



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: *March 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: March is Literacy Month!

Nearly 800 million people worldwide are unable to read or write and without these skills, they are especially vulnerable to poverty, hunger, and disease.

- 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, Brian Cloyd, Work in Haiti
- April 8, Brazil Group Exchange Team
- April 15, Steve Lester, Polio the last four countries
- April 22, Youth Achievement Fine Arts Awards presentation
- April 26, Blacksburg Rotary Golf Tournament
- April 29, Phil Hysell, Warning Coordination Meteorologist

FROM T.O. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT: Board meeting on March 11, immediately following the regular meeting. Please note that Alec has changed his email asiegel@mbamanage.com

FROM PAULA ALSTON, COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Thank you to the following people who came to help paint in support of our **Literacy Volunteer project**- Paula Alston, Candi & Mike Kelly, Jordan Truesdell, Greg Lemmond, T. O. Williams, John Brown, Peter Thompson & son, and Jim Johnson. **This project will create a "used book store"** in the office of Literacy Volunteers of the NRV (a 501c3 organization) so they may maximize their fundraising efforts to sustain their organization. Rotarians painted the space and the adjacent bathroom. We will purchase, assemble and anchor book shelves; re-arrange some furniture, clean wood work; and purchase and hang window treatments. The completed project will include carpeting the area and laying linoleum in the bathroom. The overall budget for the project is \$4,500. The Rotary Club of Blacksburg is giving \$3,500 and the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Rotary Club giving \$1,000.

FROM LESLIE FRANTZ, CHAIR YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE: The application and nomination forms for the **2010 Fine Art Awards (\$750 scholarships)** have been sent to the schools. Application forms, letters of endorsement, letters of recommendation and other supporting materials should be sent to Leslie M Frantz, 1516 Oriole Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060 and **received by 5:00 on March 10, 2010.** The interview night for applicants is the evening of March 17 (all committee members are invited to attend). The Rotary program presenting the awards will be held **April 22** at our Thursday meeting. If you know of a deserving Montgomery County Senior who should be considered for a scholarship please make them aware of the nomination with is posted on our Web site under News at www.Blacksburgrotary.org.

FROM DEBBIE EWING, CO-CHAIR GOLF COMMITTEE: THINK GOLF!!! April 26th is our annual Golf Tournament. **We need your help - TEAMS and HOLE & CART SPONSORS.** Contact Gary Schroeder (gschroeder@lmlc.org) or Debbie Ewing (debbieewing@ewingcabinet.com) with any questions.

FROM JIM JOHNSON, SECRETARY: Melanie Moore, our **Rotary Peace Scholar**, has been accepted to the **ICU Rotary Peace program in Tokyo, Japan** for her studies beginning this fall. She is sponsored by our club. Christy Brown is her Rotary Counselor. Melanie is the granddaughter of Jim Moore a former president of this club



who passed away several years ago. Send graduations to Melanie at melanielmoore@gmail.com.

FROM MARILYN BOWMAN, KROGER CARD GIFT PROGRAM: For those of you who have Kroger gift cards, please continue using them. For those who **don't have a card, see Marilyn Bowman** who will be happy to furnish you with one. **New cards cost only \$5 and have \$5 preloaded on them.** Kroger gift cards can be used at any Kroger store and gasoline station. **Our Club receives 5% of each dollar loaded onto a card.** You can add money to a gift card by using a personal check, debit card, credit card, and cash. During the past 9 months (ended January 31) \$77,495 was spent using our Kroger gift cards and **\$3,875** has been received by our Club with no special effort required from any of us. If you are shopping at Kroger and not using the card you are **throwing away free money** that could be used to do great things through Rotary.

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

03 March - Herb Miller / Mike Williams

04 March - David Harder

09 March - Steve Cochran

13 March - Mike Burnop

16 March - Jamie Dunn

19 March - Gene Wilson

22 March - Al Bowman

29 March - Alec Siegel

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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.**