

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS

January 29, 2009

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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

- Jan 29, Blacksburg Rotary Club's 30th Birthday
- Feb 5, Chris Dempsey, Boy Scouts
- Feb 12, Lucy Brizendine, Foster, Resource, and Adoptive Parents
- Feb 19, Mardi Gras Masquerade Fundraiser (evening event)
- Feb 26, Binioube Aleyao, Project Help Africa
- Mar 20-22, Rotary District Conference at The Homestead

ROTARY NEWS THIS WEEK

Come one, Come all! It's the season of fun!
We're having a ball and the party's just begun!

You're invited to join us for an evening of bliss,
We guarantee you a night you won't want to miss!

Beads, gold coins
A king's hat and King cake
Those are the things
That a party makes!

The Mardi Gras Masquerade <<http://blacksburgrotary.org/mardi.html>> is a benefit for the Foundation of Rotary that will be held Thursday, February 19th. The evening begins at 6:00 with cocktails and dinner at 7:30. The event will include a New Orleans-style dinner, live Dixieland jazz and a best mask contest.

The main activity for the evening is the auction to raise money for the Foundation of Rotary which enables Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported

solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Tickets are \$75 for couple / \$40 for single. Checks should be made to the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg. If you are a sustainer and you will be attending the Masquerade, you will receive one free ticket for a chance at a weekend getaway. We are continuing to gather auction items. Details on those items will be shared with you soon. To assure your seat, request your tickets today! You can sign up at the noon club entry desk or RSVP to

Christy Brown at

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Pat Cupp / Ward Teel Citizen of the Year

- 2007- Malvin "Pug" Wells
- 2006- Amy Forsyth-Stevens
- 2005- Jeanne Roper
- 2004- Doug "Teeter" Robinson
- 2003- Marylou
- 2002- Beth Obenshain
- 2000- William "Bill" Brown
- 1999- Andy Morikawa & Basil Gooden
- 1998- Ben Crawford
- 1997- Alfred Smith
- 1996- Linda Olin
- 1995- David Crist
- 1994- Alice Wills
- 1993- Shelly Blumenthal
- 1992- Clinton Graves
- 1991- Charlie Johnson & Robert Stockburger
- 1990- Shelly Roop

The 54th District Conference is only a few months away. Save the dates March 20-22 for attendance at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. Registration for the 2009 District Conference is now ONLINE. To register, go to the District website: <http://www.rotary7570.org> <<http://www.rotary7570.org/>> , go to "Calendar" and click on District Events, scroll down to March, 2009, and the District Conference, and click on "Login to Register NOW." Our Club will pay the registration fee for any member attending the Conference for the first time. You simply pay the fee yourself and bring your receipt back to our Treasurer Dave Hubble for reimbursement. We are currently looking into transportation options and if you are interested in potentially riding a bus up or car pooling for the day contact Franklyn Moreno at franklyn.moreno@verizon.net . You won't want to miss this event!

FROM THE VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Last week our Club presented the 2008 Pat Cupp / Ward Teel Citizen of the Year Award to the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad. Our committee appreciates the many nominations that were submitted by members of our Club. Thanks! We are expecting the Roanoke Times, the News Messenger and the Colligate Times to cover this story in an upcoming edition. The student squad members in attendance were very appreciative of this recognition, as were the VT staff who joined us. We received many compliments from our guests thanking the Club for the warmth and hospitality extended towards them. Captain Matt Johnson has left a supply of the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad's Annual Report, which is very informative and interesting. Copies will be available at today's meeting. Link to an article in the Roanoke Times:

<http://www.roanoke.com/news/nrv/wb/192075>

FROM JIM JOHNSON : New Member Proposed. Debbie Ewing has proposed Chris Belluzzo for membership in the Rotary Club of Blacksburg. Chris is a Chiropractor. Any concerns need to be to Jim Johnson in writing by February 4th. Also, George Inger has transferred to the Christiansburg-Blacksburg because of class conflict this year.

