


Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin

This Week's Program:
VT Men's Basketball

Rotary 
District 7570
Club 5753

Oct 6, 2022 | Economic and Community Development 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

Ace Custis, Special Assistant to the Head Coach for VT Men's Basketball team will give the club a preview of the upcoming season.

Announcements

Rotary Chocolate Festival Sign-Ups: It is less than 2 weeks away from our annual Chocolate Festival! If you are around and able to help, please sign up to volunteer at the event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084EA4A72BA4FF2-chocolate4>

Orientation: Club members are invited to attend the orientation for our two new members, Stephanie Kirkner at 11:00 a.m. on October 6 in the Club house Founders Room.

Hunger Initiative: If you have made a donation to a food bank or the Interfaith Food Pantry, or if you do volunteer hours at either, please let Paula know so she can document your participation.

About this week's speaker



Ace was a four-year basketball standout at Virginia Tech, graduating in 1997, before continuing on to play 15 years of professional basketball. Ace joined Virginia Tech's basketball staff in 2019 as the coordinator of basketball relations and in September of 2020, Custis was promoted to special assistant to the head coach, with being more involved in daily administrative operations of the program. Prior to Virginia Tech he was an assistant coach at Maryland-Eastern Shore.

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ROTARY DISTRICT 6960 WHICH INCLUDES ALL OF SW FLORIDA, SUSTAINED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE IAN.
The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch is collecting donations to help victims on behalf of District 6960

For more information on Rotary's response to Hurricane Ian and how you can donate, visit www.rotaryfl.org.

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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: Phil Araman
 President-Elect: Tom Ryan
 President-Nominee: Eric Johnsen
 Secretary: Leslie Jester
 Treasurer: Fred Meyers

Club Directors

Club: Tom Ryan
 Vocational: Eric Johnsen
 Local: Bruce Roulstone
 International: Chuck Burress
 Youth: Karen Mary Biggs

District and Global

RI President: Jennifer Jones
 District Governor: Kathy Kanter
 Area 9 Governor: Terri Fisher
 District Secretary: Nancy Whitlock
 District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham

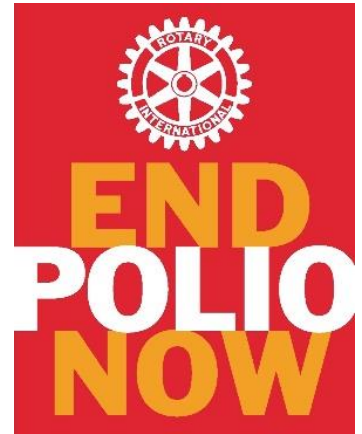


Polio Update

Why does the Blacksburg Rotary Club care about one case of polio?

By Marquita Hill

One case of paralytic polio in a 24 year old man resulted in the State of New York declaring an emergency – why? Unless you are an elderly person you may not even remember polio. But, back in 1952 polio killed more than 3,000 Americans. It also paralyzed more than 20,000 – you may have heard of the “iron lung” which allows paralyzed people to breathe. Americans were greatly relieved at the development of the Salk vaccine against polio in 1955. By 1979 widespread vaccination had led to the disappearance of polio from the US.



In 1985 Rotary International started the Polio Plus program to eradicate polio from the entire world and many organizations quickly joined in the effort. Now only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan have endemic cases of polio. But the polio virus spreads easily and can be genetically traced from these countries and through Africa and to the United States. It can be “only one international plane ride away.” “Polio anywhere is a threat to children and adults everywhere.” Each of us needs to be vaccinated.








But why would just one case cause an emergency declaration? The answer is that the polio virus spreads very easily including from people without symptoms. And polio vaccination rates have fallen leaving many people vulnerable to polio. In one New York County only 60% of children under age 2 had been fully vaccinated. At the same time the virus was detected in the wastewater of 4 NY Counties. And remember: even one case of polio is a threat to children and adults everywhere.”

Rotary – including every Rotary club – continues working toward eradicating polio worldwide. On Sunday October 16 the Blacksburg Rotary Club is holding a Chocolate Festival on the streets of Blacksburg where we will promote End Polio Now.



Calendar

October 2022

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

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Oct 13 – Chocolate Festival Bagging
- Oct 16 – **Rotary Blacksburg Chocolate Festival**
- Oct 20 – VT Women’s Basketball
- Oct 27 – Education
- Nov 3 – VT/MD College of Veterinary Medicine
- Nov 10 – UVA Mountain Lake Research Facility
- Nov 17 – Rotary Foundation
- Nov 24 – NO MEETING – THANKSGIVING

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

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. **Note: No September Packing Event!**

District 7570 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Sponsorship Form



IMAGINE ROTARY

December 2-4, 2022 Skelton Conference Center, Virginia Tech

EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Gold Level \$1,000** Large logo included with student and volunteer t-shirts, Logo included with RYLA program, Promotion included with formal dinner Saturday night (only 1 provided)
- Silver Level \$500** Medium logo included with student and volunteer t-shirts, Logo included with RYLA program (only 6 provided)
- Bronze Level \$250** Logo included with student program

**All sponsors can provide marketing material to be included in bags to students, logos on t-shirts will be printed in black/white

Make checks out to Rotary District 7570, mail to 423 Laurel Canyon, Johnson City, TN 37615, for questions email inezrodenburg_rotary@yahoo.com

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