


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin

This Week's Program:  
A Look at the Galapagos

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

April 21, 2022 | 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

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) | [www.rotary7570.org](http://www.rotary7570.org)



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### Join This Week's Meeting

Come learn about the Galapagos Islands this week from Paula and Tom Alston!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86196955915?pwd=S1ZaVVpWcmhCSEpYR1RmczBjc1o4dz09>

Meeting ID: 861 9695 5915

### Announcements



**Jerry Robinson (1938-2022):** It is with a heavy heart that we share news of Jerry Robinson's passing on April 19<sup>th</sup>. He was at home with his wife, Anne. We will update with the service arrangements as we have information. Please keep Jerry's family in your prayers.

**Poppy Day:** Poppies will be available for a donation on the 21st and 28th of April. The Poppy sale is part of the Polish Legion of American Veterans of Chicago service project to VA hospitals. Thank You in advance for your donation.  
Franklyn Moreno Honorary PLAV Member



### About this week's program

The Galápagos Islands is a volcanic archipelago in the Pacific Ocean. It's considered one of the world's foremost destinations for wildlife-viewing. Tom and Paula Alston spent a few days there in February and would like to share some of their photos with you.



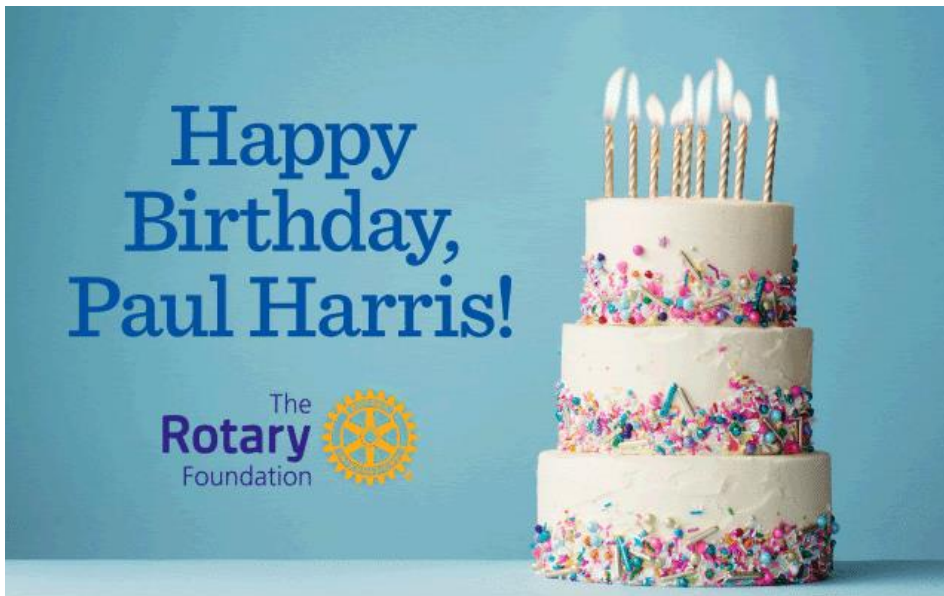
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## Happy Birthday, Paul Harris!

On 19 April, we celebrated the anniversary of Rotary founder Paul Harris' birth. Paul Harris was born in 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, and thanks to his vision, today Rotary members around the world are uniting to take action and create lasting change. There are many ways to celebrate, including by [reading about Harris' life](#).



**Save the Date – 6pm on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Blacksburg Country Club: Cinco de Derby!**

## Connect with us!



### E-Mail

blacksburgrotary@gmail.com



### Twitter

@RotaryBlacksburg



### Instagram

BlacksburgRotary



### Facebook

facebook.com/RotaryBlacksburg



### Web

www.blacksburgrotary.org

## 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



# Meet-A-Rotarian

## Gunin Kiran



I was born and raised in Ankara, Turkey. I received both my Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Chemical Engineering from the Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey. I got married and moved to the United States in 1988. I have attended Ph.D. program in Chemical Engineering at University of Maine, in Orono, Maine where my husband and I lived for 12 years and where all our three children were born. Due to family obligations I left the Ph.D. program in 1992 and focused my attention on raising our children and soon after our first born's start to Kindergarten focused on education. I served as a room parent, fundraising coordinator, school improvement committee member and PTO president from 1994-2000.

In 2000 our family moved to Blacksburg, Virginia. My involvement in the local school system has continued. I served as PTA president of HAE, BMS, and BHS, as well as PTA secretary and fundraising coordinator of HAE. I served on many interview committees to hire principals, vice principals and band directors as parent representatives. In 2013 when our last child graduated from high school I decided to run for a school board seat to represent district A on the Montgomery County School Board. I served two terms, a total of eight years, five of them as board chair and retired in 2021.

