

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS

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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 12, Lucy Brizendine, Foster, Resource, and Adoptive Parents
- Feb 19, Mardi Gras Masquerade Fundraiser <<http://blacksburgrotary.org/mardi.html>> (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 food will be plentiful, and the beer will flow...
We'll let our hair down and party, 'cause the crawfish won't know...
It's a Mardi Gras Party, that is sure to be a blast,
It's the party of the year, that is meant to last
Beads, Creole Food, and Dixieland Jazz!!
We'll wake up the neighbors, and howl at the moon,
You can do what you want, even act like a baboon!
There'll be music, jambalaya, and beer...
So come on over, it's that time of year!

Rotary is the only club in the area that does regular international work. Over the life of this club, we have contributed \$394,835 to the Rotary Foundation. That is an average of \$13,162 per year since this club was founded 30 years ago this month. This past year we cooperated with 3 area clubs on projects including the Rocky Mount Club and member Walter Hughes to help the people of Ghana eradicate the guinea worm and provide clean water to their villages. The Rotary Foundation also funds the Group Study Exchange Program, the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program, Health, Humanity & Hunger Grants, and the eradication of Polio. Additionally, our matching grants, such as Wong Park and Free Clinic, come from the Rotary Foundation. So, come to the Mardi Gras Masquerade and Auction to help in funding our world service projects and other programs. Auction items include trips to Hilton Head, Destin, Asheville, DC Baseball Game, high quality art, and more. This year we are excepting payment in cash, check and credit! Rotary Foundation sustainers will be entered in a drawing for a weekend getaway for two. And, you'll have fun socializing with the club members, their significant others and friends enjoying great entertainment, food and conversation. RSVP to cbrown@lbrown.net <<mailto:cbrown@lbrown.net>> . A special thanks to the Underwriters of the Mardi Gras event: Brown Insurance; The Creekmore Law Firm PC, Frank, Spicer & Cox PC; Michael Cooke CPA PC, MOOG; Shaheen & Shaheen.

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg donated a \$2000 check to the Women's Resource Center (WRC). The club regularly supports the center and its mission to create a community free of domestic and sexual violence through services, supports and advocacy. The WRC offers emergency counseling and shelter, ongoing counseling and transitional shelter, and victim advocacy for adult and child victims throughout the New River Valley. The WRC services are accessed by a 24-hour crisis and information hotline.



FROM KARIN CLARK, See page 38 and 39 of the February Valley Business Front magazine features our own Page Warner in the article "A New Dynamic in Moving. " Article is linked here http://www.vbfront.com/VBFront_Feb09/index.html

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 <<mailto:franklyn.moreno@verizon.net>> and I will coordinate with you.

FROM BARBARA NEWTON, 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>> . This has been a great program for us. Kroger has given us almost \$4,300 for our efforts so far!

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 <<mailto:candikelly@comcast.net>>) is selling feather masks and mask kits for \$4 and under (less than you would pay at local stores).

FROM JIM JOHNSON, Reid Broughton has resigned from the club because of business pressure.

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 <http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/rits_donation.pdf> (PDF).

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

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

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

Yours in preparation of our Mardi Gras!

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