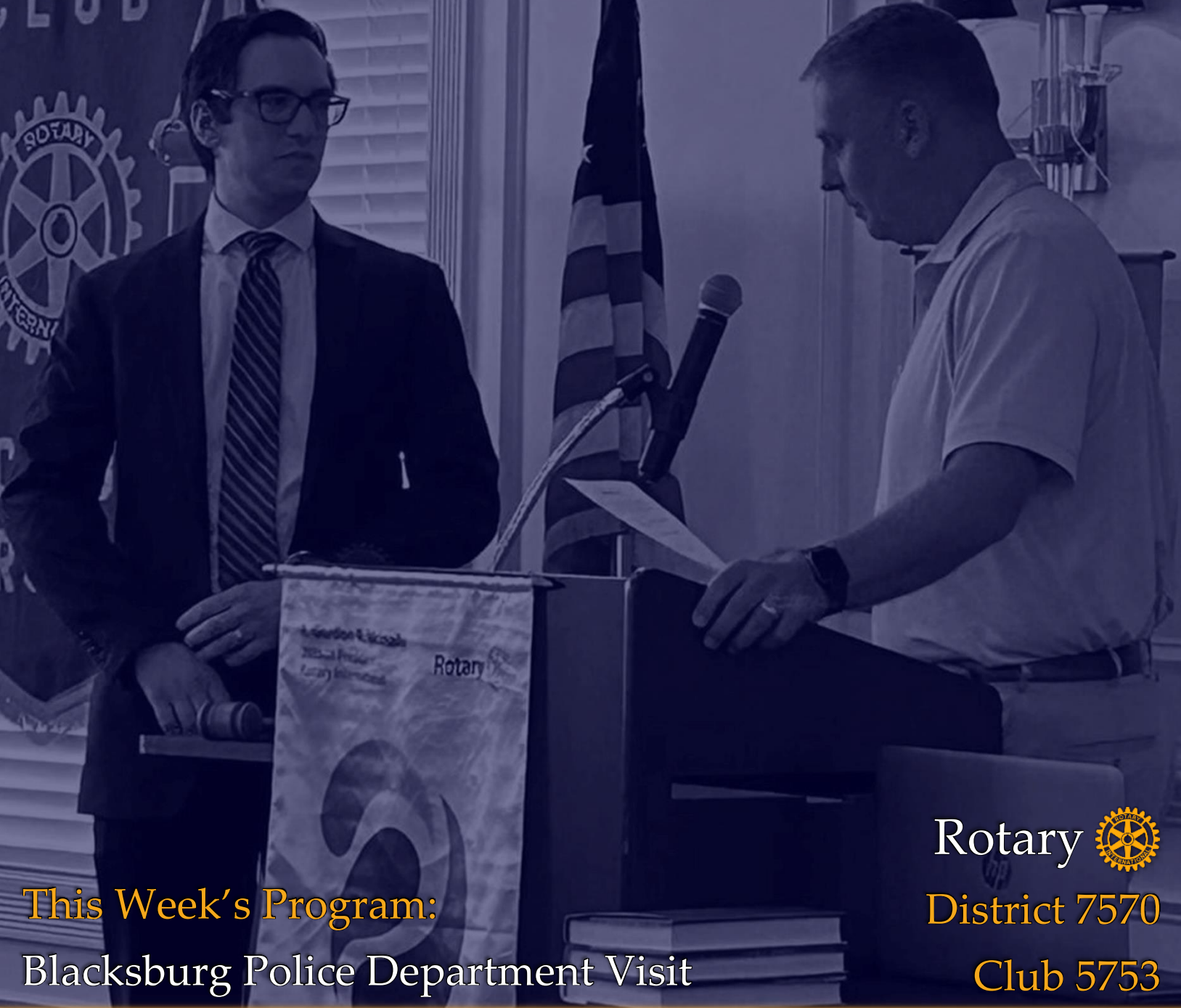


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin



This Week's Program:

Blacksburg Police Department Visit

Rotary 

District 7570

Club 5753

August 10, 2023 | Membership 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 this week's meeting for a tour of the new Blacksburg Police Station and comments from our Police Chief! Please park along Church Street SE or in the parking lot/garage at Public Entry. You will need to walk around the building to get to the front door located on the corner of Church St and Clay St. The lot across Clay St from the Police is a private lot, please do not park in there. Lunch will be provided by Jimmy John's. **Please email Leslie Jester your RSVP and if you are bringing guests so that we have an accurate number for lunches.**

### Announcements

**FROM CHRIS BELLUZZO, YARD SALE COMMITTEE:** The annual Rotary yard sale will be held on Saturday, August 19, we are looking forward to another great sale! We are looking for as many volunteers for shifts as possible in order to make the sale a great one. There are two shifts, 6AM-9AM and 9 AM-12PM. Each shift counts as a make up. Please email Chris at smcc\_va@yahoo.com with your choice of shifts, or if you can work both. Looking forward to another great sale!

