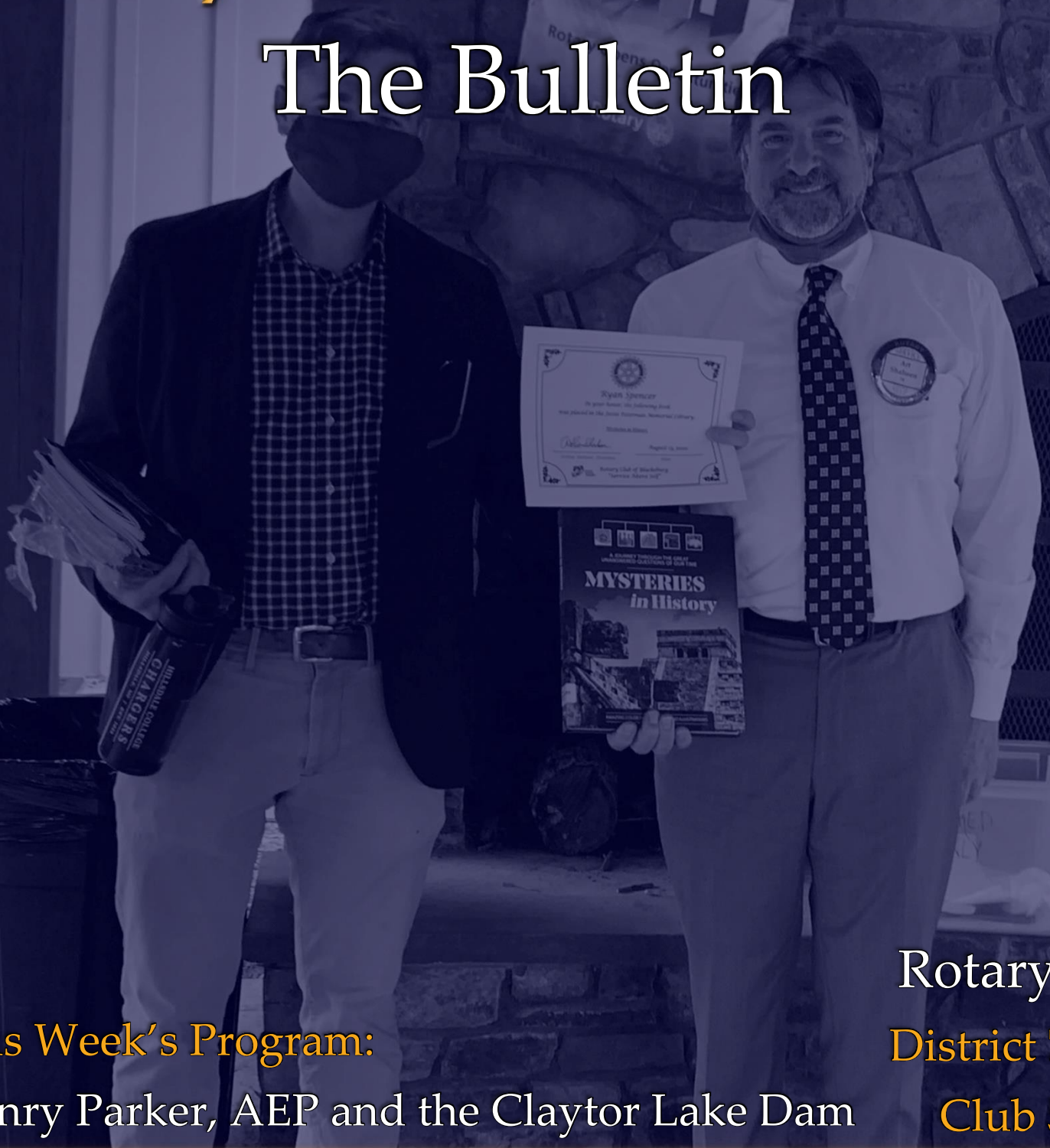


Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin



Rotary 

District 7570

Club 5753

This Week's Program:

Henry Parker, AEP and the Claytor Lake Dam

Sep 17, 2020 | 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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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Join This Week's Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

We will hear from Robyn Jones with Joba Designs! Join us in person at Smithfield or online with Zoom.

If attending in person at Smithfield Plantation:

- 1) RSVP by Wednesday to Leslie (lesliejester@outlook.com)
- 2) Bring your chair and wear a mask
- 3) Bring a completed waiver (Emailed by Leslie Jester on Aug 11th -you only need to do this once)

If attending via ZOOM;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246975476?pwd=NERVOXB3dUFjcnRiNDIMUWR5WERrdz09>

Meeting ID: 892 4697 5476

Passcode: 155830

Meals on Main Food Packing Event – September 24th Noon

Coming on September 24 at Noon, we will be assisting with the YMCA at VT and their Meals On Main program. We will be packing boxes of shelf stable meals into the bags for each child to receive a few days later. The club will provide lunch and we will have a very short membership discussion before we start packing. Masks are required, please bring your own. The Y will provide gloves and hand sanitizer.

About This Week's Speaker – Henry Parker

Graduated NC State University with BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1982. Found a job with AEP at our Glen Lyn power plant in Giles county, as an entry level test engineer. Being a young college graduate, Blacksburg seemed to be the perfect place to relocate. I worked there at Glen Lyn several years as the Plant Maintenance Engineer before moving over to manage Environmental Compliance for the plant and eventually managing the Operation of the generating units until we retired the plant in 2015. Since 2015, I've been working with our Hydro Generation Department, and specifically, I manage the operations and maintenance of six of our hydroelectric facilities, three on the New River (Claytor Dam being one) and three on the Kanawha River in West Virginia.

