



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: Feb 4, 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:

- 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, Rosalyn Lester, [Rotary International](#) / **Board Meeting follows**
- February 18, [Mardi Gras Party & Fundraiser](#) (evening event in place of noon meeting)
- February 25, Cindy Mitchell, Blacksburg High School Marketing Teacher, on the Cinderella Project
- March 4, Donna Webster and Ben Dixon on [Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley](#)
- March 11, Linda Moody, [Valley Interfaith Child Care Center](#) / Board Meeting follows
- March 18, Tommy Loflin, [Rotary Citizen of the Year](#) presentation
- March 19 - 21, [District Conference](#) at The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA (**weekend event**)
- March 25, Dr. Greg Daniels, Department Head, [Small Animal Clinical Sciences](#), Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine
- April 1, Ron Rordam, Mayor/Marc Verneil, Town Manager, An update on the Town of Blacksburg.
- April 8, Brazil Group Exchange
- April 26, Blacksburg Rotary Golf Tournament



Last week we inducted new members Bill Foster, Rhonda Arsenault, Davis Heatwole and Art Lucia.

FAMILY OF ROTARY COMMITTEE: The newly formed Family of Rotary Committee will have a short meeting **this Thursday**, following our lunch meeting. Members of the committee include Tara Ogle (Chair), Doug Smartt, Rosalyn Lester, Jim Halferty, and Pete Smith.

FROM THE MARDI GRAS EVENT COMMITTEE: 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.

Thank you to **Snyder & Associates** and **SAS Construction**, two corporate sponsors for the Mardi Gras event. Also, many thanks to those who are donating auction items which include 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. **If you cannot attend the event but would like to bid on an item we can have that arranged. Details of the items that will auction will soon follow.**

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**. 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.

THE MENU: *Appetizers of Black Bean & Corn Salsa Shells, Country Ham Biscuits and Vegetable Stuffed Mushrooms during the open beer, wine and hurricane bar (starting at 6:00 pm). Buffet dinner (begins at 7:30 pm) of Caesar Salad, Caribbean Orange Chicken, Shrimp Creole, Blackened Steak w/ Bruschetta, Dirty Rice, Seasoned Green Beans, Rolls and Cornbread Muffins.*

Seating for the Mardi Gras event will be limited. Reserve your seats now by emailing Christy Brown at 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: For [District Conference](#) on Saturday, March 20, Day trippers can ride with Franklyn Moreno who will be taking his van which seats seven. The group will leave in the early AM from the NRV and return from the Homestead leaving at 3:00 pm.. **First-time attendees of this event will have the Saturday, day trip fee covered by our club.** Contact Franklyn (franklyn.moreno@verizon.net / 381-0119) if you would like to attend for the first time and/or if you would like to reserve a seat in the carpool.

FROM KARIN CLARK, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR: If you know of a perspective new member, consider using the Rotary eCards (with new Rotary logo) to invite them to a meeting. See online at <http://www.rotary.org/EN/MEDIAANDNEWS/MULTIMEDIA/ECARDS/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH: Send a birthday wish to you fellow Rotarian.

1-Feb	Chuck Lee
6-Feb	Jordan Truesdell
7-Feb	Anna Beth Benningfield
10-Feb	Franklyn Moreno
12-Feb	Ferne Moschella
21-Feb	Jerry Robinson,
24-Feb	Dick Bohlin

*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. Or, make up at an area club. Rotary International District 7570 (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 or call 230-5812.