#### **2023-2024 District Grant Application Award**

This year's grant applications were very competitive, and the requested amount exceeded the amount of funds available. Fortunately, our club will receive the full amount requested. Congratulations on being awarded a District Grant. The committee wishes they had enough funds to award all grants at the fully requested amount and they encourage Rotarians to give generously to the Foundation's Share Fund so this will be possible in the future. The amount we will receive is \$3,997. The Grant number is 2023-01.

Already 16 Rotarians, spouses or friends have signed up to participate in the listening to beginning readers project at Prices Fork Elementary School. We would love to have more!! Thank you to everyone who helped put this application together. Working together doing good works has always been a hallmark of our club and this grant is a great opportunity to continue that tradition. Further details available soon.

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:

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**Hotline 988**



August is **Membership and New Club Development Month**. Rotary is a membership organization...we need members to function. It's time to look around and find someone you think would make a good Rotarian.

Potential club members are everywhere. We need to be creative and inviting to get them to join us. We all love Rotary for different reasons. Find your reason and share it with someone.

Our members change lives locally and connect with other clubs to work on international projects that address today's most pressing challenges. If Rotary is to grow, we all must take action.

Invite someone to a meeting today!

## Connect with us!



### E-Mail

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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: Tom Ryan  
President-Elect: Eric Johnsen  
President-Nominee: Bruce Roulstone  
Secretary: Leslie Jester  
Treasurer: Fred Meyers

### Club Directors

Club: Eric Johnsen  
Vocational: Jim McAlister  
Local: Jamie McReynolds  
International: Chuck Burress  
Youth: Mary Biggs

### District and Global

RI President: Gordon McInally  
District Governor: Paula Alston  
Area 9 Governor: Terri Fisher  
District Secretary: Nancy Whitlock  
District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham





## Meet a Rotarian

### Ben Snodgrass

Greetings! My name is Ben Snodgrass, I was born and raised in Austin, Tx. I fled the heat in 2011, and attended Patrick Henry College, a small liberal arts college in Northern Virginia. I later attended Regent Law School in Virginia Beach and while in southeastern VA, I worked as a judicial law clerk for two Norfolk circuit court judges, Lannetti and Atkins. My wife and I moved to Blacksburg in 2021 for work, to be near my wife's family, and to be in the mountains. Since moving to the NRV, I have worked at Spicer, Olin & Associates, where I handle real estate matters, landlord tenant issues, estate planning, and civil litigation generally.



When I'm not in the office, you'll find me hiking, gardening, playing violin/fiddle and mandolin, reading, or serving at my local church (Providence Presbyterian in Christiansburg). My wife and I have one daughter and a son on the way. We also have a dog (labradoodle), two cats, chickens and a rooster (for now). I joined Rotary as a way to give back to the local community. I look forward to working alongside you all.



# Calendar

## August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	2 Charles Burress	3 Noon Meeting	4	5
6	7	8 MICAH'S backpack	9	10 Noon Meeting	11	12
13	14	15 Satellite Club 5:30 PM MICAH'S backpack	16	17 Noon Meeting T.J. Anthony	18	19
20 Dan Carper	21	22 MICAH'S backpack George Miller	23 Chris French	24 Noon Meeting	25	26
27	28	29 MICAH'S backpack	30	31 CLUB SOCIAL		

## Upcoming Programs and Events

- Aug 10 – Tour of new Blacksburg Police Station
- Aug 17 – History of Virginia Tech Athletics
- Aug 31 – Club Social at Moon Hollow
- Sep 21 – VT Women’s Basketball
- Sep 28 – Reading to Rotarians Literacy Grant Program

**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.

### 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

# Rotary

## Club of Blacksburg

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**If you are interested in more information on becoming a Primary Sponsor for the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, please contact Leslie Jester!**