

# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin



Rotary 

District 7570

Club 5753

This Week's Program:

Bill Roth, Voice of the Hokies (and Mike's pal)

August 25, 2022 | Membership and New Club Development

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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(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)



## This Week's Speaker: Bill Roth, the voice of VT Football

“From the blue waters of the Chesapeake Bay to the Hills of Tennessee, the Virginia Tech Hokies are on the air!” That familiar refrain, delivered by the Voice of Tech football Bill Roth, opens every Virginia Tech broadcast and reflects the network’s goal of reaching Hokie fans everywhere. The colorful and energetic Roth returns to the Hokies broadcast booth in 2022, which will mark his 28th season as Tech’s football play-by-play broadcaster.

Bill also serves as a Professor of Practice in Virginia Tech’s School of Communication where he helped launch Tech’s popular Sports Media & Analytics program in 2016. The SMA major prepares aspiring journalists to produce and deliver sports news, consider ways to promote the sports industry, and analyze data related to sports accomplishments, fan participation, and social media.

Bill has been named Virginia's Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association a record 11 times and was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. Virginia Tech’s Department of Athletics established the Bill Roth Student-Athlete Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a deserving Virginia Tech student-athlete with an interest in communication or broadcast journalism.

In addition to his Virginia Tech duties, Bill continues to call national games for both ESPN and Westwood One. Bill joined ESPN's college football play-by-play team in 2016 and has called baseball and other sports for the network. He’s also part of Westwood One’s national radio team to broadcast NCAA football and basketball.



A Pittsburgh native, Bill graduated from Syracuse University’s renowned Newhouse School of Public Communications in 1987. He was awarded the distinguished Robert Costas Scholarship from Syracuse in 1987 and inducted into Syracuse University’s WAER Hall of Fame in August of 2014. Roth and his lovable pup Baxter split

time between their homes in Blacksburg and Ft. Lauderdale.

Upon the subject of education ...

I can only say that  
I view it as the most  
important subject  
which we as a people  
may be engaged in.

Abraham Lincoln





# Satellite Club News



16 Squares Satellite Club met last week and packed 12 treasure bags for the Women's Resource Center. The bags are available for children and teens to use while they wait. They may be waiting on a medical exam or counseling session for themselves or for a parent to receive services. Hopefully the bags provide a much needed distraction and show the children the larger community cares about them. Many thanks to Laura Beth Weaver, director of the Women's Resource Center, for her terrific talk and for

allowing us this opportunity to serve.



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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: Phil Araman  
 President-Elect: Tom Ryan  
 President-Nominee: Eric Johnsen  
 Secretary: Leslie Jester  
 Treasurer: Fred Meyers

## Club Directors

Club: Tom Ryan  
 Vocational: Eric Johnsen  
 Local: Bruce Roulstone  
 International: Chuck Burress  
 Youth: Karen Mary Biggs

## District and Global

RI President: Jennifer Jones  
 District Governor: Kathy Kanter  
 Area 9 Governor: Terri Fisher  
 District Secretary: Nancy Whitlock  
 District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



# Polio Update

## "Rotary statement on recent polio detections in U.S., Europe"



**This is Jonas Salk (1914 - 1995) who decided not to patent his 1955 Polio Vaccine so that it would be affordable for millions of people who couldn't afford it. As a result, he lost out on an estimated 7 billion dollars.**

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@ HISTORYALLDAY

"The recent detection of the vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 case in New York, USA, and isolates in several environmental samples collected in London are stark reminders that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere. It also highlights the importance of vaccination as the only form of protection against polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases and the work that needs to be done in our communities to encourage the uptake of vaccines. Also, as the world gets closer to zero wild poliovirus cases, it is increasingly important to track all forms of the virus wherever they may appear, including in polio-free regions.

"The U.S. is still considered low risk for paralytic outbreaks of polio due to the high level of vaccine coverage across the population. If a child has received the entire course of vaccines, the risk of becoming paralyzed by polio is negligible. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 92.6% of children aged 24 months are fully vaccinated against polio, slightly below the 95% World Health Organization target.

"The best things countries can do to protect

themselves from polio until the disease is eradicated from the world are to: maintain high vaccination coverage and robust disease surveillance and be ready to respond in the event of an outbreak to minimize the risk and consequences of polio re-introduction or re-emergence anywhere.

"The world currently has a unique opportunity to stop virus transmission for good. Still, all parties, including donors and country governments, must re-commit to polio eradication by fully supporting the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) 2022-2026 strategy. This focuses on adopting an emergency posture while generating greater accountability and ownership from country governments to eradicate wild polio and end variant poliovirus (cVDPV) outbreaks.

"Rotary, a global service organization with over 1.4 million members, has been at the center of the worldwide effort to eradicate polio for over three decades. Every year, through our funding partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary commits \$150 million to the global effort to eradicate polio. We have contributed more than \$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to end polio forever. Together with our partners, we engage communities everywhere to encourage high vaccination rates, immunizing over 400 million children annually. More than 20 million people are walking today who otherwise would have been paralyzed because of our efforts and those of our partners in the GPEI.

"The time for urgent action is now. A new vaccine has been deployed – novel oral polio vaccine 2 (nOPV2) – which is more genetically stable to stop outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus effectively. With sustained political and financial commitments, the GPEI is confident that we can achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again." 18 August 2022
















# YARD SALE 2022



# Calendar

August 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  Charles Burress 	3	4 	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 	12	13
14	15	16 	17 T.J. Anthony 	18  5:30 PM DG VISIT	19	20 Rotary Yard Sale  Dan Carper
21	22 George Miller 	23 Chris French 	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## Upcoming Programs and Events

- Aug 25 – Bill Roth, the Voice of the Hokies
- Sep 1 – TBD
- Sep 8 – TBD
- Sep 15 – TBD
- Sep 21 – Service project: Micah's Backpack at 6:00 p.m.
- Sep 22 – TBD
- Sep 29 – Club Social

**Announcement:** Our club will pack backpacks for Micah's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. through the school year. St. Michaels Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg. Mark your calendars.

### Need a Make-Up?

- Blacksburg Satellite Club**  
Corporate Research Center – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 5:30pm
- Montgomery County**  
Inn at Virginia Tech – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:15 AM
- Christiansburg-Blacksburg**  
Blacksburg CC, 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Monday 5:30 PM
- Floyd**  
Floyd Country Store, Wednesday Noon
- Radford Noon**  
Long Way Brewing, Wednesday Noon
- Salem**  
Salem Civic Center, Thursday Noon
- Pulaski**  
Pulaski CC of Thornsprings, Monday 12:15 PM  
Call for updates
- Giles**  
Location varies; please call, Thursday Noon