

Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin



This Week's Program:

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships

Rotary 

District 7570

Club 5753

Aug 6, 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 Online Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81311226004?pwd=aGs2S3lnTFVoSmVCRmdRUGIZWER3QT09>

Meeting ID: 813 1122 6004

Passcode: 475914

About This Week's Program

Giving out scholarships is a huge part of what Rotary does. Our club awards 9-12 scholarships a year to high school seniors and we sponsor scholarships at NRCC. But what do you know about the Ambassadorial scholarships awarded by our district? Today we will hear from Tamara Ridenour who heads up the committee for the district. She will tell us how the process works. Then, Bill Gilmer, a member of our Satellite club will regale us with his experience as an Ambassadorial Scholar as a young man.

Tamara has served as the Foundation Scholarship Chair for Rotary District 7570 for the last four years. She first joined Rotary in 1995 as a member of the Blacksburg Rotary Club and served as its treasurer until 1999, when she relocated to Lynchburg. She has since been a member of Rotary Clubs in Lynchburg, Charlotte, and Staunton, having served as club president in Lynchburg and Staunton. She is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Staunton and works for Virginia Tech in in the Greater Washington, DC Metro Area. She lives in Staunton with her husband, Jim Ridenour.

A native of Richmond VA, Bill has a B.A. in Religion from the University of the South in Sewanee TN, and a Masters in English from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville VA. He spent a year at the University of Muenster in Germany as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. After working in Boston as a reporter for The Wall Street Journal, Bill taught English and coached wrestling at St. Christopher's High School in Richmond for three years, before moving to Southwest Virginia in 1985 and founding Wordsprint, a marketing services provider.

Wordsprint specializes in marketing and fundraising campaigns for technology companies, colleges, and non-profit organizations. Utilizing state-of-the art variable data technology, and integrating web and email with print and mobile, Wordsprint helps clients build relationships with individuals rather than marketing to the masses.

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Everything Starts With Membership

August is “Membership and Club Extension” month. Let’s celebrate!

Here’s the thing to remember: we are a membership organization. We depend on our members to complete projects, raise funds, apply for grants, run our club, give out scholarships, do good in our community. And membership is every club member’s responsibility. You! —not the person next to you, or in this case, the people you are watching on Zoom. We all joined Rotary because someone asked us to. Now it is your turn to return the favor and find a friend, acquaintance or business associate you think will make a good Rotarian and ask them to attend a meeting with you.

If you have never recruited a new member, this is your year. If you have recruited a new member or members, thank you and let’s do it again. Rotary Opens Opportunities!

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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?

Rotary



Club Leadership

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



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Club: T.J. Anthony
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District and Global

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



Meet-A-Rotarian

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.





Letter from the President

Arthur V. Shaheen, President
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Dear Fellow Members:

Greetings to you and yours. I just wanted to share with you some news and ideas.

The FAMILY OF ROTARY COMMITTEE did a great job on the FIFTH THURSDAY Event last week at Eastern Divide, the Brewery at the Industrial Park. We had close to 40 members and guests. Cora, our Area Governor, was in attendance; and the Board of Directors, which had a meeting immediately prior to the social, were also in attendance. According to Chairman Alec Siegel, "everyone really seemed to have a great time."

At the Board meeting, there was a surprising amount of support for physically getting back together as a Club, sooner than later. The Board is aware that not everyone is ready for that, but it also believes that an event can be "relatively" safely conducted for those who wish to attend (BE PREPARED TO WEAR A MASK AND TO SIGN A WAIVER), and appropriate accommodations can be made for those who cannot. While that will not be happening this week (we will have another zoom meeting), we are working on it for next week, perhaps at Smithfield.

I want to thank each and everyone who sent in a check toward the 110% Fund. For reasons that are self-evident, the budget for this year is not finished. We will be looking for robust input from the committees and membership on how utilize our resources this year. I know that committee work is not always exciting or convenient. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who serves.

Yours in Rotary,
Arthur V. Shaheen
Arthur V. Shaheen



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 13th – Meeting at Smithfield Plantation

Aug 20th – TBD

Aug 27th – TBD

Sep 3rd – 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

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