



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: Feb 18, 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 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

FROM THE MARDI GRAS EVENT COMMITTEE: The Mardi Gras Party and Fundraiser this **Thursday, February 18** (snow date Feb 25). This evening event will **replace our regular noon meeting**. See the **attached list of auction items** to help you make your choices. If you have something to donate, email Karin Clark (karinclark507@comcast.net) ASAP. Thank you to our **corporate sponsors HHHunt, Moog, Snyder & Associates and SAS Builders**. See you at the party!!

FROM PAULA ALSTON, COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR: **Painters are needed** to begin our community service project with Literacy Volunteers. **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. The renovated space will also provide a used book store in downtown Christiansburg.

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 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.