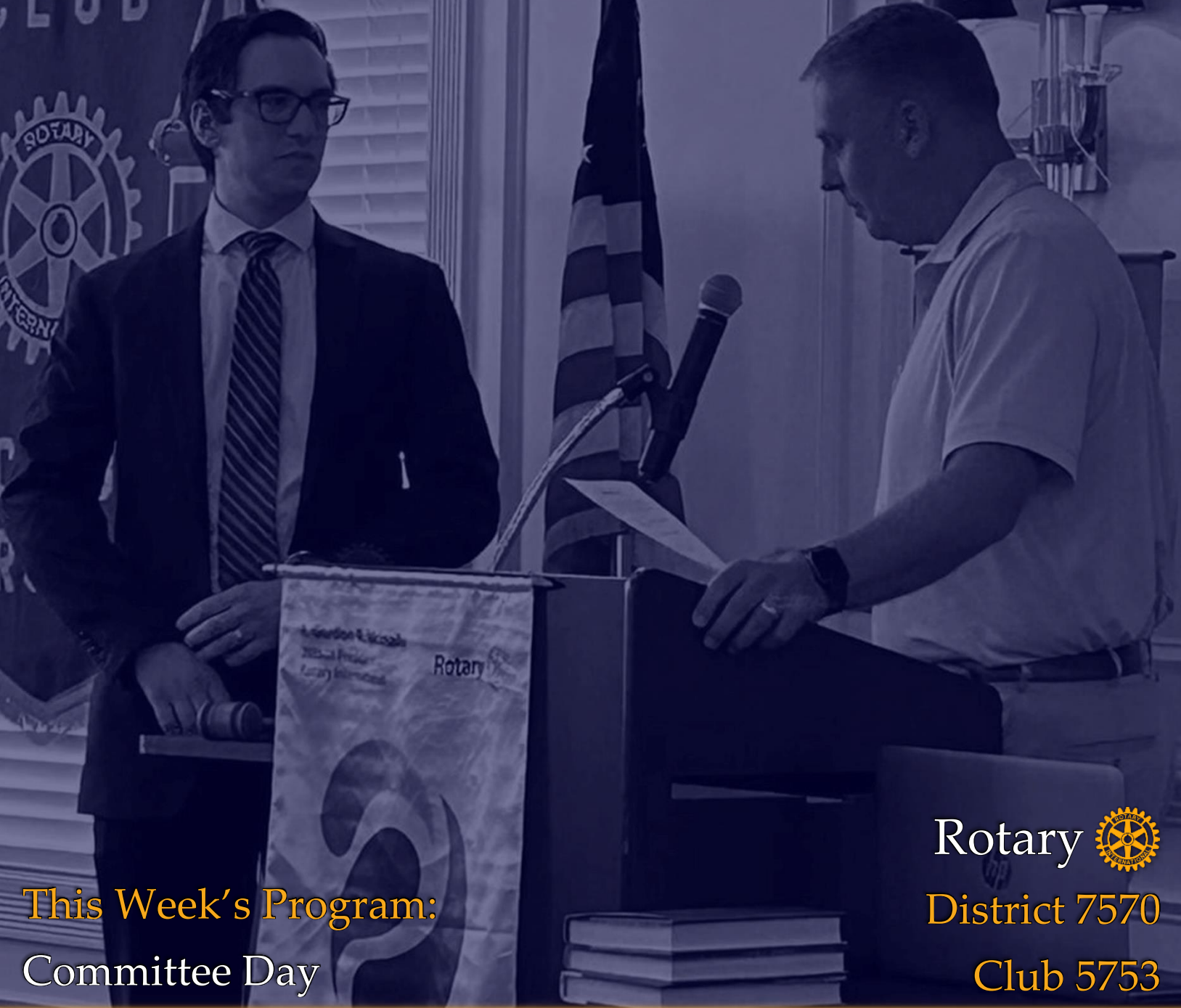



Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin



This Week's Program:
Committee Day

Rotary 
District 7570
Club 5753

August 3, 2023 | 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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Join This Week's Meeting

We look forward to seeing you at noon at the Blacksburg Country Club. This week is Committee Day, so come armed with great ideas to discuss and plan for what your committees will be focusing on this year.

Announcements

FROM CHRIS BELLUZZO, YARD SALE COMMITTEE: The annual Rotary yard sale will be held on Saturday, August 19, we are looking forward to another great sale! Please start collecting your gently used donation items for the sale. We are looking for as many volunteers for shifts as possible in order to make the sale a great one. There are two shifts, 6AM-9AM and 9 AM-12PM. Each shift counts as a make up, in other words, if you can help both shifts, you get two make ups! Please email Chris at smcc_va@yahoo.com with your choice of shifts, or if you can work both. Looking forward to another great sale!

