


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin

This Week's Program:  
Wheelchair Foundation

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

Mar 2, 2023 | Water and Sanitation 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

This week, we hope you'll join us to learn more about Rotary International's Wheelchair Project from Past District Governor Woody Sadler.

### About This Week's Program

Past District Governor Woody Sadler

Woody joins us from the Lexington Sunrise Club. He has been a Rotarian for thirty years and has served in many capacities during his Rotary career including:

- District Governor 2012-2013
- GSE Team Leader to India
- President of CART 2017-2019
- Chair District 7570 Wheelchair Project

In addition to his service, he has been awarded the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, is a Major Donor, a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Rotary Benefactor and is part of the Rotary Bequest Society. He has also attended many International Conventions.

His career in the US Marine Corps spanned 28 years. After graduating from VMI, he went directly into the Marine Corps and straight to Vietnam. Later, Woody was stationed in Guantanamo, Cuba, and then continued his career in places like Quantico, Hawaii, Okinawa, and worked to pull Americans out of Cambodia when the country fell to the Khmer Rouge. He worked in Washington DC at Marine Corps HQ and was Marine Liaison to the House of Representatives. Then to Camp Lejeune, NC and back to Okinawa, Japan, to California, Washington DC and finally ending up in Lexington at his alma mater VMI as CO of the NROTC. He has been an adjunct professor in VMI's Civil Engineering Dept for 30 years.

Today, Woody continues to discover new places around the globe with his work with the Wheelchair Foundation, an organization he got the district involved with during his 2012-13 year as District Governor. The Wheelchair Foundation's goal is to provide a free wheelchair to every child, teen, and adult worldwide who needs one but has no means to acquire one.

<https://www.wheelchairfoundation.org/>



This week's bulletin is sponsored by Gunin Kiran:

**LEADERS MUST BE  
CLOSE ENOUGH TO  
RELATE TO OTHERS,  
BUT FAR ENOUGH  
AHEAD TO MOTIVATE  
THEM.**

- JOHN MAXWELL



## March is Water / Sanitation Month



March is Water and Sanitation month. Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives. We don't just build wells and walk away. Rotary

members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.



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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: 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





# Meet-A-Rotarian – Second Chance !

## John Sutphin



My name is John Sutphin, I am a native to the Blacksburg area and just recently moved back after living in North Carolina for many years. After graduating from Virginia Tech with a degree in Finance, I moved to Winston-Salem NC to attend business school full time at Wake Forest University. I graduated from Wake Forest in 2003 and then began a career in energy and utilities with Piedmont Natural Gas in Charlotte. I held a number of senior management roles during that time in the areas of treasury management, financial planning & analysis, supply chain, and investor relations among

others Along the way I was fortunate enough to gather several certifications in treasury management, investor relations, and regulatory finance. After the purchase of PNG by Duke Energy in 2015, I transitioned into a role in acquisition integration with Duke and then lead their natural gas supply chain operations until 2018. Since that time, I have been working as an independent consultant, mostly in utilities and energy, in various parts of the United State including Blacksburg.

Giving back to the community is important to me, and I have spent time working with various non-profits and charitable organizations through the years. I was on the board of the Morrison YMCA in Charlotte for many years and coached youth sports in that organization for 10 years. Other organizations I have worked with include the Y Readers, Samaritan's Purse, Meals on Wheels and School Tools.

My wife, Jenny Sutphin, also grew up in this area and has a background in biology and veterinary medicine. She has been a full-time mom and preschool teacher over the last 20 years. My son Jack is a clinical neuroscience major at Virginia Tech and my daughter Ava is a junior in high school.

Outside of work, I enjoy cooking, fitness activities, Virginia Tech sports, sporting clays and helping my Dad around his farm. I'm excited to be back in this area and to be a part of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg!



# Calendar

## March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Noon Meeting	3 David Hodgson	4 Susan Erickson
5	6	7 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	8	9 Noon Meeting	10	11
12	13 Mike Burnop	14	15	16 Noon Meeting MICAH'S backpacks Brian Mack	17 Patrick Moran	18
19	20 Jack Wilkinson Christine Smith	21 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	22 Al Bowman	23 Noon Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29 Alec Siegel	30 Field Trip to Dublin 5 PM Club Social	31	

## Upcoming Programs and Events

Mar 9 – Addressing Water and Health Issues

Mar 16 – Human Trafficking in Southwest Virginia

Mar 23 – TBD

**Mar 30 – Field Trip to Fontaine Modifications  
(No Noon Meeting)**

**Mar 30 5PM – Club Social at Bull & Bones B'Burg**

**Announcement:** Our club will pack backpacks for Micah's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. through the school year. St. Michaels Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg. Mark your calendars.

## 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

# SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH YOUR PRIMARY SPONSORSHIP TO ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKSBURG

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As a Primary Sponsor of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, you can diversify your dollar into our Local Community. Through sponsorship, you will be supporting the Local Organizations supported financially as well as through Rotary sweat equity.

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg currently works with;

Financial and Time support for the **Montgomery County Christmas Store**

Financial and Time support for the **Interfaith Food Pantry**

Financial and Time support for **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

Financial support for the **Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Fine Arts**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Math and Science**

Scholarships for Montgomery County High School seniors who excel in **Career & Technical Education**

Financial support and Recognition for a **Citizen of the Year**

Financial support and Recognition for a **First Responder of the Year**

Financial Support for the **Community Health Center of the NRV**

Financial Support and Time support for the **Nature Play Area of Heritage Park**

Financial Support of the **YMCA**

Time Support of 2 **Adopt A Spot** road cleanups in Blacksburg

Financial Support and Time Support of **Micah's Backpack** program

Financial Support and Time support of the **NRV Glean Team**

Financial Support of the Rotary Club of **Blacksburg Mountain Biking Skills Park**

As well as our Global efforts through Rotary International.

Primary Sponsorship is a Annual 501C3 Charitable Tax Deductible gift of \$3000 for a commitment of 3 years. The Primary Sponsor program is limited to 15 Primary Sponsors who will have their name and/or Logo on signage to be displayed at every Rotary Club of Blacksburg meeting and event throughout the calendar year, your name and/or logo displayed on emails sent to club members throughout the calendar year as well as your name/logo displayed on our weekly club bulletin. We will highlight our Primary Sponsors through our Rotary Club of Blacksburg social media sites as well.

We would love to partner with you in our support of our Local Community.

**Rotary**  
Club of Blacksburg



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