


Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin

This Week's Program:
Smithfield Plantation

Rotary 
District 7570
Club 5753

Aug 13, 2020 | Rotary Membership 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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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Join This Week's Meeting or In Person!

We are excited to be meeting in person this week at the Smithfield Pavilion! We will have boxed lunches by Paula Alston from Jimmy John's. If you are not able or ready to join us in person, we will still have the ZOOM link option.

If attending in person at Smithfield Plantation:

- 1) RSVP by Wednesday to Leslie (lesliejester@outlook.com)
- 2) Bring your chair and wear a mask
- 3) Bring a completed waiver (Emailed by Leslie Jester on Aug 11th)

If attending via ZOOM;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84516211192?pwd=STNaektYOEVkMXRCUFBnektlaTI2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 845 1621 1192

Passcode: 813808

About This Week's Program

William Preston, a leader of westward expansion and a prominent Southwestern Virginia Revolutionary War patriot came to settle at the eastern continental divide and established Smithfield as his home. In a land of log cabins and physical hardship, Smithfield, in its sophisticated elegance, became the political and social center of Fincastle County, Virginia (1772). Of course, the newly-formed County included all of Southwest Virginia and all of what is now the Commonwealth of Kentucky, a rather large area indeed.

Completed in 1774, Smithfield became not only the county's political and social center, it was a beacon, a destination, for thousands of settlers moving west to seek new land and opportunity. Smithfield became a place of resting and storing new provisions before the next leg of the westward passage.

Travel back to the 18th century. Experience life in the home of a colonial leader with the guidance of a costumed interpreter who knows the culture as well as the artifacts.

Smithfield stands today as the finest example of an original, pre-Revolutionary structure in Western Virginia.



Thanks to this week's bulletin sponsor!

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Rotary Acronym Quiz

There are lots of Acronyms used in Rotary.

How many do you know?

Answers in next week's bulletin.

- | | |
|------|------|
| DG | DDF |
| PP | PHF |
| DGN | COL |
| RYE | EREY |
| AG | CTT |
| RYLA | RC |
| COG | DGE |
| RLI | RIP |
| GSE | PETS |
| PE | IPP |
| RID | IPDG |
| PN | YEO |
| RI | MOP |
| THF | VTT |
| PHS | DTTS |

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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: 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



Second Chance to Meet new Rotarian Jeff

Jeff Hammel

I was born, raised and educated in Indiana, a proud American and Hoosier.

I graduated from Northfield High School in Wabash County, in 1976. Then I spent a year at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, in Terre Haute, followed by three years at Manchester College, in North Manchester. In 1980, I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Manchester, and I became an Indiana CPA in 1981. In a word, why did I switch schools and majors? Calculus.

In 1980, my first professional job was in public accounting, with Coopers and Lybrand in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1981, I left public accounting and took my second job with Magnavox Electronic Systems Company, a defense contractor, also headquartered in Fort Wayne. In 1998, I took my third job at ATK, at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant. From 2000 to 2015 I worked as Chief Financial Officer for ProVox Technologies, Luna Innovations, and finally for Aegisound LLC. After ten years running Aegisound, we sold it in late 2015. Since the end of 2016, I have chosen to be "mostly-retired". My greatest enjoyment in my professional career was working with smart people (company personnel, customers and suppliers) to design, build and sell some excellent high-tech products. I have always liked to make things.

Considering all the things of this world, I am most grateful for family, especially for my wife Jane and our two sons. Andy is twenty-three and entering his senior year at Virginia Tech. Joe is twenty-two, graduated from Virginia Tech in 2019, and now working in the area.

These days I do volunteer work through St. Mary's Church, restore and build hardwood furniture, and play some tennis and golf. I have always liked playing sports. I also support Off Our Rockers, a local rock band that my wife and several Rotarians play in.

I thank God for all things, including the opportunity to serve with fellow Rotarians. I am looking forward to doing some good, wherever we find the opportunity. May we all seek the truth and serve others.





Jennifer Jones named upcoming RI President

Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

Jones will officially become president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge her.

Jones says she sees Rotary's Action Plan as a catalyst for increasing Rotary's impact.

"As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have never envisioned that *our ability to adapt* would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound time in recent history," Jones said in her vision statement. "Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances. Using metric-driven goals, I will harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities that reflect today's reality."



As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).













A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts.

Jones recently led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000. Jones has also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.



Calendar

August 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|-----|--|-----|---|
| | | | | | | 1 Mary Miller Doug Winstead Jason Jennelle  |
| 2  Charles Burress | 3 | 4  Satellite Club | 5 | 6  | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13  | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17  T.J. Anthony | 18  Satellite Club | 19 | 20  Dan Carper  | 21 | 22  George Miller |
| 23  Chris French | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27  | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Aug 20th – TBD
- Aug 27th – TBD
- Sep 3rd – TBD
- Sep 10th – TBD
- Sep 17th – TBD

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

RadfordBest 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