


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin



This Week's Program:  
Immigration Law

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

June 1, 2023 | Rotary Fellowships 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

We look forward to seeing you at noon at the Blacksburg Country Club for our regular meeting. This week's presentation will be on Immigration Law

### Announcements

**Paula's Installation:** Paula's installation as District Governor will be held on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm at the Blacksburg Country Club. If you would like to attend, please let Leslie know and she will get you registered.

**Micah's Backpack Update:** This summer, our club has volunteered to increase our packing frequency with Micah's Backpack. Starting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, our club will be sending volunteers to help every Tuesday during summer.

### About This Week's Program

Mary Sirmans was born and raised in South Georgia. She is the middle of seven children. She attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural college in Tifton, Georgia and majored in Politics and Modern Cultures. After graduating with her Bachelor of Science degree, she attended Liberty University School of Law where she obtained a Juris Doctorate in 2021. Mary grew up in a small, rural area in Georgia and made friends with many immigrants in her community. Over time, she realized that they were in need of good immigration representation but, unfortunately, good local representation was hard to come by. That encouraged her to pursue immigration law while in law school. In the summer of 2020, Mary interned with Poarch Thompson Law and that experience cemented her desire to pursue immigration law. during the summer of 2020 during her final year at law school and has been working full time for Poarch Thompson Law since graduation. Mary spearheads Poarch Thompson Law's victim visas and also specializes in removal and deportation defense.

Mary is on the Federal Bar Association Immigration Law Section New Members Division Committee. In her free time, she loves to read romantic comedies and hike.

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## Thanks for all your support!

Paula Alston



## Rotarian from Mongolia is visiting Blacksburg as Professional Fellow at Virginia Tech and will speak briefly at this week's meeting.

Khishigjargal (Khishi) Enkhbayar has been a part of the Rotary family in Mongolia since 2009 as a Rotaractor. Several Rotaractors in her country came together to charter the Rotary club of Gerege in 2021.



Khishi is currently at the Institute for Policy and Governance of Virginia Tech through a professional fellowship program funded by the US Department of State. She will be in the area until June 2nd, exploring issues around nonprofit management and youth development programming in the area.

Her club, RC Gerege, is leading the annual Rotary tree planting initiative this year through a Rotary Global Grant, with more than 300 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors expected to take part in the tree planting activity on May 27. The club was also one of the hosts for a Rotary New Generations Service Exchange with Rotary clubs in Ohio in 2022.

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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





# Rotary Fellowships

June is designated as “Rotary Fellowships Month” by the RI Board to recognize the importance of international fellowship and good will among Rotarians with similar recreational interests, vocations, health, and hobbies, to promote increased participation in fellowships and increase understanding of this program.

The RI Board encourages fellowships groups to highlight activities through projects, activities, and events in June but all year, as well. Rotary Fellowships informally began in 1928 when a group of Rotarians with an interest in Esperanto joined together. Today there are over 90 different fellowships, from amateur radio to yoga and everything in between. Surely there is one that covers your interests or hobbies.

**“Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life’s pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth high price.”**

-Rotary Founder Paul Harris

## ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

**90+**



**fellowships** are active as of 2021 with more being formed each year.

**150+**



**countries** are home to fellowship members.

**US \$11**



**is the average yearly dues** for membership in a fellowship.

**40,000+**



**members** belong to Rotary Fellowships.

Find more information at [rotary.org/fellowships](https://rotary.org/fellowships).

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# Calendar

## June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Noon Meeting	2	3
4	5	6 Satellite Club 5:30 PM MICAH'S backpack	7	8 Noon Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 MICAH'S backpack	14	15 Noon Meeting	16 David Reemsnyder	17
18 Todd Murray Dawn Myers Karen Stemen	19	20 Satellite Club 5:30 PM MICAH'S backpack	21	22 Noon Meeting	23	24
25 Judy Ridinger	26 John Sutphin	27 MICAH'S backpack	28	29 Noon Meeting	30 John Brown	

## Upcoming Programs and Events

- June 8 – District Conference 2024
- June 15 – Citizen’s Climate Lobby - Alaina Coppa
- June 19 – Paula’s installation, 5:30pm BCC
- June 22 – Changing of the Guard to Tom Ryan
- June 29 – Informal social TBA (dutch treat)

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### 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



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