


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin



This Week's Program:  
VT Women's Basketball

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

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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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(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

Join us in person or on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83165977993?pwd=TKY4NWI0L3hjRXczY2JUU2R2dDhyUT09>

### Green Beans !!

**We still need 650 cans of green beans before October 20.** If you have not contributed your cans yet, please bring them to this week's meeting. You can also drop them off at the Law Office of Arthur Shaheen at 1997 S. Main St., Suite 702 Blacksburg. Our club should provide them with 1000 cans of green beans. That's approximately 15cans a member!!



### This Week's Program



Kenny Brooks was named the seventh head women's basketball coach in Virginia Tech women's basketball history on March 28, 2016 and concluded his fifth season at the helm of the Hokies' program in 2021. He won his 100th game as a Hokie at the 2021 ACC Tournament with a 72-64 victory over Miami. Since Brooks' arrival in Blacksburg, the Hokies have enjoyed five consecutive winning seasons, and made a return to the NCAA Tournament in 2021 after a 15-year absence.

Tech's 2020-21 season was a special one in several regards, with the Hokies winning their First Round NCAA

Tournament game against Marquette, the team securing the program's first win over an AP top four team, a program record six-game winning streak in ACC play, and for the first time, two student-athletes were honored as First Team All-ACC performers.

**This week's bulletin is sponsored by Dr. Kenneth D'Amato**

**Knowledge is knowing  
a tomato is a fruit.**

**Wisdom is not putting it  
in a fruit salad.**





## Invitation to a special Rotary Program

Christiansburg-Blacksburg Rotary Club has extended an invitation to an amazing program later this month! To RSVP, anyone wishing to attend can email Club President Bridget at [bridgetadams85@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetadams85@gmail.com). Her number is 303-475-3264 if you need to contact her as well. The Club meets at the Blacksburg Country Club on Monday's at 5:30pm. This meeting invitation is for Monday, October 25th.

Kenneth Yalowitz, retired diplomat and former ambassador to Belarus will be our speaker on Monday, October 25th. Ambassador Yalowitz served as the Director of the Conflict Resolution MA Program at Georgetown University from June 30, 2015 to July 1, 2018 and remains an adjunct professor at Georgetown. He is a Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, DC. He served as the Director of the Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College from 2003 -2012 following retirement from the US Department of State after 36 years as a career diplomat and member of the Senior Foreign Service. He served twice as a U.S. ambassador: to the Republic of Belarus from 1994-1997; and to Georgia from 1998-2001. Other overseas assignments included Moscow (twice), The Hague and the US Mission to NATO in Brussels. In 1984, Ambassador Yalowitz received a superior honor award for crisis management in the shutdown of KAL-007. He was chosen for the Ambassador Robert Frasure award for peacemaking and conflict prevention in 2000 for his work to prevent the spillover of the Chechen war into Georgia.



## Connect with us!



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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



## Making a connection at Lake Maggiore, Italy

In late September, I was transitioning from a hiking trip in the Zermatt, Switzerland area to a motorcycling trip in northeastern Italy. I had a spare day on my hands so I searched the ITHF directory for members in that area.

I found [Gualtiero Ribelle Mario Grigato](#) who was staying in his holiday home near Stresa on lovely Lago Maggiore. Gualtiero is a flamboyant, expressive, exuberant man who is active in his local club but also in Rotaract. Gualtiero met me at the Stresa train station where he and several friends immediately whisked me off to Isola Superiore on the Lake for a lovely lunch and then to Isola Bella nearby for a castle tour at Plazzo Borromeo.



That evening, his mother served a home-cooked meal for us before his friends headed home to Milan.

The next day, Gualtiero led me on a hike through the forests above the city of Stresa. Finally he helped me on my way as he and his mom and I boarded the same train to Milan from where I continued to Verona and then to Mantua.

Gualtiero deals in antique and classic cars and spends several months each year in Florida. A friend of mine here in Southwest Virginia also deals with classic cars; he currently has over 1000 in his showroom. I'm hopeful Gualtiero will visit with us and perhaps do business with my friend or at least view his vast collection.

Michael Abraham











Sixteen Squares Blacksburg Satellite Rotary Club

Blacksburg, Virginia



# Calendar

## October 2021

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

## Upcoming Programs and Events

Oct 14 – Chocolate Festival Bagging

**Oct 17 – Chocolate Festival**

Oct 21 – National Alliance on Mental illness

Oct 28 – Chili Cookoff for Polio Plus

Nov 4 – Immigration Law

**Nov 6 - Building beds with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 9:00 a.m. 3275 N. Franklin, Cburg**

Nov 11 – Rotary Foundation Jeopardy

Nov 18 – Condor Recovery Program

## 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