


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin



This Week's Program:  
Paul Harris Fellow Ceremony

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

January 7, 2021 | 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

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) | [www.rotary7570.org](http://www.rotary7570.org)



### Join This Week's Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

We are excited to start this New Year honoring and celebrating The Rotary Foundation with our annual Paul Harris Fellow awards! We have 10 NEW PHF and 11 Multiple PHF to Share on Thursday.

We will be meeting in person at Blacksburg Country Club with lunch provided OR you can join us via ZOOM using the link below.

**If attending via ZOOM;**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81348838510?pwd=NnQyZlhQbXhKemc3RkdOa2t1V2VvZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 4883 8510

Passcode: 285437

You can also join by phone: (646) 558-8656 using the meeting ID and passcode above.

### District Conference In-Person Option Cancelled

Due to the continuing challenges and uncertainty brought on by the COVID pandemic, the decision was made to cancel the in-person option of the District Conference scheduled for March 19-21, 2021. The District Conference Planning Team is working on a virtual option for sharing Rotary information, recognizing the accomplishments of individuals and clubs, celebrating the creativity and adaptability of our District clubs during the pandemic, and more.

### Today's Program: Paul Harris Fellows



The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary

Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

### Thanks to this week's bulletin sponsor!



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# January is Vocational Service Month!

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the second object, which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:



- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

## PEACE

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? **Consider these suggestions:**

- Talk about your profession in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' occupations.
- Use your skills and expertise to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your words and actions.
- Help young people achieve their career goals.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

By undertaking these activities, you bring vocational service to life. Vocational service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world.

## Connect with us!



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### Facebook

facebook.com/RotaryBlacksburg



### Web

www.blacksburgrotary.org

## 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



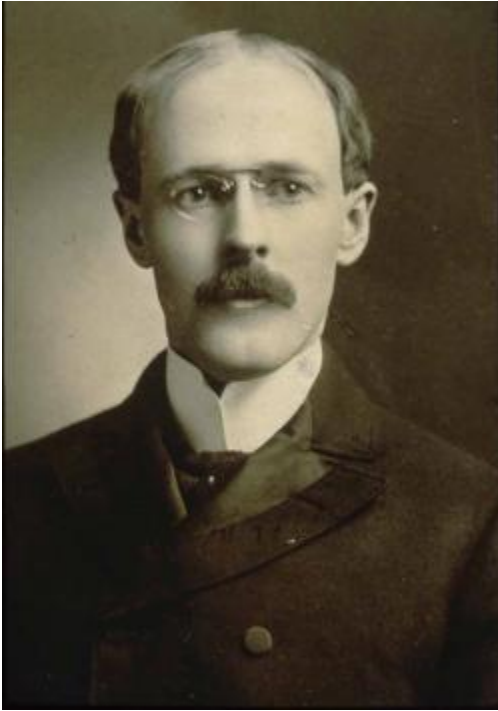
## District and Global

RI President: Holger Knaack  
 District Governor: Nancy Whitlock  
 Area 9 Governor: Cora Gnegy  
 District Secretary: Ron Napier  
 District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



# Paul Harris: Rotary's Founder

**Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul P. Harris.**



Harris was born on April 19, 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin. At age 3, he moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents. He attended the University of Vermont and Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891.

In 1896, Harris settled in Chicago and opened a law practice. Four years later, he met fellow attorney Bob Frank for dinner on Chicago's North Side. They walked around the area, stopping at shops along the way. Harris was impressed that Frank was friendly with many of the shopkeepers. He had not seen this kind of camaraderie among businessmen since moving to Chicago and wondered if there was a way to channel it, because it reminded him of growing up in Wallingford.

"The thought persisted that I was experiencing only what had happened to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others in the great city. ... I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago. ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it."

Harris eventually persuaded several business associates to discuss the idea of forming an organization for local professionals. On February 23, 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in downtown Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

In February 1907, Harris was elected the third president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Toward the end of his presidency, he worked to expand Rotary beyond the city. Some club members resisted, not wanting to take on the additional financial burden. But Harris persisted, and by 1910, Rotary had expanded to several other major U.S. cities.

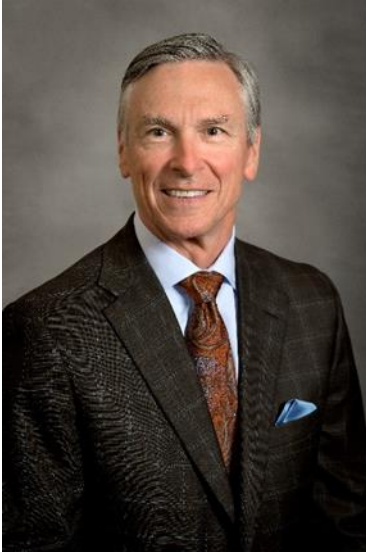
Harris recognized the need to form a national association with an executive board of directors. In August 1910, Rotarians held their first national convention in Chicago, where the 16 existing clubs unified as the National Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International). The new association unanimously elected Harris as its president.

At the end of his second term as Rotary president, Harris resigned, citing ill health and the demands of his professional practice and personal life. He was elected president emeritus by convention action, a title he held until his death.



# Meet-A-Rotarian – Second Chance!

## Tom Ryan



Blacksburg was always meant to be home! It just took a lifetime to make it happen. Having spent my youth in New England, I moved to Virginia as a senior in high school, and months later entered Virginia Tech as a freshman. It looked like my northeastern home, had seasons like New England, but a little less severe, and was beautiful at all times of year. At the beginning of my sophomore year at Virginia Tech, my wife, Susan Bull Ryan, and I started dating. We married on graduation day and went off to medical school at VCU (MCV). Residency followed and then, active duty in the United States Air Force. Most of my career was in Fredericksburg, Va., first spending 25 years in clinical family medicine, and then 15 years as an Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for a two-hospital health system with 540 beds and 700 medical staff. Retirement from that role was in 2013 followed by part-time work mentoring physician leaders and supporting the Commonwealth of Virginia's patient safety and quality programs.

I currently serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Carilion New River Valley Hospital. I have served on Virginia Tech's Board of Visitors, and the Virginia Tech National Alumni Board of Directors. My wife and I have done marathons, triathlons and have biked in areas of this country and Europe. Several years ago we hiked a portion of El Camino de Santiago in Spain and last year, hiked across England on the Coast to Coast trail from the Irish Sea to the North Sea.

Susan and I are approaching our 53rd wedding anniversary and have two lovely daughters and 5 grandchildren. We are delighted to be back in Blacksburg living in a 175 year- old house on 117 acres in Mt. Tabor. I am a huge believer in the work of the International Rotary Foundation. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this club.



# Calendar

## January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 John Skelton	4	5  Satellite Club Tommy McDearis	6	7  Hank Johnson	8 Christy Brown	9
10	11 Jim McAlister	12	13	14  Steve Cole Jeff Hammell	15	16 Michelle Braun
17	18	19  Satellite Club Diane Boon	20	21 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28  Stephen Chandler	29	30
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## Upcoming Programs and Events

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Trevor Parker, Physical Activities for All Ages

Jan 21 – Rotary Citizen of the Year

## Save the Date!

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is our annual Rotary Golf Tournament!

### 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