

Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Bulletin

This Week's Program:

Pollinator Gardens in Southwest Virginia

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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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(Club 5753)

Join us for Lunch!

Meets every Thursday at Noon

Blacksburg Country Club

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Join This Week's Meeting

We hope that you will be able to join us on Thursday as Micki Palmersheim shares her knowledge and research as a Masters candidate of Entomology at Virginia Tech into pollinator physiology and her thesis work on creating an ideal pollinator garden for the Southwest Appalachian region.

Green Beans for the Interfaith Food Pantry

The Interfaith Food pantry is beginning to gather food for their holiday baskets and are asking organizations to adopt a food item. The Community Service Committee and your Hunger Initiative Champion selected green beans from their list of food. Our club should provide them with 1000 cans of green beans. That's approximately 10 cans a member. Please bring your beans to the next two Rotary meetings for the parent club (9/9 and 9/16) and Tuesday (9/7) for the Satellite club. This is the perfect hunger initiative project! If you are not able to make one of these three meetings, you can drop your cans off at Arthur Shaheen's Law office at 1997 S. Main St., Suite 702 Blacksburg.



This Week's Program

Micki Palmersheim is a Masters candidate in Entomology at Virginia Tech. She earned her bachelors in Biology at North Dakota State University and spent 4 years researching pollinator physiology at the USDA-ARS in Fargo, ND before coming to Virginia to complete her masters.

Her thesis aims to create an ideal pollinator garden for the Southwest Appalachian region by quantifying landscape plant attractiveness to pollinators.

Her and her boyfriend live downtown Roanoke with their two cats and dog, and she spends her free time creating digital drawings and frequenting the local breweries.



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The Bulletin is published weekly by the Public Relations committee. For suggestions, comments, or to add an announcement to the bulletin, send your request to Chris French at chris.french@gmail.com or 347-306-4740 by Tuesday of the week you want the announcement to appear. Please include "Rotary" in the subject of your email.



Ready for a week in Peru?

Join the District 7570 Wheelchair Committee for a week in Peru to help distribute 264 wheelchairs in early December! Enjoy the satisfaction of helping another individual create a new life with the presentation of a wheelchair.

All Rotarians are invited to be a part of this team. In addition to distributing wheelchairs, participants will experience the sights and sounds of another culture, make new friends, and experience Rotary fellowship in another country. If you are interested, please contact Woody (sadlerwa@vmi.edu).

Your interest is not binding but will help Woody determine the number of individuals that are interested. The status of COVID will determine if the Committee will travel to Peru. While Peru had a recent outbreak, Rotarians in Peru say the country is projected to be 70 percent vaccinated by that time and the summer season may also help ease the spread.

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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

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President-Elect: Phil Araman
President-Nominee: Tom Ryan
Secretary: L. Jester / R. Spencer
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RI President: Shekhar Mehta
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Africa marks 1 year Polio Free

By Ryan Hyland

[Read the full article on: https://www.rotary.org/en/african-region-marks-one-year-being-certified-wild-polio-free](https://www.rotary.org/en/african-region-marks-one-year-being-certified-wild-polio-free)

Rotary joined its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to mark the first anniversary of a historic public health milestone: the World Health Organization's African region being certified free of wild polio.

The anniversary was celebrated on 25 August during a WHO Regional Committee for Africa meeting, which also addressed current challenges to eradicating polio and new tactics to achieve a polio-free world.

Africa's milestone has already benefited children's health and public health across the continent. The infrastructure and innovations that helped the African region become free of wild polio are playing an important role in the COVID-19 pandemic response and are available to use in future public health emergencies. Polio workers also now conduct other routine immunizations, deliver medicines, and provide other health care services.



The achievement in Africa is the result of a decades-long effort by millions of Rotary members, health workers, government officials, religious leaders, and parents. Since 1996, when wild polio paralyzed an estimated 75,000 children across Africa, health workers have administered more than 9 billion doses of oral vaccine, preventing 1.8 million wild polio cases.

Rotary members have contributed nearly \$920 million toward eradicating the virus in the region, advocated for support from their governments, mobilized communities around National Immunization Days, and conducted events to raise funds and public awareness.

Five of the WHO's six regions, representing more than 90% of the world's population, are now free of the wild poliovirus.

Africa's success in eliminating wild polio proves that the virus can be eliminated under complex circumstances and provides a blueprint for eradicating wild polio in the last two countries where it's endemic: Afghanistan and Pakistan.



Calendar

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Satellite Club	8	9 Tommy Loflin	10 Page Warner	11 Nancy Morehouse
12	13	14 Brian Wheeler	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Satellite Club	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Chuck Burress	30		

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Sep 16 – Blacksburg Housing Development
- Sep 23 – Gold Club Membership
- Sep 30 – **CLUB SOCIAL**
- Oct 7 – VT Women’s Basketball
- Oct 14 – Chocolate Festival Bagging
- Oct 21 – National Alliance on Mental illness
- Oct 28 – Chili Cookoff for Polio Plus
- Nov 4 – Immigration Law
- Nov 11 – Rotary Foundation Jeopardy
- Nov 18 – Condor Recovery Program

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