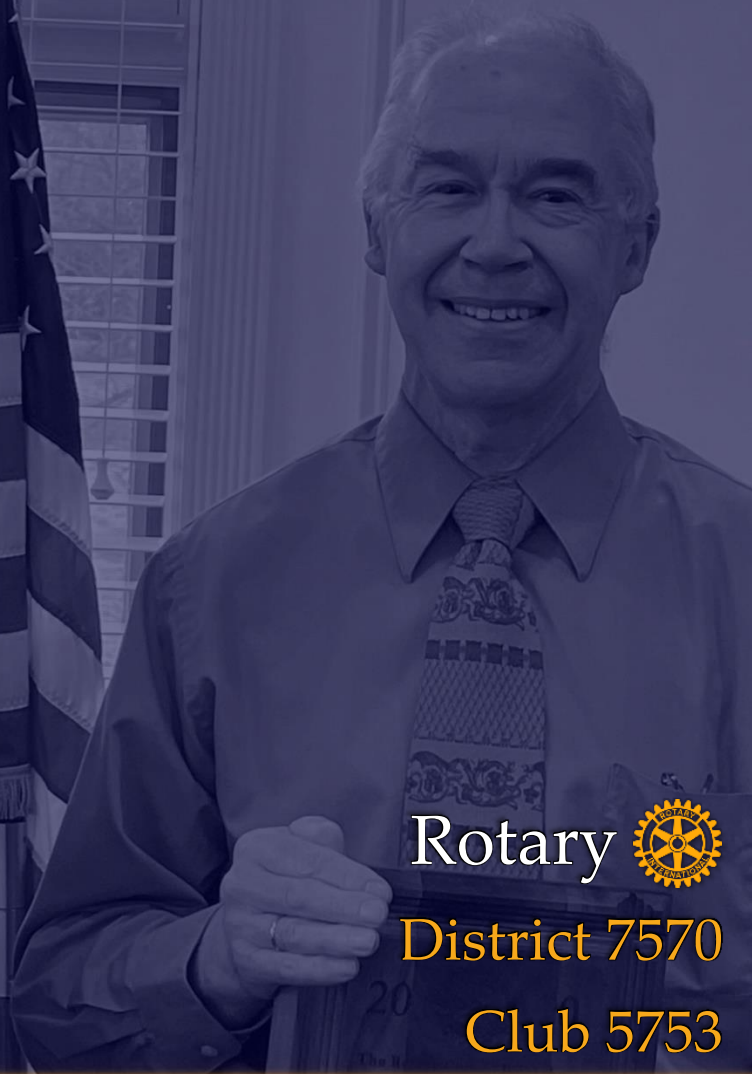



# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin



This Week's Program:  
U.S. Embassy Security

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

Jan 13, 2022 | 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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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### Join This Week's Meeting

This week's speaker will be Colonel Keith Parrella, who will speak to the club on U.S. Embassy Security. Come in person or join online via Zoom.



### Rotarians Code of Conduct

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure no-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### This Week's Program

Colonel Keith A. Parrella, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, in Quantico, VA, will speak to the club on embassy security. For more information on this week's speaker, see page 4.

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# Local News

The Rotary District 7570 PolioPlus Committee, together with the district leadership team, is proud to announce the launch of a brand new PolioPlus Society in which Rotarians in the district who commit to making an annual PolioPlus donation of \$100 or more during each Rotary year will qualify as members of the Society. A special thanks to District PolioPlus Chair Traci Blido for leading these efforts!

In an effort to identify “charter members” of the PolioPlus Society, any District 7570 Rotarian who has already donated at least \$100 to PolioPlus during this Rotary year (or plans to prior to June 30, 2022) AND pledges to give that amount or more annually going forward, (until the final two endemic countries are declared polio free of the wild polio virus) will be named “charter members” to the Society.

[Click here to join the PolioPlus Society](http://www.rotary.org/donate). Donations to PolioPlus may be made in your normal ways of giving, but it’s easiest to do online at <http://www.rotary.org/donate> and select the Polio Plus Fund (be sure you are signed in so you and your club will be credited). Also, if you make your donation online, you will have the ability to set it up as a recurring donation which makes the annual giving that much easier.

