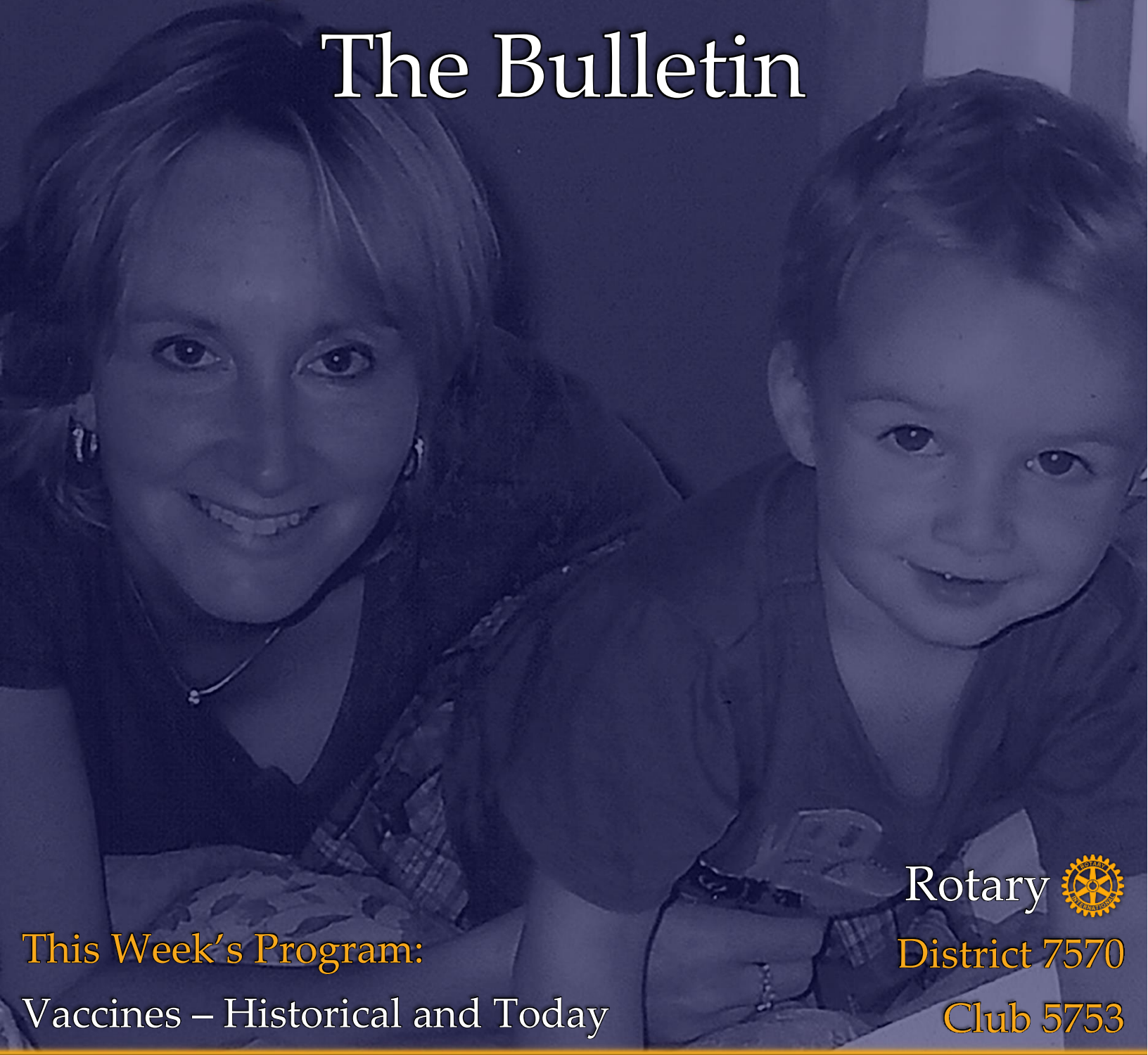


Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin



This Week's Program:

Vaccines – Historical and Today

Rotary 

District 7570

Club 5753

April 15, 2021 | Maternal and Child Health 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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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Join This Week's Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

We hope that you will be able to join us (in person or on ZOOM) for this week's meeting. Our speaker this week will be fellow Rotarian Ryan Spencer, Executive Director of Historic Smithfield.

If attending via ZOOM;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86002242018?pwd=bXQzQkRHYWtVS2ZiM3drdEVMZXVDdz09>

Meeting ID: 860 0224 2018 **Passcode:** 753474

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

5th Thursday Club Social and Fundraiser / Silent Auction

See Page 2 For More Information!

