


Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin

This Week's Program:
First Responder of the Year

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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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Join This Week's Meeting

We are excited to celebrate our First Responder of the Year at our meeting tomorrow! We hope that you will be able to join us in person or VIA ZOOM ;-). Please use the following link if you will be joining us on ZOOM;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88425179478?pwd=M25NSFNTeDZURXpxMmNBBeUpmazk5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 884 2517 9478

Passcode: 988467

Announcements

District Conference

Did you know that our club reimburses 1st time attendee Registration fees for District Conference? Here's the link for you to register today!

<https://www.rotary7570conference.com/>

**ROTARY DISTRICT
7570 CONFERENCE
APRIL 1-3, 2022**

About This Week's Speaker

At this week's program we will be presenting our annual First Responder of the Year Award to Chief Anthony Wilson, of the Blacksburg Police Dept. This is a very special award for the Club that was established as a means to show our gratitude and respect for all of our Montgomery County First Responders who give so much in order to protect their fellow citizens. Award recipients exemplify the sacrifice, courage and dedication to service that is a common thread among all of our First Responders. **See Page 3 for more information on Chief Wilson.**

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Local News

Kroger Community Awards Program

Al Bowman, 03-19-2022

Our Club has earned **\$265.22** from the Kroger Community Rewards program for the past quarter ending February 28. We owe many thanks to our twenty-nine households who have enrolled in the program. The Kroger Community Awards Program is, I am positive, the easiest fund raising available to our Club as it doesn't require any additional effort of our members or corporate sponsorship.

Enrollment in the program is very easy for those of you who have not already done so. To enroll your Kroger Plus card, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com, log in to your account, scroll to the bottom of the page until you see Kroger Community Rewards. Enter our organization's account number, which is now **CK877 or Blacksburg Rotary Club**, and enter the requested info. Happy Krogering!!

If you don't already have a Kroger Plus card, one can be obtained quickly at any Kroger customer service desk.

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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



First Responder of the Year

This year the Committee selected Chief Wilson, for his long-term service to our community; his innovative and impactful practices ; as well as his spirit of cooperation among many groups throughout our community.

Chief Wilson grew up in Blacksburg, and has devoted 25 years of his life to the Blacksburg Police Dept. Plus, he is a 30 year member of the Fire Dept. While his focus as Police Chief is Blacksburg, and especially VT students, his reach of service extends far beyond basic police work.



Notably:

- Educational and partnership programs in our local K-12 schools
- Adopt-A-Cop (Police Dept / VT fraternity partnership)
- Involvement with the County’s Dialogue on Race initiative
- Books to Badges, partnership with Community College students
- Created the Training Triangle program (Blacksburg Police Dept.)
- Co-chair of NRV Public Health Task Force for the past 2 years

It will be an honor to include Chief Wilson’s name to our Club’s First Responder plaque, as a fitting reminder of the contributions made by of all of Montgomery County’s First Responders.

Past recipients:

2017 -	Danny R. Yopp	Christiansburg Volunteer Fire Dept.
2018 -	Wendell R. Flinchum	Virginia Tech Police Dept.
2019 -	Michael T Linkous	Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Dept.
	Neal Turner	Montgomery County Emergency Srvcs
2020 –	Kelly B. Walters	Christiansburg Rescue Squad

DOLLAR & POINTS MATCH

OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO ROTARY DISTRICT 7570: March 18 - April 3

FOR DISASTER RESPONSE IN UKRAINE

DOLLAR MATCH DETAILS:

DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR MATCH UP TO \$25,000 TO
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S DISASTER RESPONSE FUND
PRESENTED BY JAMIE AND PATTY BAISDEN
OWNERS OF WIND RIVER CHIMES

POINTS MATCH DETAILS:

- Donations must be at least \$100 in order to receive Matching Rotary Foundation Recognition Points and must be designated to DISASTER RESPONSE.
- Matching opportunity ends on Sunday, April 3 at the close of District Conference. Donations can be made online by logging into your My Rotary account or in person at the District Conference (see Dana Guthrie).
- If making an online donation, please email Dana Guthrie (lovetotravel2@msn.com) your Rotary Foundation donation confirmation for the Dollar Match and to receive the Points Match.

www.rotary.org/donate

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING DISASTER RESPONSE IN UKRAINE!



Calendar

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Satellite Club	2	3 David Hodgson	4 Susan Erickson	5
6	7	8	9	10 	11	12
13 Mike Burnop	14	15 Satellite Club	16 Brian Mack	17 	18	19
20 Christine Smith Jack Wilkinson	21	22 Al Bowman	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29 Alec Siegel	30	31 		

Upcoming Programs and Events

Mar 31 **5:30 PM** – Member Appreciation at Smithfield

Apr 1-3 District Conference in Roanoke

Apr 7 – Ruth Waalkes, Moss Arts Center

Apr 14 – Blacksburg Police Advisory Committee

Apr 21 – Webster Santos, Virginia Tech Chemistry

Apr 28 – Club Assembly

May 5 – Science and Math Scholarship Awards

May 12 – Career & Technical Scholarship Awards

May 19 – Fine Arts Scholarship Awards

May 26 – Wong Park Picnic

Need a Make-Up?

Blacksburg Satellite Club

Corporate Research Center – 1st/3rd Tues 5:15pm

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