

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS

February 5, 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

- 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 HelpAfrica
- Mar 5, Dr. Osimani, Heart, Health, and Cardiac CTA
- Mar 20-22, Rotary District Conference at The Homestead

ROTARY NEWS THIS WEEK

The [Mardi Gras Party and Fundraiser](#) set for Thursday, February 19, is a benefit for the Foundation of Rotary with the goal of the raising \$10,000. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and Dixieland jazz music by the **Riverboat Ramblers**. The cocktails will conclude with a **Best Mask** contest.

A **New Orleans-style dinner**, complete with King Cake, will begin around 7:30 p.m.

The main activity for the evening is the auction which begins at 8:30 p.m. with our own **auctioneer, Rotarian Joe Jones**. Here, we will raise money for the Foundation of Rotary, a not-for-profit corporation which enables Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. A few of our past accomplishments through the Foundation include:

- participation in collaborative grants supporting clean water projects in Ghana, administration and therapy equipment for the Health Center at the Institute for Rehabilitation of Deaf Children in the city of Cartagena, and improving the lives of street children in Latin America through education and social services;
- eradication of the crippling disease Polio by providing vaccine, operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and the public;
- Braille typewriters for the people of the Philippines; and
- promotion of microfinance in Togo through Project HelpAfrica.

The auction items include **vacations at Hilton Head Island, SC and Destin, FL**. More details will come soon. We will conclude the auction with a Sustainer Drawing for a **weekend getaway for two**. Each Rotary Foundation Sustainer (members who have pledged \$100 to RI's Foundation for 2009) will have one chance to win and you need not be present to win.

Tickets for the Mardi Gras Party are \$75 for couples / \$40 for singles. Seating is reserved for our members through **February 5**. After this date, seats will be available to friends of members. Make checks payable to the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg and give to Christy Brown.

We are **continuing to gather auction items**. If you have something you are interested in donating. If you have a donation (tickets to an event, a piece of art, a service, jewelry, VT memorabilia, a vacation home, etc.) please send a member of the organizing a committee a note. Committee members are Ann Bracken, Christy Brown, Karin Clark, Candi Kelly, Rosalyn Lester, Mary Miller, Wayne Muhammad, and T.O. Williams. Your contribution is tax deductible.

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. Checks should be made to the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg. Remember, this evening event replaces the noon luncheon on Feb. 19. Snow date is Feb. 26.

A special thank you to the underwriters of this event: Brown Insurance; Frank, Spicer & Cox PC; Michael Cooke CPA PC, MOOG; Shaheen & Shaheen

FROM FRANLYN MORENO, Chairman, District Events Committee: The District 7570 District Conference will again be held at the Homestead from Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22. **Early bird registration deadline is February 12.** Daytrippers attend only on Saturday. First time members' registration is paid by the Club. A bus for daytrippers is in the works, but if not available, I will be driving my van up on Saturday morning and returning Saturday night. There will be six places besides my own. You may register online at Rotary District 7570 or I will have paper forms available at the Thursday meeting. And, you can email me of your interest at franklyn.moreno@verizon.net and I will coordinate with you.

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

Are you in need of a mask for the Mardi Gras party? Save money and time by getting your mask during our Rotary lunch. Candi Kelly (candikelly@comcast.net) is selling feather masks and mask kits for \$4 and under (less than you would pay at local stores).

Put soon-to-expire, unused United Airlines miles toward a good cause: Donate them to Rotary's Humanitarian Miles program. You can give your United Airlines miles in 1,000-mile increments by filling out the [donation form](#) (PDF).

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

- Feb 1 Chuck Lee
 - Feb 5 Reid Broughton
 - Feb 6 Jordan Truesdell
 - Feb 7 Anna Beth Benningfield
 - Feb 10 Franklyn Moreno
 - Feb 12 Ferne Moschella
 - Feb 18 Victoria Cochran
 - Feb 20 Harold Hankins
 - Feb 21 Jerry Robinson
 - Feb 24 Dick Bohlin
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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. Or, make up at an area club. See the list of clubs online at http://blacksburgrotary.org/area_meet.html

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

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