This Week's Speaker: Dr. Kate Langwig

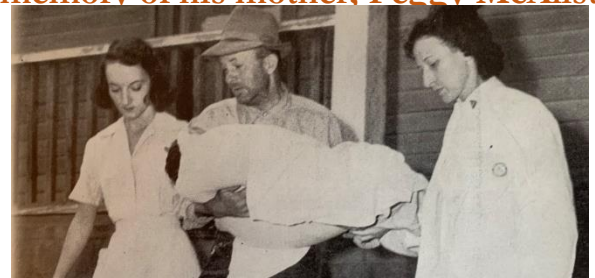


Dr. Langwig is an infectious disease ecologist. Her research program at Virginia Tech focuses on the role of host-pathogen interactions in population dynamics and community structure. As part of this research, she explores how variation among hosts influences epidemiological dynamics, population impacts, and effectiveness of disease interventions.

In relation to global change, Dr. Langwig studies the impact of infectious disease on ecological communities, the importance of disease in determining species extinctions, and the long-term persistence of populations affected by disease in human-altered landscapes.

She uses a combination of field data, historical population datasets, and modelling approaches to help inform conservation responses to preserve disease-imperiled species.

This bulletin is sponsored by Jim McAlister, in memory of his mother, Peggy McAlister



Peggy McAlister (pictured left), was a public health nurse serving Wythe County for 30 years, including during the 1950 Polio epidemic. Thanks to Rotary International, we have essentially eradicated this disease, but must stay vigilant.



5th Thursday Club Social

April 29 will be our 5th Thursday of the month and therefore a SOCIAL!

We will gather at Eastern Divide Brewing Company at 5:00 for our evening social. We will be dovetailing this event with our Spring Local Foundation Kentucky Derby fundraiser! We hope that you will be able to join us! We will be hosting a silent auction as well as some horse betting ;-) \$25 per horse of 5 horses for \$100

We will split the proceeds 50/50 with the local foundation. The 50% winnings will be split 50% to 1st place (shared between winners) 30% to 2nd place (shared between winners) and 20% to 3rd place (shared between winners).

If you would like to donate a silent auction item, please let us know and/or bring it to an upcoming meeting for us to get together our items prior to the April 29th event. If you will not be attending the April 29th evening event at Eastern Divide, you can still purchase tickets and choose your horse(s). We will be sending out an email with silent auction information and horse choices in the next couple of weeks!

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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



President's Letter

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April 14, 2021

Members, Rotary Club of Blacksburg
Blacksburg, Va. 24060

Dear Fellow Members:

Since it is Spring, I wanted to step out and say Greetings, and provide important updates about our Club. The collective efforts of both public and private organizations seem to have put COVID-19 on its back foot. Most of us have probably received our vaccinations now. Life seems to be returning to "normal-like". Last week, we had around 32 members physically present at Thursday's lunch – a record of sorts. And, while on the topic of meetings, please remember that on Thursday, **April 29**, our meeting will be at Eastern Divide at 5:00 p.m. rather than at the Club for lunch. Please try to come! It will be conjunction with our Spring Local Foundation Kentucky Derby fundraiser – and Silent Auction (you could bring something – talk to Susan Erickson).

The Board of Directors met last week after lunch. There are several items of note. First, for work-related reasons, TJ is having to give up his offices (President and President-Elect). TJ was scheduled to take over as President on July 1. Instead, Ken D'Amato, who is an outstanding Rotarian, is stepping into TJ's place. TJ, who is also an outstanding Rotarian, is going to continue to be a member of the Club and provide leadership in an abbreviated manner (you may not know how much TJ has done for the Club). I am asking everyone to please be especially supportive of Ken right now.

The Board took up two other officer issues. COVID-19 caused some additional challenges for all Officers. The Board feels that both the Treasurer and the Secretary, who undertake a great deal for us, need "Assistants." Fred Myers has been assisting Philip Walker with treasury duties. The Board has officially named him "Assistant Treasurer." On July 1, he will become Treasurer. Being Treasurer is no easy job, thought Pete Weimerskirch, who had the job some 4 years, made it seem so.. The Club, however, is strong financially.

On the Secretary-end, we could not have a finer one in Leslie Jester, but we need to find Leslie an "Assistant" or maybe even two, who could study under her and possibly take over for her if, God forbid, she decides that this is not a lifetime appointment. If you have any ideas, please let one of us know!

Lastly, I would like to thank Ken D'Amato and Phil Araman and their teams for sacrificing their Saturdays for Peace Garden and Huckleberry Road clean-up (Prices Fork is May 8). You make us all look good.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ash", followed by a long horizontal line.

Arthur V. Shaheen



Calendar

April 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Chris Turman
4	5	6 Satellite Club	7	8	9	10 Dan Goerlich
11	12 Leslie Jester Ron Rordam	13	14 William Flattery	15	16	17
18	19	20 Satellite Club Mark Mear	21	22	23	24
25 Chris Belluzzo Candi Kelly Chadd Yeatts	26	27	28 Billy Hite	29 5th Thursday Club Social!	30 Ken D'Amato	

Upcoming Programs and Events

Apr 22 – Lemur Research

Apr 29 – 5th Thursday Club Social at Eastern Divide

May 6 (Clubhouse) – Science & Math Scholarships

May 13 (Clubhouse) – Career & Technical Scholarships

May 20 (Clubhouse) – Fine Arts Scholarships

Save the Date!

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