


Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin

This Week's Program:
The Glean Team

Rotary 
District 7570
Club 5753

Sept 1, 2022 | Basic Education and Literacy 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 hope you will be joining us tomorrow to hear from the NRV Glean Team, connected to our district grant to fight hunger.

Announcements

October 16 – Rotary Chocolate Festival Sign-Ups

It is less than 2 months away from our annual Chocolate Festival! If you are around and able to help, please sign up to volunteer at the event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084EA4A72BA4FF2-chocolate4>



About this week's program



The New River Valley Glean Team aims to join efforts to feed the hungry by growing food, gathering excess fresh food from farms, and purchasing bulk potatoes and giving it to food providers. We are a hunger relief organization for the New River Valley (NRV). We gather excess fresh food from farms and give it to

NRV food providers.

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We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color.

— Maya Angelou —



Some GOOD Environmental Health News

From your Environmental Committee

Many of you have probably heard of “forever chemicals”? These PFAS (forever) chemicals are hard-to-destroy and increa singly contaminate water and soil. They have been shown – at exposure above certain levels – to be toxic in a number of ways. And, because they are so persistent, they accumulate in the environment to increasingly worrisome levels. PFAS chemicals contaminate water and soil at thousands of sites in the US.

PFAS chemicals are very useful and are found, e.g., in fire-fighting foams and the nonstick coating, Teflon. PFAS chemicals, those considered the most toxic, have been banned. The substitutes now used are apparently safer, but remain a concern.

However, a surprisingly simple method has been found to destroy one major category of PFAS. You may have heard of the common industrial solvent that has been used for many years – dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO). DMSO also has medicinal uses.

Now it has been discovered that DMSO, combined with common alkali and heated to boiling, destroys a large subset of PFAS compounds. There is hope that a related method may be found to destroy a second common PFAS group. If you are interested see short straightforward article describing what has happened at [this link](#).

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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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President-Elect: Tom Ryan
President-Nominee: Eric Johnsen
Secretary: Leslie Jester
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District and Global

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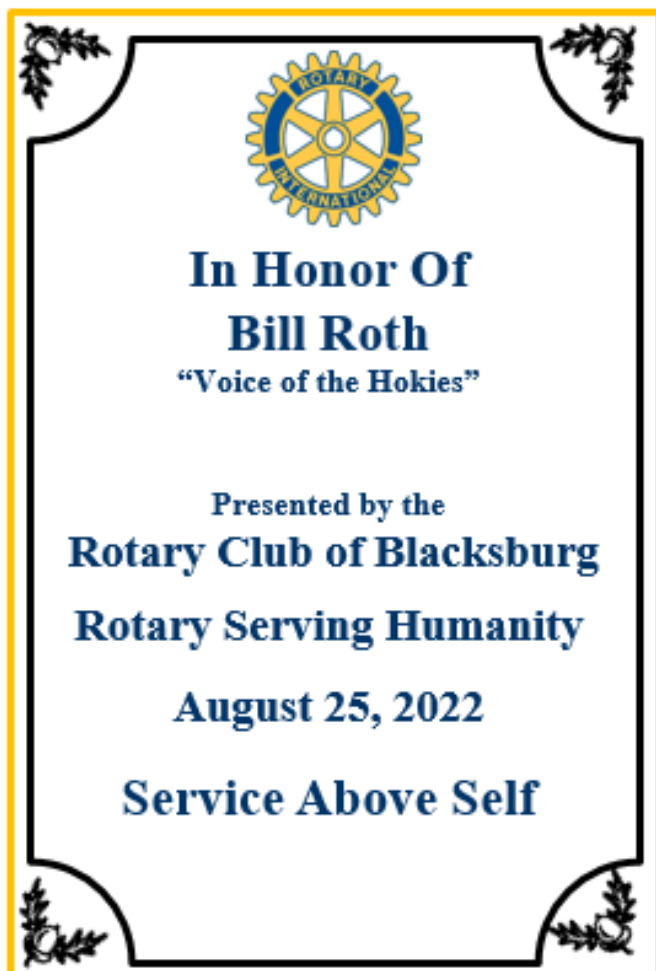


September Monthly Theme

September is basic education and literacy month

Basic education and literacy is one of The Rotary Foundation's seven areas of focus. We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Here are the facts: 58 million children worldwide are out of school; even after four years of primary schooling, as many as 250 million children cannot read and write; and 781 million adults are illiterate.

Rotary supports activities and training to improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults. Our club supports the local public library, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library by placing a book in their collection in honor of our weekly speaker.





Calendar

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Noon Meeting	2	3 Page Warner 
4	5	6 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	7	8 Noon Meeting Gunin Kiran 	9 Tommy Loflin 	10
11	12	13	14 Brian Wheeler 	15 Noon Meeting	16	17
18	19	20 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	21 MICAH'S backpack 	22 Noon Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Club Social	30	

Upcoming Programs and Events

Sep 8 – Life as an FBI Agent

Sep 15 – Membership Program, Gold Club

Sep 21 – Service project: Micah's Backpack at 6:00 p.m. Sep 22 – TBD

Sep 29 – Club Social

Need a Make-Up?

Blacksburg Satellite Club

Corp. Research Center – 1st/3rd Tues 5:15pm

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

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