I live here in Blacksburg with my twin daughters who are off in college, one in Ohio, and one over at Radford. In my spare time, during the day you may find me out on the golf course, and if the evenings are clear I'm under the stars with my telescopes photographing the nighttime sky.

Thanks to this week's bulletin sponsor!

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lost to COVID-19 and in honor
of the frontline workers.**



Next Highway Cleanup






The club had great turn out for our new site at Merrimac road and we've already got our next scheduled clean-up for our usual spot – the 460 / Prices Fork Interchange:



October 17, 2020, 8AM, Prices Fork interchange. Meet right off of Plantation Rd. off of Prices Fork. As usual, please bring gloves, and if you'd like, something to help you such as a grabber with a long handle. We need a headcount prior to the event to make sure it's a go so please email Ken D'Amato (Kennethd24@gmail.com) if you are able to do lend a hand.



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



Club Directors

Club: T.J. Anthony
Vocational: Chadd Yeatts
Community: Susan Erickson
International: Peter Weimerskirch
Youth: Karen Stemen



District and Global

RI President: Holger Knaack
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District Secretary: Ron Napier
District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



President's Letter

**Arthur V. Shaheen, President
Rotary Club of Blacksburg
1997 S. Main Street, Suite 702
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060**

September 16, 2020

Members, Rotary Club of Blacksburg
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

Dear Fellow Members:

Greetings. Your Board of Directors will be meeting next Wednesday to work on the budget. (We are running a bit behind this year.) Both individually and as committeepersons, please take a second look at how you wish for our Club to utilize its resources. However, while I have great faith in our Club's ability to raise money – and sincerely thank those who are trying – we should plan for having less to give *under the circumstances*. The Board must make difficult choices among competing interests, some of which interests have been Club perennial favorites for years. If you have questions or comments about these issues, please do so soon and (*as always*) start with your committees.

Philip Walker, our new Treasurer, is doing a great job. He also has his hands full. It is probably best that you do not contact him directly at this point. Philip has been working with our former Treasurer, Pete Weimerskirch, and been giving us important projections. And other good news: we have positive bank balances in our Operating and Foundation Accounts (not that we wish to arbitrarily tap into reserves for the budget); and the Club appears to be thriving in many ways!

I hope to see you at Smithfield this week for our regular Club meeting, possibly the last one that we will have there until the Spring, then at the YWCA next week, and then back at the Country Club (where indoor and outdoor options will be available to us). With COVID still being a serious factor in our lives, we are grateful for those Club members who wish to participate by Zoom. All the best..

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



Second Chance to meet our Newest Rotarian!

Dan Goerlich



I was born in Bethesda Naval Hospital to Bob and Shirley Goerlich in 1972. After spending my first three years in Fairfax, Virginia, we moved to Sidney, New York where I was fortunate to grow up amid many extended family members on Kipps Hill. I decide to attend college at Virginia Tech where I earned a B.S. in Forest and Wildlife Management in 1994. I later earned an M.S. in Silviculture from SUNY-ESF in Syracuse (1998) and a Ph.D. in Forestry from Virginia Tech (2017). I have worked for the USDA Forest Service in Colorado, a private consulting forestry firm in Georgia, and have been employed with Virginia Cooperative Extension

since 1999 in positions of increasing responsibility, currently serving as VCE's Associate Director for Economy, Community, and Food.

My wife, Joy and I have three children: Jonathan (16), Andrew (14), and Alice (11). We moved to Blacksburg in 2014 from Halifax County, Virginia. Some of my core beliefs include: helping others achieve their full potential by removing obstacles and providing resources; listening; diversity of thought and perspective; servant leadership; high expectations; accountability, honesty, and personal responsibility; work ethic; collaboration; tradition and innovation; open communication, and; putting the needs of others first.

In a normal year I travel a lot for work, spending 50 to 60 nights in a hotel each year. A silver lining in the pandemic is that I have been able to dust off old hobbies, such as construction projects, running, hiking, bicycling, and reading, as well as spending more time with my children. (Andrew and I biked the New River Trail from Pulaski to Galax on August 30, camped out, and then road back on August 31). I volunteer with a variety of community organizations and am currently Chairman of the Appalachian Society of American Foresters. I joined Rotary because Art asked me to!

Feel the Energy in Taipei!

Each year, Rotary members from all over the world come together to discover new opportunities to increase our impact, broaden our reach, and strengthen our ability to adapt for future success. Join us June 12-16, 2021 to Feel the Energy at the 2021 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan. Come early to discover new opportunities at one of our preconvention events, Intercountry Committees: Opening Opportunities for Peace. If you register by December 15, 2020, you will receive the special registration rate. This sounds like a fantastic convention

Web site is: <https://convention.rotary.org/en/taipei>



Calendar

September 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Satellite Club	2	3 Tom Duetsch Page Warner	4 Nancy Morehouse	5
6 Sean Grube	7	8	9 Tommy Loflin	10 	11	12
13	14 Brian Wheeler	15 Satellite Club	16	17 	18	19
20 Kelly Kendrick	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27 Michael Walsh	28	29 Charlie Caines	30			

Upcoming Programs and Events

Sep 24th – Food Packing Event at YMCT at VT

Oct 1st – Jarrod Hines, Farmer Auctions

Oct 8th – TBD

Oct 15th - TBD

Oct 17th – Road Clean-Up - Prices Fork Interchange

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