Raise money for our Club when you buy your groceries at Kroger. Find out about the Kroger fundraiser at www.Rotary7570.org/blacksburg/ourprojects.htm
<<http://www.rotary7570.org/blacksburg/ourprojects.htm>>

There was an article in current this weekend. There should be an article in Messenger and Collegiate Times this week.

January 26, 2009

Virginia Tech Rescue Squad Honored as Rotary Citizens of the Year

Rotary Club of Blacksburg Presents Annual Pat Cupp / Ward Teel Citizen of the Year Award
Congratulations to the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad for being recognized as the Rotary Club of Blacksburg's Citizens of the Year. The all-volunteer student squad, which was founded in 1969 by four students, today has approximately 40 members. This group was acknowledged for their service to the community in the campus shootings of April 16, 2007, -- as well to the squads continuous rescue work over four decades, 24 hours a day.

"It's been said that the students on the squad major in Rescue Squad and minor in whatever it is that they are studying," commented Tommy Loflin, director of the Rotary committee who coordinated the awards. "Typically the squad members work 20 hours per week but those in leadership positions may work up to



40 hours."

"This group defines Rotary's motto of service above self," said Montgomery County Emergency Services Coordinator Neal Turner. "It is an honor to work with a group of individuals so enthusiastic about what they are doing. Their professionalism is unmatched." Turner, who had nominated the squad for this award, addressed the Rotary Club at the Award ceremony.

Presented each January, the Rotary Club of Blacksburg recognizes a non-Rotarian who meets the standards of Rotary International through the Pat Cupp / Ward Teel Citizen of the Year Award. The award recipient is a person or group who sees a problem, gets involved and achieves results and lives by the Rotary motto

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF". The Citizen of the Year Award begun in 1990 and in 2000 was renamed after two of club's deceased members who were model citizens.

In accepting the award, Capt. Matt Johnson said, "We're greatly honored and deeply humbled. "This award renews our drive to uphold Tech's motto: Ut Prosim" - Latin for "That I may serve."

Rotary International is a global network of community volunteers, an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provides humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Founded in 1905 in Chicago, today there are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members belonging to nearly 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. The Rotary Club of Blacksburg began in 1978 and today consists of over 100 members who meet at noon on most Thursdays at the Blacksburg Country Club. To learn more about the service of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg see its Web site, www.blacksburgrotary.org

<<http://www.blacksburgrotary.org/>> .

Attached picture:

Representatives from the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad: Captain Matthew Johnson; Lt. William Booker; Ashley Frink; Allison Fluke(front), Tyler Farrish, and Jacki Kretzer.

The Communications Committee is working towards being more environmentally friendly. You'll notice this week's noon bulletin is on white paper and we will reduce the copies placed on the tables to minimize waste. Additionally, we are saving preparation time by developing the bulletin in a Word format and printing it on a single, flat sheet of paper. Eventually the committee would like to have one printed bulletin that we can insert into a stand which will sit in middle of each table and be easily recognized at the week's program agenda. We are interested in your comments on this new format before we invest in the stands. Please email your thoughts to Barbara Newton at bjnewt@comcast.net <<mailto:bjnewt@comcast.net>>

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH (Sorry if we missed your birthday. Send a note to: bjnewt@comcast.net <<mailto:bjnewt@comcast.net>>)

- Jan 1 Karin Clark
- Jan 3 John Skelton
- Jan 5 Tommy McDearis
- Jan 6 Hap Bonham
- Jan 6 Joe Jones
- Jan 7 Hank Johnson
- Jan 8 Christy Brown
- Jan 11 Jim McAlister
- Jan 13 Dave Goodyear
- Jan 14 Steve Cole
- Jan 18 Chuck Richards
- Jan 31 Lew Shelor

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 make up 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. See the list of clubs online at http://blacksburgrotary.org/area_meet.html /

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Rotary International District 7570 (WWW.ROTARY7570.ORG <<http://www.rotary7570.org/>>) covers Western Virginia and Northeastern Tennessee

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