

# Rotary International

Rotary International is a global network of community volunteers united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto Service Above Self.

Founded in 1905 in Chicago, today there are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members in over 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries. We are the world's first service organization.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST, the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND, high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH, the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## Rotary Club of Blacksburg

Meetings:  
Every Thursday at noon at the  
Blacksburg Country Club

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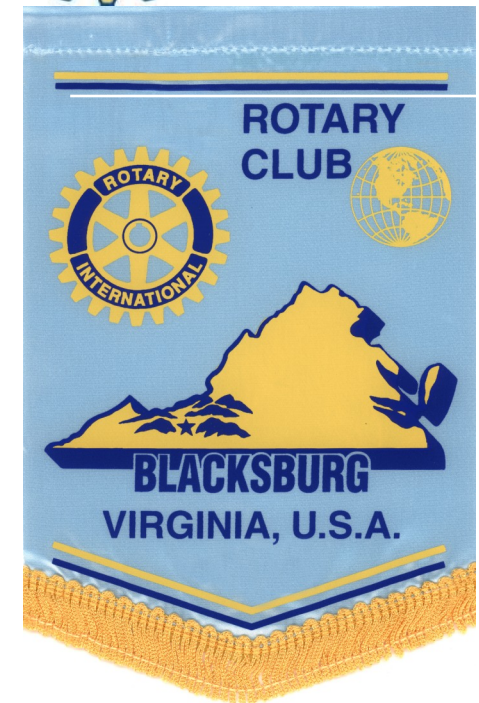
For more about Rotary International see Rotary Basic online at [www.rotary.org/rotary](http://www.rotary.org/rotary) basics. More details on our Club's current and past projects can be viewed on our website at [www.blacksburgrotary.org](http://www.blacksburgrotary.org).

Regular attendance is encouraged but make ups are easy online, through committee work, or by attending other club meetings. For a list of NRV Rotary Clubs see [www.NRVRotary.org](http://www.NRVRotary.org).



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Rotary International District 7570



Service Above Self

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## Our Club

- ◆ established in 1979
- ◆ today consists of over 110 members
- ◆ meets at weekly for one hour at noon on most Thursdays at the Blacksburg Country Club
- ◆ All Rotary clubs are responsible for participating in service projects that benefit local and international community;
- ◆ supporting the Rotary Foundation through financial and program support;
- ◆ developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level;
- ◆ sustaining or increasing membership

## Weekly Fellowship

A patriotic song, the pledge of allegiance, and a prayer begin our weekly meetings. Sunshine and rain announcements (the good and bad news) help us to keep up with each other. A weekly raffle aids our local charities. A personal and loud welcome is given to every guest.

Topical programs have included community and political leaders; coaches from the Virginia Tech sports programs; area medical experts on important health issues; our planet and its resources/environmental challenges; local and international charity leaders explaining the importance of their cause; entertainment from our local high schools, international exchange students and business leaders, and Rotary awards of scholarships, presentations to community organizations and selection of Citizen of the Year.

## Projects & Committee Work

Committees are made up of members who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world. Committees are based on the five Avenues of Service:

**Club Service-** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the club is functioning correctly

**Vocational Service-** focuses on serving others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards

**Community Service-** local projects that improve life where we live (such as our Annual Yard Sale in cooperation with the YMCA at VT

**International Service-** promotes world peace and understanding with humanitarian outreach outside of our country's borders

**New Generations Service-** recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding

When you join our Club you will first be placed on the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee to get familiar with our club members, after which time you can select your committee(s) of service.

Here are some of the projects we have been working on:

- ◆ Building in Haiti
- ◆ Polio Plus awareness and fund raising
- ◆ Cup/Teel Citizen of the Year Award
- ◆ Talbot Park on the Huckleberry Trail
- ◆ Wong Rotary Park Blacksburg
- ◆ College scholarships for graduating seniors from the four Montgomery County High Schools in Creative Arts and Career and Technical Education
- ◆ Funding two full annual scholarships at New River Community College
- ◆ ShelterBox (a program providing emergency shelter assistance to those in need, such as for the recent Haiti crisis)
- ◆ The NRV Literacy Volunteers
- ◆ The Montgomery Country Christmas Store
- ◆ Bone marrow, food, and book drives
- ◆ Construction of he YMCA Educational Shed
- ◆ The NRV Free Clinic



## About the Foundation

The Rotary Foundation of RI is a not-for-profit corporation with the mission to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Every dollar contributed to the Foundation funds the humanitarian, education, and cultural programs and program operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out many worthy projects.

The Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative is designed to encourage worldwide-annual per capita giving of \$100. The Blacksburg Rotary Club also encourages giving of \$100 to our local foundation effort.