

# Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin

This Week's Program:

VT / Rotary International Peace Garden

Rotary 

District 7570

Club 5753

October 26, 2023 | Economic and Community 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

We look forward to seeing you at this week's meeting for a presentation from Jamie King, Urban Forest Manager and University Arborist at Virginia Tech on the VT/Rotary International Peace Garden's History and renovation effort.

### Announcements

**BHS Interact Club Thanksgiving Baskets:** The BHS Interact Club is collecting items for the SCA Thanksgiving Baskets. These baskets are created through donations from High School clubs and distributed to hundreds of NRV families. We will be making the baskets on October 27. Please bring items in this week and next Thursday 10/26 if you can. **See Flyer on Last Page for Needed Items.** Thank you!

**From the Vocational Service Committee: 2023 Citizen of the Year Award -** It's time for all of us to begin considering potential nominees for our annual COY award. Since 1990 our Club has selected an outstanding Montgomery County resident as the Rotary Club of Blacksburg's Citizen of the Year. The Award was established to recognize businesspersons of varied careers and vocations for their ethical business behavior, and who exemplify the Four Way Test and Service Above Self in their business and personal lives.

Nominees must: 1) Be a Montgomery County resident ; and, 2) Not be a Rotarian.

Nomination forms can be obtained from any Vocational Service Committee member, and is on our website (<https://www.blacksburgrotary.org/>). **Nomination deadline is Dec 6th** . Feel free to contact a Committee member for additional information.

### Today's Program



In 1994, after receiving permission from Virginia Tech, The Rotary Club of Montgomery County, the Wednesday morning group, established an International Peace Garden near Stadium Woods. The garden was dedicated to international peace and understanding. After falling into disrepair, recent efforts have been undertaken to bring it back to it's former glory.

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## Rotary Statement on the conflict in Israel and Gaza

Recognizing there has been protracted suffering in the long history of conflict between Israel and Palestinians in Gaza, Rotary International urges all parties to seek avenues to peace.

At the same time, we unequivocally condemn the horrific attack by Hamas on Israeli civilians and are appalled at the number of people who have been injured, killed, and kidnapped.

As the war between Israel and Hamas intensifies, we remain deeply concerned about the potential for further escalation as well as the loss of life and the humanitarian crisis that is occurring in Gaza. We denounce the violence against innocent civilians and support upholding international humanitarian law.

Peacebuilding is both a cornerstone of Rotary’s mission and one of our areas of focus. At our core, Rotary is a common ground for people to come together – across nationalities and religions, cultures and histories – and connect around their shared belief in a better tomorrow. That connection is what humanizes us in times of conflict and builds a foundation for lasting peace.

Rotary remains committed to working with our members, partners, and communities to find long-term, sustainable solutions that support peace and development in the region and elsewhere.

## Connect with us!



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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: Tom Ryan  
President-Elect: Eric Johnsen  
President-Nominee: Bruce Roulstone  
Secretary: Leslie Jester  
Treasurer: Fred Meyers

## Club Directors

Club: Eric Johnsen  
Vocational: Jamie McReynolds  
Local: Jim McAlister  
International: Chuck Burress  
Youth: Mary Biggs

## District and Global

RI President: Gordon McNally  
District Governor: Paula Alston  
Area 9 Governor: Terri Fisher  
District Secretary: Nancy Whitlock  
District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham



# Calendar

## October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Marc Verniel 	3 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	4 	5 Noon Meeting	6	7
8	9	10 Fred Meyers 	11	12 Noon Meeting Ronald Gibbs 	13	14
15	16	17 Satellite Club 5:30 PM Larry Ball 	18	19 Noon Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Noon Meeting	27	28
29	30	31				

### Upcoming Programs and Events

- Nov 2 – Rotary International Foundation
- Nov 9 – Blacksburg Farmers Market
- Nov 16 –
- Nov 23 – NO MEETING
- Nov 30 – Club Social
- Dec 7 –
- Dec 14 – BHS Madrigal Singers
- Dec 21 – NO MEETING
- Dec 28 – NO MEETING

**Micah's Backpack: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, we are packing bags for Micah's Backpack.**

### Need a Make-Up?

- Blacksburg Satellite Club**  
Corp. Research Center – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 5:30pm
- Montgomery County**  
Inn at Va. Tech – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:15 AM
- Christiansburg-Blacksburg**  
Blacksburg C.C. 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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

# Rotary

## Club of Blacksburg

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**If you are interested in more information on becoming a Primary Sponsor for the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, please contact Leslie Jester!**



# BLACKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL SCA THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT

## EACH THANKSGIVING BASKET INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- \_\_\_ Bag of sugar (1 small bag)
- \_\_\_ Bag of self-rising flour (1 small bag)
- \_\_\_ Stuffing mix (2 boxes)
- \_\_\_ Marshmallows (1 bag)
- \_\_\_ Rice (1 small bag)
- \_\_\_ Green beans or peas (2 cans)
- \_\_\_ Yams or sweet potatoes (2 cans OR 1 large can)
- \_\_\_ Corn (2 cans)
- \_\_\_ Cranberry sauce (1 can)
- \_\_\_ Biscuit or cornbread mix (2 packages)
- \_\_\_ Instant mashed potatoes (1 box)
- \_\_\_ Tea bags or Hot chocolate mix (1 box of family-sized bags)
- \_\_\_ Gravy mix (1 packet)
- \_\_\_ Soup (2 cans of cream of mushroom)
- \_\_\_ Broth (1 can of chicken or beef broth)

**\*\*\*Monetary Donations are also Accepted\*\*\***

The SCA provides a canned protein for each basket. Clubs provide funding for hams.

**[Basket Pledge Link](#)**

