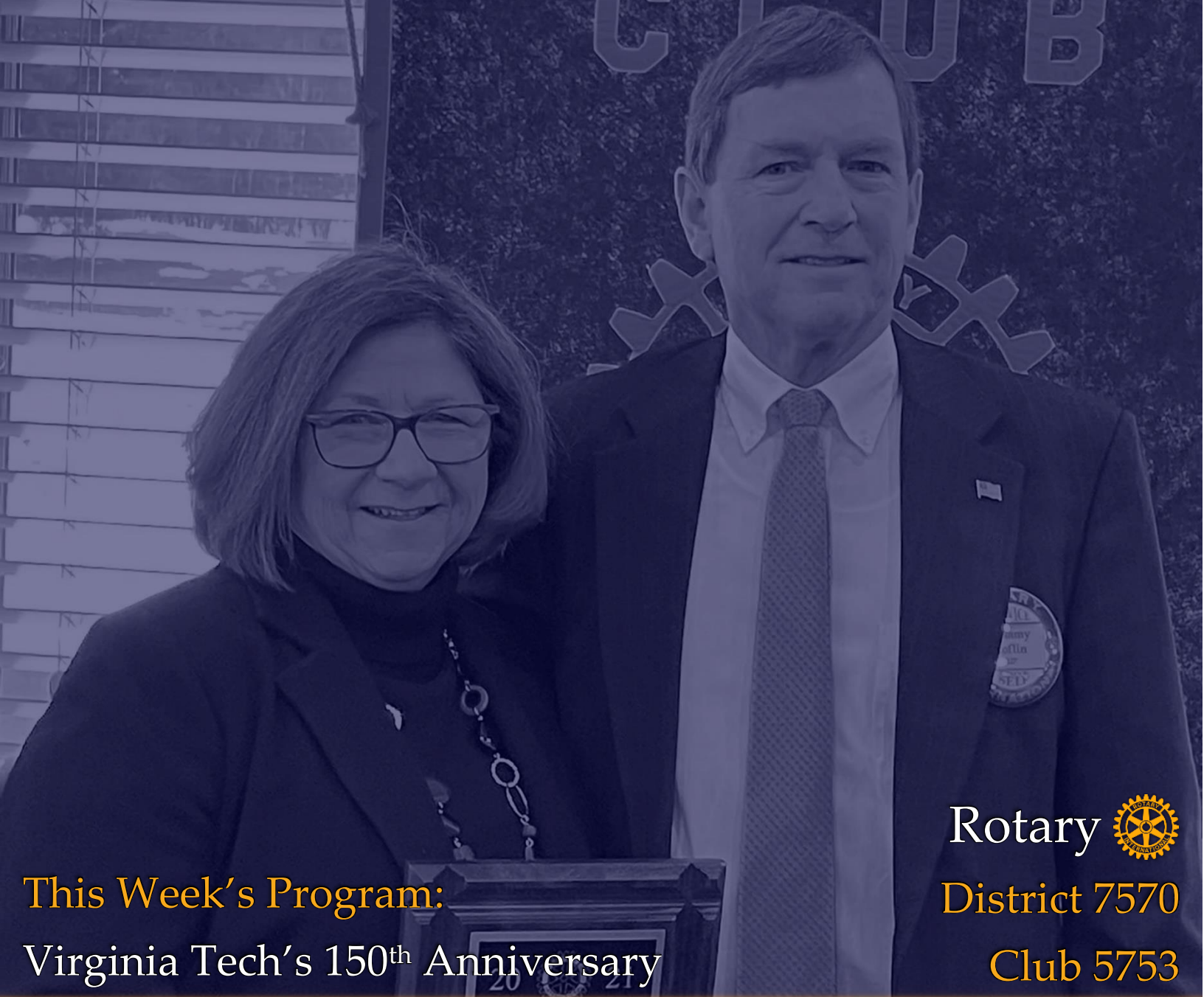



Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin



This Week's Program:
Virginia Tech's 150th Anniversary

Rotary 
District 7570
Club 5753

Jan 12, 2023 | Vocational Service 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

Dr. Peter Wallenstein, professor of History at Virginia Tech, will speak to the club as the university celebrates its 150th anniversary. Dr. Wallenstein is the author of "Virginia Tech: A History of a School, a State, and a Nation", published in 1997 at the time of Virginia Tech's 125th anniversary.

Announcements

This week, we are having our first Discovery Rotary event at 11:30am, just prior to our regular meeting. This 30-minute program will introduce your guest to Rotary and the Blacksburg club. Please come with them! We will meet in the main dining room (our regular meeting space) and go through a presentation, then enjoy a nice lunch. We will do this every 2nd Thursday of the month until June, so start lining those guests up!

About This Week's Program – Virginia Tech's Vision for the Future

The sesquicentennial will advance our Beyond Boundaries vision. Three themes illustrate the vision: showing what we do, how we do it, and why. They reflect the land-grant mission of the university.