I am very involved in the community. I am a member of the Dialogue on Race education issues group, local chapter of NAACP education committee and local chapter of LWV education study group. I also serve as a trustee at the Montgomery County Floyd County Regional Library Board. I love reading, painting and traveling with my husband to where our children live as well as to all his national and international conferences. I decided to join the Rotary Club of Blacksburg upon my friend Rotarian Sandy Grant's invitation. I always believed in the value of service to others in the community I live in and beyond and being a Rotarian is another great avenue to continue to do so.



# Sponsorships

## Rotary Bulletin Sponsorships

In an effort to support our local foundation, we offer the chance to sponsor of the weekly bulletin. The sponsor will be highlighted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of each bulletin. Sponsors can be individual Rotarians or your businesses, and may be text or your business logo. If you are interested, please talk to Chris French or Paula Alston. 100% of the sponsorship money will go to our local Foundation to benefit our projects.

- **\$20 for 1 Week Sponsorship**
- **\$50 for 1 Month Sponsorship**
  - Runs every week for a calendar month
  - Guaranteed to appear in at least 4 bulletins (will flow over to future available weeks in the event less than 4 bulletins are done in that month)
- **\$135 for 3 Month Sponsorship**
  - Guaranteed to appear in at least 12 bulletins total during current Rotary year
  - Sponsor can decide if weeks should appear consecutively or spread out
- **\$300 for Gold Sponsor (1 Max per Rotary Year)**
  - Runs every week for 3 calendar months
  - Months do not have to be consecutive
  - Runs in additional weeks, as available, until it has been shown at least 20 weeks total during the current Rotary year.
  - After being shown 20 weeks, logo will continue to be shown in any week where no other sponsor is available.
  - **Available after 5/31/2022 if no Platinum Sponsor**
- **\$800 for Platinum Sponsor (1 Max per Rotary Year)**
  - Runs every week for a Rotary year
  - Physical Sign at Meeting (Near Badges) recognizing sponsor at every meeting
  - **Deadline for 2022-2023 Year: 5/31/2022**














Thanks to this week's bulletin  
sponsor!

**YOUR NAME HERE!**



# Calendar

## April 2022

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

## Upcoming Programs and Events

**Apr 28 – Club Assembly**

**May 5 – Cinco de Derby – 6pm at Country Club**

May 12 – Career & Technical Scholarship Awards

May 19 – Fine Arts Scholarship Awards

May 26 – Wong Park Picnic

Jun 2 –

**Jun 4-8 – Rotary International Convention, Houston, TX**

Jun 9 – Webster Santos, VT Chemistry

Jun 16 –

**Jun 23 – Changing of the Guard**

Jun 30 – Club Social – Eastern Divide Brewing Co

### Need a Make-Up?

#### **Blacksburg Satellite Club**

Corporate Research Center – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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



# Rotary



## FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKSBURG 21TH ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

**MON** 2022  
**JUNE 13**

**BLACKSBURG COUNTRY CLUB  
1PM SHOTGUN START**

1064 CLUBHOUSE ROAD  
BLACKSBURG, VA 24060  
WWW.BLACKSBURGCC.COM



Check-In Begins: 11:00 A.M.  
Range Practice: 11:00 A.M. - Start  
Individual Lunch: 11:30 a.m.  
Shotgun Start: 1:00 p.m.

Awards/Reception Following Competition: 6:00pm

The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg was established to offer support to our local community. Annually, the Foundation provides scholarships to area high school students and financial support and services to local organizations. Organizations supported include:

- Montgomery County Christmas Store
- Community Health Center of the New River Valley
- Interfaith Food Pantry
- Shelterbox
- Women's Resource Center
- Rotary International Polio Plus
- MCPS Scholarships
- Citizen of the Year
- First Responder of the Year



### Prizes

*will be awarded to top 3 teams in each flight (there will be two flights) and closest to the Pin on Par 3's, which include: Golf at regional courses, Restaurant Gift Cards, Memorabilia, etc.*

### THE FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKSBURG

#### BE A HOLE SPONSOR!

\$150 per hole

A sign will be posted with your name on the hole sponsored  
\$100 hole sponsor with team entry

Check this box to be a hole sponsor.

### REGISTRATION FORM

Team     Individual

Team Name or Company Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### FEEES:

\$500/Team    \$125/Individual

#### INCLUDES:

One Mulligan Per Player,  
18 Holes Green Fee & Cart,  
Lunch at 11:30AM

Return Registration Form and payment by  
May 31, 2022 to:

Foundation of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg  
P.O. Box 770  
Blacksburg, VA 24063

FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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