


Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin

This Week's Program:
Rotary Membership

Rotary 
District 7570
Club 5753

Sept 15, 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 are a membership organization so today we will hear about attracting more folks to join us. Together, we can do great things. Find a friend, co-worker or neighbor and invite them to a meeting today.

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>



September 17th is U.S. Constitution Day. Copies of the Constitution will arrive shortly!

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This week's bulletin is sponsored by:

Educational equity means that each child receives what he or she needs to develop to his or her full academic and social potential.

National Equity Project



About this week's speaker

Zachary Smith has been practicing law since 2016 and is now with the Buckland Law Firm in Pearisburg, VA. He received a Juris Doctorate from Appalachian School of Law and a BS in Criminal Justice Pre-law and a BA in Christian Studies from Bluefield College, now Bluefield University. Before Zach was a lawyer, he was a professional golfer in Richmond, VA. He loves the outdoors, Hokie football, sports, and fishing. He has fished in multiple states in America and has plans on fishing across the world.

His Rotary Journey began in 2017 by being accepted to participate in the Group Study Exchange to the Southern Caribbean with Paula Alston as team leader. It was on this trip that he really experienced Rotary and learned there is a Rotary Family member wherever you may go. He became a Rotarian and served as President of the Giles County Club for two years and now serves as the area Membership Advocate for Area 9.



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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



Rotary Statement on Recent Polio Cases

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.

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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	22 Noon Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Club Social	30	

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Sep 22 – TBD
- Sep 29 – Club Social
- Oct 6 – VT Men’s Basketball
- Oct 13 – Chocolate Festival Bagging
- Oct 16 – **Rotary Blacksburg Chocolate Festival**
- Oct 20 – VT Women’s Basketball
- Oct 27 – Education

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. **Note: No September Packing Event!**