - 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.
  - Deadline for current Rotary year – 9/30/2021
- **\$800 for Platinum Sponsor (1 Max)**
  - Runs every week for a Rotary year
  - Deadline to apply for Current Rotary Year – 7/31/2021
  - If there is a platinum sponsor, there will be no other sponsorships available.
  - Physical Sign at Meeting (Near Badges) recognizing sponsor at every meeting.

**Please contact Paula Alston or Chris French for more information!**



# Calendar

## July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 	5	6  Satellite Club	7	8 	9	10 Jeff Mitchell
11	12	13  Mike Snyder	14	15 	16	17
18  Jamie McReynolds	19  Jeffrey Wynn	20  Satellite Club  Doug Smartt	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27  Colin Gibb	28	29   Arthur Shaheen	30	31

## Upcoming Programs and Events

- July 15 – Carol Davis, Blacksburg Sustainability Manager
- July 22 – Dr. Abraham Hardee, Racial Disparities in Health
- July 29 – Club Social
- Aug 5 – Keith Holt, VT Montgomery Executive Airport

“We make a living by what we do; we make a life by what we give.”

- Winston Churchill

### 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