



**THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: Jan. 14, 2010**

**The Rotary Club of Blacksburg, Club #5753**

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*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?*

## **PROGRAMS & EVENTS: JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH**

- January 14, Dr. Rhett Herman, Radford University, on Barrow Alaska research / **Board meeting follows**
- **January 19, Rotary Mixer (evening event, 5:30 at the Sal's bar at First & Main)**
- January 21, [Rotary Citizen of the Year](#) Presentation / Golf Event Committee meeting prior
- January 28, Gail Billingsly, YMCA at Virginia Tech new programs
- February 4, [Dean Stauffer](#), Professor of Wildlife at Virginia Tech, on bird habitats in reclaimed mine areas
- February 11, Rotary Foundation Education
- February 18, Mardi Gras Party & Fundraiser (evening event)
- February 25, Cindy Mitchell, Blacksburg High Marketing Teacher, on the Cinderella Project
- March 19 - 21, [District Conference](#) at The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA
- April 26, Blacksburg Rotary Golf Tournament

**FROM T. O. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT:** There is a Board meeting immediately following the regular meeting this week.

**FROM THE MARDI GRAS EVENT COMMITTEE:** **See attached information**

The **Mardi Gras Party and Fundraiser** set for **Thursday, February 18** (snow date Feb 25), is a benefit for the Foundation of Rotary with the goal of the raising \$10,000. Foundation of Rotary is a not-for-profit corporation enabling Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Last year we raised close to \$14,000 for the foundation which in turn helped us to fund Paul Harris Fellows, Group Study Exchanges, Youth Exchanges and Ambassadorial Scholars, and the Polio Plus program. Additionally, the foundation funds district grants such as one we used in helping the people of Ghana eradicate the guinea worm and provide clean water to their villages. Under this project, our club teamed up with the Rocky Mount Club to combine Rotary's matching capabilities with those of corporate America.

The evening of Mardi Gras fun **begins at 6:00 p.m.** with open bar (beer, wine, hurricanes) and **Dixieland jazz**. The social hour will conclude with a **Best Mask** contest. A **New Orleans-style dinner**, complete with King Cake, will begin around 7:30 p.m. The **silent auction** will end as the main activity for the evening, the **live auction**, begins at 8:30 p.m.

We are also **collecting donations** for the silent or live auctions. You can donate your vacation home (and get a tax write off) or services, such as piloting a plane ride or guiding a canoe trip or hike. How about that beautiful crystal vase up in the cabinet above your fridge that you never use or that brilliant piece of artwork under your stairs in the basement? These types of items are perfect to revive for the silent auction. **Remember-- all donations are tax deductible!**

Seating for this event will be limited. **Reserve your seats now** by emailing Christy Brown at [cbrown@lbrown.net](mailto:cbrown@lbrown.net). The cost is \$40 individual /\$75 a couple. Checks should be made to the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg.

***Beads, Creole food and lot's of fun...It will be a party second to none!***

**FROM DAVE HUBBLE, TREASURER:** Quarterly dues for the Rotary Club of Blacksburg have been mailed to all members. Please do not hesitate to contact me ([dhubble@verizon.net](mailto:dhubble@verizon.net)) if you have questions about your invoice.

**FROM KARIN CLARK, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR:** The next **Rotary mixer** with the Christiansburg club is **Tuesday, January 19**, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the **Sal's bar** at First & Main. Come relax and mingle with us!

**FROM DEBBIE EWING, CO- CHAIR GOLF EVENT COMMITTEE: SAVE THE DATE, the 2010 Golf Tournament is planned for April 26, 2010.** The Golf Committee will **meet January 21, 2010**, 11:15 a.m. just before our regular meeting to begin planning for the tournament. Snow date will be the following week, Jan. 28, 2010 at 11:15a.m., before our regular Rotary meeting. Any questions email [debbieewing@ewingcabinet.com](mailto:debbieewing@ewingcabinet.com).

**FROM JIM McALISTER, CLUB ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR:** We are looking for a chairperson for the Family of Rotary Committee. If you are interested please contact me. Office: 540-260-9060 / Cell: 540-998-6476 / [jmcalister@firstbank.com](mailto:jmcalister@firstbank.com) .

**FROM FRANKLYN MORENO, DISTRICT EVENTS COMMITTEE:** Please consider attending the District Conference this year, new format, updates on Rotary programs, Club awards. Information on registration has been sent directly to your email address. For more details contact me at [franklyn.moreno@verizon.net](mailto:franklyn.moreno@verizon.net).

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:** Send a birthday wish to you fellow Rotarian. If your birthday was missed, email [karinclark507@comcast.net](mailto:karinclark507@comcast.net).

1-Jan, Karin Clark  
3-Jan, John Skelton  
5-Jan, Tommy McDearis,  
6-Jan, Hap Bonham & Joe Jones  
7-Jan, Hank Johnson  
8-Jan, Christy Brown

11-Jan, Jim Mc Alister  
13-Jan, David Goodyear  
14-Jan, Steve Cole  
18-Jan, Chuck Richards  
19-Jan, Diane Boon

*A reminder about the **club's inclement weather policy**; when Montgomery County Schools cancel due to weather we have no Rotary meeting that day.*

**DO YOU NEED A CLUB MAKE-UP?** Spend just a ½ hour online at the Rotary eClubOne Web site learning about Rotary programs and activities around the globe, fill out the makeup form and you're there. This link is available on our club website, [www.blacksburgrotary.org](http://www.blacksburgrotary.org) . Or, make up at an area club. Rotary International District 7570 ([WWW.ROTARY7570.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY7570.ORG)) covers Western Virginia and Northeastern Tennessee. **To include news in the weekly Rotary email bulletin, noon lunch bulletin or Web site**, please forward to Karin Clark at [karinclark507@comcast.net](mailto:karinclark507@comcast.net) or call 230-5812.