



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: Jan. 28, 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 28, Gail Billingsly, Director YMCA at Virginia Tech, on new programs / **ShelterBox / Golf Event Committee meeting at 11:15 / Rotary Foundation Committee meeting at 11:00 and after for those who miss before.**
- February 4, [Dean Stauffer](#), Professor of Wildlife at Virginia Tech, on bird habitats in reclaimed mine areas / **Family of Rotary Committee meets following**
- 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 8, Brazil Group Exchange
- April 26, Blacksburg Rotary Golf Tournament

**Our club has raised another \$1000 that will buy another ShelterBox.** Thus far we have supplied 5 boxes to the relief effort in Haiti. Each box supplies an extended family of up to 10 people with a tent, thermal blankets, insulated ground sheets, multi-fuel stove, wood burning stove, cooking utensils, tools, water containers and purification equipment and a children's pack. We will have a ShelterBox onsite at the meeting this week. This will allow our members to see firsthand what their donations have been helping to fund. See the following video link that further explains the ShelterBox program. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4-YwPpIIIE4>

Our club continues to grow in its membership and in its giving. This week we are **inducting new members Bill Foster, President, Foster Economic Research; Art Lucia with Excella Consulting, Rhonda Arsenault with Virginia Tech Development and Mary Alice Barksdale, Associate Professor Virginia Tech School of Education.**

**FAMILY OF ROTARY COMMITTEE:** A big thank you to Tara Ogle ([tara.ogle@hilton.com](mailto:tara.ogle@hilton.com)) who has enthusiastically agreed to serve as chair for this committee. The first meeting of this committee will occur next Thursday, Feb 4, after the regular noon meeting. Other members of the committee include: Doug Smartt- [dsmartt@stellarone.com](mailto:dsmartt@stellarone.com); Rosalyn Lester- [rlster@radford.edu](mailto:rlster@radford.edu); Jim Halferty- [jhalferty@egpp.com](mailto:jhalferty@egpp.com) and Pete Smith- [smithpn@verizon.net](mailto:smithpn@verizon.net).

**FROM THE MARDI GRAS EVENT COMMITTEE:** Thank you to **Snyder & Associates** who is our first 2010 Corporate Sponsor for this event. Also, many thanks to those who are donating auction items. Thus far, we have condos in **Orlando and Hilton Head, Barter Theatre tickets, VT vs Maryland Basketball tickets, a hand-crafted wooden play barn, custom shelving, framed art, dinners at Sal's and Blackstone Grill, exotic ceremonial pieces from T.O.'s travel, and more.**

We are continuing to collect donations for the silent and live auctions. What do you have tucked away in your basement or attic that might be of interest to others? Or, get creative and create a gift basket with items such as golf stuff or Hokie memorabilia. The Foundation of Rotary Club of Blacksburg is a not-for-profit, 501c3 organization and your donation may be tax deductible. To help you in determining the value of your donation, see this publication <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p561.pdf> from the IRS. Tom Reid, Chair of the Rotary Foundation Committee is heading up the collection of donated items. If you have something to give, email Tom at [reid63@verizon.net](mailto:reid63@verizon.net).



**EVENT DETAILS:** The **Mardi Gras Party and Fundraiser, on Thursday, February 18** (snow date Feb 25), is a benefit for the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 through foundation sustainers and the auctions. The funds enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The evening of fun **begins at 6:00 p.m.** with an open bar (beer, wine, hurricanes) and **Dixieland jazz with the Riverboat Ramblers**. 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. **Cash, Check, Visa and MasterCard will be taken at this event.** The **Sustainer Drawing** will occur at 9:00 p.m. to wrap up the evening.

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

**FROM FRANKLYN MORENO, CHAIR DISTRICT EVENTS COMMITTEE:** Our District 7570 Annual Conference at the Homestead is March 19 - 21. Registration information will be available at the front sign-in table. **DayTrippers attend on Saturday. A first - time attendee will have their registration fee reimbursed** by our club. Through this conference you will discover what is being accomplished by other clubs in our District, meet fellow Rotarians, view the Club displays, and hear about Rotary International worldwide activities.

The **Brazilian Rotary Group Study Exchange** will be in our area April 5 - 10. The main host is the Evening Club with our club providing major assistance. Hank and Louise Johnson; Michael and Jane Abraham; and Franklyn and Bonnie Moreno will be providing homestays, some meals and transportation. The Brazilian Team will be talking to our club on **April 8**. Others members are assisting with the Vocational day. If you would like to be involved, contact me for more details contact at [franklyn.moreno@verizon.net](mailto:franklyn.moreno@verizon.net).

**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 this week at 11:15 a.m.** just before our regular meeting to begin planning for the tournament. Any questions email [debbieewing@ewingcabinet.com](mailto:debbieewing@ewingcabinet.com).



**FROM KARIN CLARK, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR:**

RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith announced the 2010-11 RI theme, *Building Communities -- Bridging Continents*, during the opening plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly. *Read his speech online at* [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/ia10\\_speech\\_klinginsmith\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/ia10_speech_klinginsmith_en.pdf)

Nearly 100 years of *The Rotarian* is now online and searchable, posted on Google Books ([www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com))

Remember to use your **Kroger Gift cards** and spend for the good of Rotary and its projects. Anyone who needs a card, please contact Marilyn Bowman at [mbbowman@usit.net](mailto:mbbowman@usit.net). More details on our Web [http://www.blacksburgrotary.org/proj\\_cur/kroger.html](http://www.blacksburgrotary.org/proj_cur/kroger.html) .

**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.