

Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin



This Week's Program:

Isabel Berney, Virginia Blue Ridge Funeral Consumer Alliance

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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Rotary Club of Blacksburg

(Club 5753)

Join us for Lunch!

Meets every Thursday at Noon

Blacksburg Country Club

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Join This Week's Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

We are hoping for Sunshine and Clear Skies for Thursday! We hope that you will be able to join us to learn more about the Virginia Blue Ridge Funeral Consumer Alliance at our weekly meeting on Thursday at the Blacksburg Country Club.

If attending via ZOOM;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85789579952?pwd=TDVWWmNISDBxYnBOMjZqTEpwVGI5dz09>

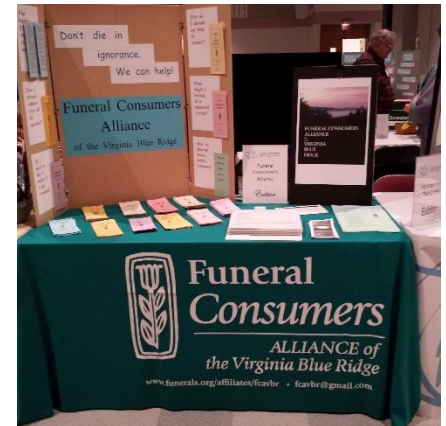
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Passcode: 900202

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

Today's Program: Virginia Blue Ridge Funeral Consumers Alliance

Isabel Berney has lived in the area for almost 50 years. She retired from Pulaski County Schools as the Director of Technology and has been active in community affairs. She served on the school board in Radford, on the Board of Zoning Appeals in Blacksburg. She currently serves on the Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board and on the Housing and Community Development Board for Blacksburg. Twenty years ago, she and Franklyn Moreno, along with two other friends, started the local affiliate of the Funeral Consumers Alliance.



About the Funeral Consumers Alliance:

We are an all-volunteer organization. Think of us as the Consumer Reports for the death care industry. We strive to help consumers make informed choices about end-of-life options and we provide information on how to arrange for dignified, affordable funeral services.

**Thanks to this week's bulletin sponsor,
Franklyn Moreno!**

**It is in fact a part of the function of education
to help us escape, not from our own
time—for we are bound to
that—but from the intellectual
and emotional limitations of our own time.**

-T.S. Eliot



Next Year's Rotary Theme Announced!

President-elect Shekhar Mehta chose "Serve to Change Lives" as his theme for 2021-2022. Mehta spoke about how participating in service projects through Rotary changed him as a person and made him empathize more with the needs of others. Soon after joining his club, he helped carry out projects that benefited rural communities in India.

Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity," he said. "Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that 'Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.'"



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Franklyn Moreno!

**It is difficult to make our material
condition better by the best law,
but it is easy enough to ruin it by bad laws.
--Theodore Roosevelt**

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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: 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



Honolulu to host 2027 Rotary Convention

HONOLULU (Feb. 18, 2021) — Almost one year after canceling its international convention in Honolulu due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, Rotary announced it will hold its annual gathering in Honolulu for the membership service organization's 118th convention on June 5-9, 2027.

Held in a different city around the world each year, Rotary conventions bring members from all continents and cultures together to learn from each other and various experts, and to share ideas for delivering long-term solutions to the world's most persistent humanitarian issues. Approximately 20,000 Rotary members from 170 countries were expected to attend the event in Honolulu in 2020, which was estimated to bring \$35-40 million into the local economy.

"After canceling our convention in 2020 due to COVID-19, we are grateful to the citizens of Honolulu for welcoming us again in 2027," said Rotary International President Holger Knaack. "As a global organization that values bringing people together, we look forward to sharing and celebrating our friendships, cultures and service in the spirit of Aloha."

"Beyond the incredible economic impact this convention will have, the people of Hawai'i will be inspired by the humanitarian causes of Rotary International, to include: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies and protecting the environment," said John De Fries, President and CEO, Hawaii Tourism Authority. "As a global community, Rotary members embody the values we cherish here, in Hawai'i."

Organized by Rotary International in conjunction with the Honolulu Host Organizing Committee of local Rotary members, the convention will provide attendees with ample opportunities to experience Oahu's many attractions.

The Rotary Club of Honolulu, chartered in 1915, is Rotary's first club in Honolulu. Today, there are more than 1,470 Rotary members who belong to over 45 clubs across Hawai'i taking action on important local issues including drowning prevention, creating green space in Waikiki and helping homeless people receive medical care.





Calendar

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pete Weimerskirch Chuck Lee	2 Satellite Club	3	4 	5	6
7 Mark Woolwine	8	9	10 Franklyn Moreno	11 	12 Mary Alice Barksdale	13
14	15	16 Satellite Club	17 Mike Jones	18 	19	20 Harold Hankins
21 Jerry Robinson	22	23	24 Dick Bohlin	25 	26	27 Eric Dorminey
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Upcoming Programs and Events

- Mar 4 – Sgt. Craver, Blacksburg Police Dept
- Mar 11 – First Responder of the Year
- Mar 18 – WideOpen Blacksburg
- Mar 25 – Club Assembly

Save the Date!

- March 20 - Virtual District 7570 Conference
- June 14 - 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