



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: Feb 11, 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 11, Rosalyn Lester, [Rotary International](#) / **new Paul Harris Fellows / 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

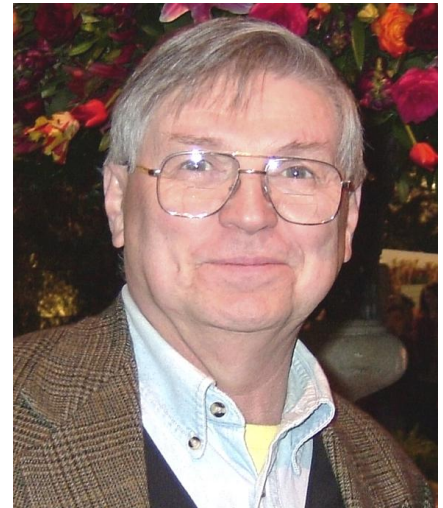
Presidential Citation Presented to Franklyn Moreno for Club Service

Last week we recognized Franklyn with the "Four Avenues of Service Citation" award. This award recognizes his outstanding efforts in the club. The citation commends the service carried out by an individual Rotarian in the club, thereby reinforcing the importance which Rotary places on the personal involvement of each club member in Rotary service activities.

"Franklyn has been a strong supporter of local and international programs, such as Polio Plus," said T. O. Williams, the club's president. "He led a Group Study Exchange Team to South Korea in 2007 and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow."

Franklyn stepped in when Rotary President Pat Cupp passed away while in office in 2000. Franklyn then continued to serve his term as President during the 2001-2002 Rotary year.

Franklyn has been a Rotarian since 1984 and has maintained perfect attendance. He has served as a chair of major club projects, such as the Wong Park Centennial Project which resulted in a nine-acre town park with a Rotary Pavilion. Today, he chairs the committee for the Rotary District Conference and is coordinating the club's Group Study Exchange effort.



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JIM JOHNSON, SECRETARY: **Dan Carper** has proposed **Jeff Nosenzo** for membership. He is the Branch Manager of the Radford and Blacksburg stores of Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery. **Diane Bostow** has resigned from the club because of schedule conflicts.

FROM PAULA ALSTON, COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR: **Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley** (LV-NRV) tutors individuals who have low literacy levels, are illiterate or who want to learn English. It is a local 501c3 organization, completely dependent on grants, fundraising and donations to operate. In support of literacy, the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, along with the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Rotary Club, **will renovate the Literacy Volunteer office space** at 195 W. Main Street in Christiansburg to contain an on-going used book sale area to help them generate valuable operating funds to sustain their mission. The Rotarians will paint, assemble shelves, install window treatments, fund new floor coverings and rearrange office space. Re-finishing a book drop for donations was completed by Rotarian Franklyn Moreno and a LV-NRV volunteer in January. The renovated space will also provide a used book store in downtown Christiansburg.

Painters are needed to begin our community service project with Literacy Volunteers. Painting will take place at their office located at 195 W. Main Street in Christiansburg on Saturday, **February 20, 9:00 a.m.** (on the corner of W. Main and Dunkley.) Park in the Dollar General lot across the street. Please bring paintbrushes, rollers and pans to paint the flat

wall board. We will be joined by members from the Monday night club. The Coffee Depot is located a block away for your morning cup of coffee. Please let me know if you are able to help. palston@mfrl.org.

FROM THE MARDI GRAS EVENT COMMITTEE: One more week until the Mardi Gras Party and Fundraiser (Thursday, February 18 / snow date Feb 25). This evening event will replace our regular noon meeting. See the online link of last year's fun at http://www.blacksburgrotary.org/mardi_flash.html!

HHHunt has been added to our growing list of corporate sponsors which includes **Snyder & Associates and SAS Construction**. Also, many thanks to those who are donating auction items which include a week in Orlando and Hilton Head, a weekend in Asheville, dinner for 6 and boating at Smith Mountain Lake, rounds of golf at Mariners Landing and the Blacksburg Country Club, Barter Theatre tickets, VT vs. Maryland Basketball tickets, gift baskets, massage certificate, a hand-crafted wooden play barn, custom shelving, framed art, dinner certificates, African ceremonial pieces, services for house cleaning, haircuts, business card printing, Pet Spa and more. **Details on auction will be emailed to all members soon. If you cannot attend the event but would like to bid on an item we can have that arranged.**

We are continuing to collect donations for the silent and live auctions through next **Tuesday, February 15**. 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 donate, email Tom at reid63@verizon.net.

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**.

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.*

FROM GAIL BILLINGSLEY, PROGRAMS COMMITTEE CHAIR: Just a quick note to say "Thank You" to the Programs Committee members – the schedule is now FULL for the rest of the term! You have outdone yourselves on diverse speakers who have entertained and educated the club. If you have already been talking to potential speakers, please feel free to suggest dates in July/August/September. Thank you for making this an enjoyable committee.

FROM KARIN CLARK, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR: February 23 marks Rotary's 105th birthday. If you have a **Facebook or Twitter page update your status with a Happy Birthday** message to Rotary and link to Rotary International's Web site at www.Rotary.org. Note that you are a Rotarian in the Blacksburg Club (www.rotaryblacksburg.org) and ask Facebook friends and Twitter followers to consider checking out a Rotary Club in their area. To learn more about our club's history, check out the **Presidential bios** that Michael Abraham is continuing to develop online at http://www.blacksburgrotary.org/history.html#past_presidents.

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.

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

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

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.