- **Solve Problems:** We respond to current problems and conduct research to discover answers to emerging questions. Our faculty, students, and professionals collaborate with communities to identify and address problems that affect the human condition.
- **Expand Knowledge:** Teaching and learning are integral to our land-grant identity. We develop and share knowledge using a variety of methods. Some are tried-and-true. Others are at the leading edge of experiential learning approaches.
- **Create and Engage Communities:** The Hokie nation is broad and diverse. It includes students, faculty and staff, alumni, and the university's donors, partners, and friends. The Cooperative Extension network and other researchers serve citizens of the Commonwealth and offer assistance across the U.S. and around the world.

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Rotary projects around the world - USA

Worldwide, only 17 percent of electronic waste and less than 5 percent of devices containing lithium ion batteries are recycled, even though their chemical elements offer a “cycle of nearly infinite recyclability,” according to Redwood Materials.

Since early 2022, more than a dozen Rotary clubs across the United States have collaborated with the Nevada-based battery recycler to host collection drives, yielding tens of thousands of pounds of cell phones, laptops, power drills, electric toothbrushes, and more.

“This is a turnkey project,” says Clari Nolet of the Rotary Club of Los Altos, California, a board member of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group. “You clean out your junk drawer, address U.S. supply chain security and environmental issues, and assist in the adoption of electric cars.”



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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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Meet-A-Rotarian

Tiffany Couch



My name is Tiffany Couch, and my hometown is Christiansburg, VA. I currently work at the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as a Master Deputy Court Clerk Supervisor. For the past four years I have learned a lot working in the Clerk's Office. I feel very lucky to work in public service; this job is very rewarding. I have always wanted to help others and serve my community. Before working in the Clerk's Office, I worked as a legal assistant for the Shaheen Firm, P.C.

In 2017 I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice while specializing in Political Science. I have been married to my husband, John Couch, for 3 years; he is a retired Marine. My parents are Judy and Stephen Todd. I enjoy reading, puzzles, crafting, gardening, and playing fetch with my two dogs, Rory and Gunner. My husband enjoys working on vintage vehicles and I like to help him.



I joined the Rotary Club of Blacksburg because I would like to continue my Grandparent's legacy. They cared deeply for their community and always did what was best for their neighbors. In 2021 my last Grandparent passed away and I feel it is my duty to continue their tradition of helping others. I look forward to serving with you.



Calendar

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Jane Bonomo	2 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	3 John Skelton	4	5 Noon Meeting Tommy McDearis	6	7 Hank Johnson
8 Christy Brown	9	10	11 Jim McAlister	12 Noon Meeting	13	14 Steve Cole
15	16 Satellite Club 5:30 PM Jeff Hammel	17	18 MICAHA'S backpack	19 Noon Meeting Michelle Brauns	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Noon Meeting	27	28
29	30 Tiffany Marie-Todd Couch	31				

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Jan 12 – Virginia Tech’s 150th Anniversary
- Jan 19 – Citizen of the Year
- Jan 26 – Ecole Philadelphia, Haiti
- Feb 2 – NRV Regional Commission
- Feb 9 – Tenneco
- Feb 16 – First Responder of the Year
- Feb 23 – Rotary Exchange Student Program

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.

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

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH YOUR PRIMARY SPONSORSHIP TO ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKSBURG

As a Primary Sponsor of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, you can diversify your dollar into our Local Community. Through sponsorship, you will be supporting the Local Organizations supported financially as well as through Rotary sweat equity.

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg currently works with;

Financial and Time support for the **Montgomery County Christmas Store**

Financial and Time support for the **Interfaith Food Pantry**

Financial and Time support for **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

Financial support for the **Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Fine Arts**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Math and Science**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Career & Technical Education**

Financial support and Recognition for a **Citizen of the Year**

Financial support and Recognition for a **First Responder of the Year**

Financial Support for the **Community Health Center of the NRV**

Financial Support and Time support for the **Nature Play Area of Heritage Park**

Financial Support of the **YMCA**

Time Support of 2 **Adopt A Spot** road cleanups in Blacksburg

Financial Support and Time Support of **Micah's Backpack** program

Financial Support and Time support of the **NRV Glean Team**

Financial Support of the Rotary Club of **Blacksburg Mountain Biking Skills Park**

As well as our Global efforts through Rotary International.

Primary Sponsorship is a Annual 501C3 Charitable Tax Deductible gift of \$3000 for a commitment of 3 years. The Primary Sponsor program is limited to 15 Primary Sponsors who will have their name and/or Logo on signage to be displayed at every Rotary Club of Blacksburg meeting and event throughout the calendar year, your name and/or logo displayed on emails sent to club members throughout the calendar year as well as your name/logo displayed on our weekly club bulletin. We will highlight our Primary Sponsors through our Rotary Club of Blacksburg social media sites as well.

We would love to partner with you in our support of our Local Community.

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