



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS

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### The Rotary Club of Blacksburg

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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 8, Walter Hughes, Ghana Water Project
- Jan 15, Laura Belleville, Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Jan 22, Rotary Citizen of the Year
- Jan 29, Blacksburg Rotary Clubs 30th Birthday
- Feb 19, Mardi Gras Masquerade Fundraiser (evening event)
- Mar 20-22, Rotary District Conference at The Homestead

### ROTARY NEWS THIS WEEK

It's Carnival time!

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

Tickets are limited to 150 so reserve your seats soon.

The **Mardi Gras Masquerade** 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 7:00. The event will include a New Orleans-style dinner, 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 [cbrown@llbrown.net](mailto:cbrown@llbrown.net).

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Registration for the **2009 District Conference** is now ONLINE. To register, go to the District website: <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.**"

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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)

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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).

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

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

<b>Christiansburg-Blacksburg</b>	Monday, 5:30 PM at Blacksburg Country Club
<b>Radford Club</b>	Tuesdays, 6 PM, Sal's in Radford
<b>Montgomery County</b>	Wednesdays, 7:15 AM, Holiday Inn
<b>Radford Noon Club</b>	Wednesdays, at Noon, Spinnakers in Radford
<b>Giles County</b>	1st Thursdays, at Noon, Bank Restaurant, Pearisburg 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5th Thursdays, Friends & Family Restaurant
<b>Christiansburg Noon</b>	Fridays, at Noon, Amelia's, Christiansburg
<b>When Traveling</b>	Look in Official Directory (ask the President) or <a href="http://www.rotary.org/services/clubs/index.htm">http://www.rotary.org/services/clubs/index.htm</a>

To include news in the weekly Rotary email bulletin, noon lunch bulletin or Web site, please forward to Barbara Newton [bjnewt@comcast.net](mailto:bjnewt@comcast.net) or Karin Clark [kclark@lunainnovations.com](mailto:kclark@lunainnovations.com)

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