


Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin



This Week's Program:
Rotary Scholarships

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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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Join This Week's Meeting

Join us this week to recognize several outstanding young students in our area with \$1,000 scholarships to help further their educational studies.

Announcements

None

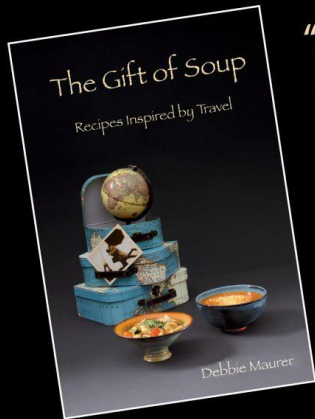
About This Week's Program

Today the Club will recognize six exceptional MCPS high school seniors who will receive our 2022 – 2023 Outstanding Student Awards for Career & Technical Education studies, and for Math / Science studies.

To learn more about the recipients and selection criteria for the award, see page 3 of the bulletin.

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"Amazingly, I sold the 20 cookbooks in 5 minutes!"

– Rosie Jordan, Rotary Club of Salem

District Totals

471 Cookbooks

18,840 meals

\$4,718.50 to Food Banks

Help us reach our goal of
400,000 meals in 2023

The Gift of Soup is a high-quality, full-color, spiral-bound cookbook that features over 40 delicious soup recipes from around the world. Each recipe was inspired by the author's international hiking and biking trips. **The goal is to raise \$100,000 for Feeding America Regional Food Banks serving western Virginia and northeast Tennessee, through the sale of The Gift of Soup offered by the Rotary Clubs of District 7570.** The books sell for \$20, with \$10 being donated to a foodbank in the purchaser's area. **Salem Rotary Club is already on their 3rd case, 3,000 meals earned!!**

Order your copy or copies at the website www.giftofsoup.org.

On This Week's Cover: Tawana French and 17 month old Henry in 2023.

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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



Outstanding Student Awards

From Youth Achievement Committee –

Today the Club will recognize six exceptional MCPS high school seniors who will receive our 2022 – 2023 Outstanding Student Awards for Career & Technical Education studies, and for Math / Science studies. These awards will be presented to:

Career & Technical Education Awards

Student	School	HS focus	College	Future plans
Bryanna Egan	CHS	Nursing	NRCC	Nursing
Alaina Partin	CHS	Health Medical Sci	NRCC	Nursing
Eder Vasconcelos	EMHS	Robotics, Materials	NRCC	Welding

Math / Science Awards

Student	School	HS focus	College	Future plans
Evan Cline	CHS	Engineering	VT	Mech Eng / Math
Carson Gilmore	BHS	Kinesiology	Undecided	Kinesiology
Lilly Underwood	EMHS	Engineering	VT	Engineering

The selection criteria for our Student Awards is based equally on the student’s academic accomplishments in their curriculum courses, plus their service and volunteer work in our community. The award includes a \$1,000 college scholarship to help further their educational studies.

Please be sure to greet and congratulate our students, as well as their nominating teachers and family members joining us for today’s program.



Meet-A-Rotarian

Bernie Bragen

I moved to the New River Valley in December after being appointed as the Superintendent of Schools for Montgomery County. I was born and raised in New Jersey and spent much of my professional career there. My educational journey started as a special education teacher and child study team member, and after 10 years, I moved into administration. I held the roles of Supervisor of Special Education, Assistant Principal, Principal, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Superintendent of Schools before I arrived in Montgomery County. I am currently in my 34th year in the field and 11th year as superintendent.

I have a bachelor's degree in management science/Finance and a master's degree in Special Education from Kean University in Union, New Jersey. I earned a second master's degree in Administration/Leadership from New Jersey City University and a doctoral degree from Nova Southeastern University in Educational and Organizational Leadership. Most recently, I have been working towards a master's degree in accounting from the University of Delaware, with an anticipated graduation of Summer 2023. I ascribe to the belief that those who dare to teach must never cease to learn.



While in school, I played football and lacrosse and coached both sports along with track during my teaching career. I have always loved the outdoors and am an avid golfer and hiker. I also loved to surf fish on the beaches of New Jersey and will have to adjust to inland fishing in my new community.

I am also the proud father of three daughters, who are my life's greatest accomplishment.





Calendar

April 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Chris Turman	4 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	5	6 Noon Meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12 Leslie Jester	13 Noon Meeting	14 William Flattery	15
16	17	18 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	19	20 Noon Meeting MICAH'S backpack	21	22
23	24	25 Chris Belluzzo Emily Gibson Candi Kelly	26	27 Noon Meeting	28	29
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Upcoming Programs and Events

- Apr 27 – Rotary Polio India Trip
- Mar 4 – Rotary Scholarships II
- May 11 – Radford Army Ammunition Plant
- May 18 – Solar Solutions
- May 25 – Picnic at Wong Park

Announcement: Our club will pack backpacks for Micah's on the 3rd 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 – 1st/3rd Tues 5:30pm
- Montgomery County**
Inn at Va. Tech – 1st/3rd Wednesday, 7:15 AM
- Christiansburg-Blacksburg**
Blacksburg C.C. 2nd/4th 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