Welcome Filippa from Denmark!!, from Christy Brown, Rotary Youth Exchange Committee

Filippa Balle will arrive Friday evening from Denmark to start her year in the Long-Term Rotary Youth Exchange program. She will stay with the family of Andrew and Peg Warren for the first 3-1/2 months. Andrew is a member of the Montgomery County Rotary Club that meets on Wednesday morning at the Inn at Virginia Tech. Filippa enjoys tennis and making art, especially ceramics. She is excited about her year. Please think of her and the Warren family and let me know if you are interested in being involved with the exchange program. There are many fun ways to share our culture and traditions with visitors. Thank you.



This week's bulletin is sponsored by:

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Rotary News

The World Community Service Committee is looking for members that are interested in SERVICE ABOUT SELF and developing Rotary International's 7 Areas of Service:

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the environment


This committee focuses on developing relationships and interaction with Rotarians in other countries to BUILD GOODWILL AND STRONGER FRIENDSHIPS through joint, collaborative and sustainable projects. You will grow by serving others.

Come join us and see what it's all about. Our committee will meet at 1:00 pm on Thursday, August 17th following the meeting.



DONATE NOW!  **DISTASTERS ARE UNPREDICTABLE.**
We need **your help** to restock our warehouses so we're prepared to provide families with life-saving aid when the next disaster strikes.


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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

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District and Global

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District Grant

We should hear soon about the details of our grant. Our expectation is that we will receive the grant but perhaps not the full amount of funding. Many clubs applied during this cycle and they may not be able to give everyone their requested amount. As soon as we have details, we will let everyone know!

VT Prison Book Project:

Book Wrapping Parties (3)

Our first was a great success; we mailed 47 packages to incarcerated individuals in area prisons and jails. We will do 2 more, in December and January, when students are not on campus.

Book Drive

We will host a Book Drive with a dual purpose: to increase the project inventory and to educate the community about this project. More details about this later.

Grant and matching club funds

Combined funding will purchase some of the most requested titles and some of the more expensive technical books to increase the project inventory.

Prices Fork Elementary School (PFES) Project

Reading to Rotarians

We need a minimum of 8 (hopefully more) Rotarians who will participate once a week for 6 weeks in October and November. Rotarians will spend a 45 minute period in First and Second Grade classrooms listening to the children read. This practice is critical to their developing their reading skills. Principal Melanie Harrell will provide guidelines and a tutorial at our September 28 meeting so we will be prepared.

Volunteers need to make this a firm commitment. We cannot just "not show up"! However, we recognize things can happen and we will need some volunteers to be available for last minute substitutions. The exact schedule will be available in a few weeks. We will repeat this project in the spring semester.

PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!!

Resources

Grant funds and matching club funds will purchase educational materials identified by the PFES reading specialists. The resources will be used in the classroom and in other programs for beginning and struggling readers.

Thank you for Building Hope Through Literacy!



Calendar

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	2 Charles Burress	3 Noon Meeting	4	5
6	7	8 MICAH'S backpack	9	10 Noon Meeting	11	12
13	14	15 Satellite Club 5:30 PM MICAH'S backpack	16	17 Noon Meeting T.J. Anthony	18	19
20 Dan Carper	21	22 MICAH'S backpack George Miller	23 Chris French	24 Noon Meeting	25	26
27	28	29 MICAH'S backpack	30	31 CLUB SOCIAL		

Upcoming Programs and Events

Aug 10 – Tour of new Blacksburg Police Station

Aug 31 – Social at Moon Hollow

Micah's Backpack Update: This summer, our club has volunteered to increase our packing frequency with Micah's Backpack. Starting on June 6th, our club will be sending volunteers to help every Tuesday during summer.

Need a Make-Up?

Blacksburg Satellite Club

Corp. Research Center – 1st/3rd Tues 5:30pm

Montgomery County

Inn at Va. Tech – 1st/3rd Wednesday, 7:15 AM

Christiansburg-Blacksburg

Blacksburg C.C. 2nd/4th Monday 5:30 PM

Floyd

Floyd Country Store, Wednesday Noon

Radford

Long Way Brewing, Wednesday Noon

Salem

Salem Civic Center, Thursday Noon

Pulaski

Pulaski CC of Thornsprings, Monday 12:15 PM

Giles

Location varies; please call, Thursday Noon

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If you are interested in more information on becoming a Primary Sponsor for the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, please contact Leslie Jester!