

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

Mar 19, Crystal Ware, Donation Consultant with LifeNet Health

Mar 20-22, Rotary District Conference at The Homestead (Weekend event)

Mar 26, South Africa GSE Team

Apr 2, Leton Harding, Exec VP, First Bank & Trust, Financial Banking Crisis

Apr 9, Walter O'Brien, Portable Fuels

Apr 16, Jim Dubinsky, VT Volunteerism

Apr 23, Fine Arts Awards

[Apr 27, Rotary Golf Tournament](#)

ROTARY NEWS THIS WEEK

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

The District Conference is this weekend! It's our 55th year at the Homestead Resort. Our theme this year is Make Dreams Real. Come listen to our GSE Team home from India. And meet the South Africans. We will have Rotary International President D. K. Lee's Representative, Past District Governor William Dimond and his wife, Mary Lee, from District 6360 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, at The Homestead. Our own Rotary International Director Eric Adamson and his wife, Linda, will be in attendance, along with Rotary International Director José Alfredo Sepúlveda and his wife, Mary Carmen.

FROM MICHAEL ABRAHAM, Seeking host families for International Student Exchange! 1 of 3? Will you be one of three host families for this year's Rotary Exchange Student? We are looking for families to support our Youth Exchange Program during the August 2009 -- June 2010 school term. This is a wonderful program that truly enhances the lives of the international student as well as the host family. The incoming student attends high school and lives with 2-3 host families during the school year. This enables them to experience various American cultures, traditions and lifestyles. If you'd like to know more about this exciting cultural exchange, please contact Michael Abraham by **March 15**, at bikemike@nrwuired.net .

Congratulations Mary Miller who made the FRONTList15, otherwise known as the "The Entrepreneurial All-Stars" in Valley Business FRONT magazine. The article starts on page 8. Mary's mug is on page 11.

http://www.vbfront.com/VBFront_Mar09/index.html.

FROM BARBARA NEWTON: Thanks for your support. \$4,700 is A LOT of money! We would like to earn \$6,000 by July 1st. Find out about the **Kroger fundraiser** at www.Rotary7570.org/blacksburg/ourprojects.htm. If you need a card email me at bjnewt@comcast.net.

FROM FRANKLYN MORENO: Our Club needs to supply 3-4 door prizes for the District Conference. These should be items in the \$20-\$50 range. If you or your business has an item that you could donate, bring to the meeting this Thursday. Also, we need one item of a \$75 value or greater for the silent auction as our clubs contribution, please bring that Thursday.

FROM JIM FLOWERS, Direct, VT KnowledgeWorks: The First Annual VT KnowledgeWorks Entrepreneurship Summit will be held on Thursday, April 2, at the Inn. I'm confident that a number of your Rotary colleagues would really enjoy the day, particularly the student competition finals and the angel investing Live-Fire event. They are also most heartily encouraged to come and check out my "secrets of Successful Entrepreneurship" workshop. (I tell a few good stories.) The luncheon speaker is Ken Ray, VP/CMO at ATT's Advertising Solutions Unit. This will be an opportunity for education, entertainment, and networking in the start-up and angel investing arena. Details on the event, registration, and the advertising opportunities are online at http://www.vtknowledgeworks.com/acceleration_services/summit.html.

FROM T.O. WILLIAMS: I am looking forward to July 1 when you and I will share the responsibility for the continued success of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg. I feel very confident that with your support the 2009-2010 year will continue to be another year of growth for our Club. I am now asking you for that support. What contributions would you like to make? What programs would you like to see? What areas of club service are of interest to you? How do you see yourself contributing to this Club? Please take a few minutes to think carefully about our club and how you would like to contribute. Use the attached form to share with the board and me your thoughts and areas of interest for the upcoming year. Return the form to Jim Johnson at the noon meeting or via email at ifjohnso@ntelos.net by March 25.

FROM BARBARA NEWTON: Yard Sale! We had so much fun last year with the yard sale that we just have to do it again. Just ask Carl or Franklyn, or even Page. Looks like it could be August 22nd. SOON we will have a date and place nailed down. I say it is not too soon to start saving your STUFF!

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

(Sorry if we missed your birthday. Send a note to:

bjnewt@comcast.net)

Mar 3	Herb Miller
Mar 3	Mike Williams
Mar 4	David Harder
Mar 9	Steve Cochran
Mar 13	Mike Burnop
Mar 19	Gene Wilson
Mar 22	Al Bowman
Mar 28	Dave Arnold
Mar 29	Alec Siegel

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

Rotary International District 7570 (WWW.ROTARY7570.ORG) covers Western Virginia and Northeastern Tennessee

QUOTE: "If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.
Bob Hope

Yours in Rotary Service,

Barbara Newton

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