Thank you for your continued support to Rotary’s PolioPlus efforts.



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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: Ken D’Amato  
President-Elect: Phil Araman  
President-Nominee: Tom Ryan  
Secretary: L. Jester / R. Spencer  
Treasurer: Fred Meyers



### Club Directors

Club: Phil Araman  
Vocational: Eric Johnsen  
Local: Tom Ryan  
International: Peter Weimerskirch  
Youth: Karen Stemen



### District and Global

RI President: Shekhar Mehta  
District Governor: Tara Ellis  
Area 9 Governor: Cora Gnegy  
District Secretary: Tim Carter  
District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



## This Week's Speaker

Colonel Keith A. Parrella was commissioned in December 1994 upon his graduation from Arizona State University with a bachelor of science in Justice Studies. He then attended law school at Arizona State University College of Law, and graduated cum laude in May 1998.

As a company grade judge advocate, Colonel Parrella served as senior defense counsel and senior trial counsel while assigned to both the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Miramar, San Diego, California from 1999 to 2002, and with 3rd Force Service Support Group (FSSG), Okinawa, Japan from 2002 to 2005. While in Okinawa, he deployed with the 1st FSSG (Fwd) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II where he served as the military justice officer overseeing the prosecution of courts-martial in Iraq from September 2004 to February 2005.



In May 2006, Colonel Parrella received a Master of Laws (LL.M.) specializing in contract and fiscal law from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia. He then reported to the Eastern Area Counsel Office, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina as a contingency contract and fiscal attorney. Between 2007 and 2008, he deployed to Camp Fallujah, Iraq where he provided contract and fiscal law support to II MEF (Fwd). In January 2010, Colonel Parrella deployed as the judge advocate with the 24th MEU on board USS NASSAU in support of Operation Unified Response in Haiti and Operation Enduring Freedom in the Gulf of Aden. While deployed, he also served as the MEU Executive Officer.

In August 2010, Colonel Parrella served as Officer-in-Charge, Legal Services Support Section, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In this capacity he supervised judge advocates and support staff charged with providing military justice support to the Marines and Sailors within II MEF and its supporting establishments.

Between July 2012 and July 2014, Colonel Parrella commanded Region 8 (Central Europe), Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, Frankfurt, Germany. As Region 8's Commanding Officer, he led Marine Security Guards posted at 19 U.S. Embassies and Consulates throughout central Europe and the Balkans. Following command, Colonel Parrella worked in the Department of Justice's (DOJ) National Security Division as a Counterterrorism Prosecutor as part of the Commandant of the Marine Corps' (CMC) Fellowship program.

In July 2015, Colonel Parrella was assigned as the Deputy Circuit Military Judge, Eastern Judicial Circuit, presiding over courts-martial at Camp Lejeune and nearby installations. In July 2017, upon selection to his current rank, he assumed the duties of Staff Judge Advocate to the 2nd Marine Division aboard Camp Lejeune. In July 2018, he returned to the bench as the Circuit Military Judge of the Eastern Judicial Circuit, where he was also detailed to serve as a military judge for the military commissions in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In June 2019, Colonel Parrella assumed his current duties as the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, in Quantico, Virginia.



# Calendar

## January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Jane Bonomo
2	3 John Skelton	4  Satellite Club	5  Tommy McDearis	6 	7  Hank Johnson	8  Christy Brown
9	10	11 Jim McAlister	12	13 	14  Steve Cole	15
16  Michelle Brauns	17	18  Satellite Club	19  Diane Boon	20 	21	22
23	24	25	26 	27 	28	29
30	31					

## Upcoming Programs and Events

Jan 20 – Citizen of the Year presentation

**Jan 26, 6PM, Micah's Backpack Packing**

Jan 27 – Virginia Tech Softball

Feb 3 – Virginia Tech Wrestling

Feb 10 – Club Program – Membership

Feb 17 – First Responder of the Year

Feb 24 – TBD

Mar 3 – Rotary Club Local Foundation

Mar 10 – Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge

Mar 24 – GSE Team Leaders

## Need a Make-Up?

### Blacksburg Satellite Club

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

### 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