


Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin

This Week's Program:
NRV Passenger Rail System

Rotary 
District 7570
Club 5753

June 10, 2021 | 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 | www.rotary7570.org



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Join This Week's Meeting on Thursday at Noon!

We will be hearing from our own Larry Hincker about the NRV Passenger Rail system on Thursday at Blacksburg Country Club. We hope that you will be able to join us in person or Via ZOOM. We are excited to be returning to pre-COVID guidelines at our meetings at lunch. The attendance and buffet service requirements have been lifted.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88046343471?pwd=eHJrTVplSVd1NnUrNWIZRnBVeUJkdz09>

Meeting ID: 880 4634 3471

Passcode: 936305

Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser

Our annual golf outing is Monday, June 14th at Blacksburg Country Club. Check-in/range practice begins at 11:00 A.M. with a boxed lunch starting at 11:30. We'll have a shotgun start at 1:00 with awards following competition. Please spread the word to folks that can put a team together and/or sponsor a hole. This is one of our largest fundraisers for our foundation and helps us support numerous local organizations. It is even more important this year since last years event was canceled. Please consider playing, sponsoring, or volunteering to help with check-in etc. Contact Mike Snyder or Daniel Schroeder with questions.

Make your Rotary Foundation donation today!

We are behind in collecting donations for the Rotary Foundation. If you have not made your donation yet, please consider doing so this week. If you are unable to make the

\$100 donation, any amount will do! You can give your check to Fred Meyers or Mike Jones or mail it to the club at PO Box 770, Blacksburg 24063. If you want to make a donation online, go to rotary.org and sign in (you need to have an account.) Once signed in, click the DONATE button and select either Annual Fund or Polio.

There are amounts you can choose from or if you select "other", you can enter whatever amount you want.

Don't be the reason we are not a Gold Club this year!

"I believe democracy can survive if volunteering does."
-- Harriett Naylor

This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of

T.O. Williams, Carl McDaniels, and Joe Jones



Local News

PLEASE ALLOW A FEW MILKWEED PLANTS TO GROW IN YOUR YARD!

- From the Environmental Committee -



Why? Think of the lovely monarch butterfly. Its loveliness and fascinating migration pattern is not saving it. Its population had dropped greatly. HOWEVER, Blacksburg is helping out by proclaiming

itself a Monarch City. One thing each of us is encouraged to do is allow a few milkweed plants to grow in our yards.

Milkweed flowers attract pollinators including monarch butterflies. IN FACT, the monarch lays her eggs ONLY on milkweed leaves. And, when the distinctive monarch caterpillars emerge their only food is milkweed leaves. So, don't pull up the milkweed in the Spring and (before pulling it up in the fall) make sure all signs of the caterpillars are gone.



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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: 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



About This Week's Speaker

Fellow Rotarian Larry Hincker will speak this week about progress with the New River Valley Passenger Rail Initiative.

Passenger rail developments this year included an announcement by Gov. Northam in early May that Virginia reached agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway to extend passenger rail to the NRV and increase intercity service from Roanoke to the Northeast Corridor.

Larry retired in 2015 after spending 28 years in Virginia Tech communications, including 27 as chief communications officer under four Virginia Tech presidents.

In his Rotary Bulletin biography last year, Larry wrote: "Most of you know me as Tech's spokesperson. However, the job portfolio was comparable to a vice president for corporate communications – marketing, advertising, media relations, publications, licensing and trademark administration, the public radio station...and a whole bunch of 'issues management.'" As well, he was the public face of Virginia Tech when it dealt with the campus shootings in April 2007.

Before coming to Tech, Larry worked 14 years in various corporate communications positions including Westinghouse, Rockwell International, and Washington (state) Public Power Supply System.

He initially studied architecture at VT, holds a BA degree from Brooks Institute and an MBA from Virginia Tech.

He is married to Susan, who has done great volunteer service for our club in organizing massive amounts of club history documents and creating spreadsheets and other tools to make our club history more accessible. In gratitude and recognition, our club awarded Susan a Paul Harris Fellow about a year ago. Larry and Susan have three children and two grandchildren.

Passenger rail is but one of Larry's interests in retirement. Others include serving as board director on The Blacksburg Partnership, which he helped found; board service for Carilion NRV Medical Center (including chairmanship); serving as occasional guest columnist for The Roanoke Times; and, in his words, "spending copious time making sawdust" in his workshop.



Fellowships

International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF)

ITHF exists to promote and facilitate regional, national, and international "connections" between its members. ITHF members visit other members of the Fellowship and have the opportunity to host Rotarian members from other countries. Our lives are enriched by these connections and cross-cultural exchanges. Members planning travel can refer to the **Members Only** database on the ITHF website to identify other ITHF members living in the area they plan to visit. Prospective hosts should be contacted 30+ days in advance and they can consent to a "*connection*" subject to their own convenience. "*Connection*" details are worked out between the members.

International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians

The International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians is one of the 75 social groups that share a common passion. Being part of our Golfing Fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world. Enjoying life amongst Rotarians while playing golf on the most exclusive golf courses on the globe! There is nothing better! IGFR was founded at the birthplace of golf, at St Andrews Scotland, in 1964. She has spread her wings over Australia, Europe and North America and is now exploring the continent of Africa, Asia and South America.

On Our cover: Rotarians Billy Hite and Page Warner enjoying each other's company while thinking about golfing! Golf Tournament on June 14!



Calendar

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Satellite Club	2	3 	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 	11 Al Smith	12
13	14	15 Satellite Club	16 David Reemsnyder	17 	18 Todd Murray Dawn Myers Karen Stemen	19
20	21 Ryan Spencer	22	23	24 Bob Oliver	25 Judy Ridinger	26
27	28	29	30 John Brown			

Upcoming Programs and Events

June 14 - Annual Rotary Golf Tournament

June 17 – Local Foundation

June 24 – Changing of the Guard

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



Rotary



FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKSBURG 20TH ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

MON 2021
JUNE 14

**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 Boxed 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
- Free Clinic of the New River Valley
- Interfaith Food Pantry
- Blacksburg Athletic Club
- Shelterbox
- Valley Interfaith Child Care Center
- Winning Choices through MCPS
- Women's Resource Center
- Rotary International Polio Plus
- Unite to Light
- Stop Hunger Now



REGISTRATION FORM

Team Individual

Team Name or Company Sponsor _____

Team Captain/Individual _____

Email _____

Player #2 _____

Email _____

Player #3 _____

Email _____

Player #4 _____

Email _____

FEES:

\$450/Team \$115/Individual

INCLUDES:

One Mulligan Per Player,
One Raffle Ticket Per Player,
Range Balls, Red Tee Package, Tee Gift,
18 Holes Green Fee & Cart,
Boxed Lunch at 11:30AM

Raffle Tickets 3 for \$5 or 8 for \$10

Return Registration Form and payment by
May 31, 2021 to:

Foundation of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg
P.O. Box 770
Blacksburg, VA 24060-0770

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!

\$100 per hole

A sign will be posted with your name on the hole sponsored

Check this box to be a hole sponsor.

FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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