



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: *March 25, 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 25, Dr. Greg Daniels, Department Head, [Small Animal Clinical Sciences](#), Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine
- April 1, Brian Cloyd, Haitian Mission Work
- April 8, Brazil Group Exchange Team
- April 15, Steve Lester, Polio the last four countries
- April 22, Leslie Frantz, Youth Achievement Fine Arts Awards presentation
- April 26, Blacksburg Rotary Golf Tournament
- April 29, Phil Hysell, Warning Coordination Meteorologist



**FROM T.O. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT:** Our club did quite well at the District Conference this past weekend. Below is a summary of our acknowledgements.

*T.O. Williams and members accepting awards, patches, and banners.*

- **Governor's Gold Club Award:** (This is the rather extensive document with lots of activities that all of us worked on all year: It includes Membership, Service, Leadership, Foundation, and Public Relations. Of the 85 clubs in District 7570, 42 qualified for this award. We received a patch to go on one of our existing banners and there is a large banner for our club that District will keep.
- **International Service Award:** Only one club receives this award and is recognized as the club that exemplifies Rotary International's ideal of international service, especially in the promotion of understanding, goodwill, and peace. We received a banner and a patch.
- **Club Bulletin Award.** Recognizes the club which regularly publishes a bulletin that stimulates interest, improves attendance, recaps past events, and educates its members. Banner and a patch received.
- **Best Club Dashboard:** 1st Place
- **Best Web Presence:** 2nd Place.
- **70+ % Foundation Sustainers Certificate** and patch.
- District Governor Ron Napier announced that Blacksburg would soon receive a **Presidential Citation** recognizing our net **increase in membership, Polio Plus activities and contribution, Membership activities, and Leadership activities including hosting youth exchange and sponsoring a Peace Scholar.**
- **Jim Johnson** was recognized by District Governor Ron Napier as the Area Nine recipient of the **110 Percent Award**--continually serving in every manner
- **Jim and Janet Johnson** were each recognized as Major Foundation Donors (two of four).

**FROM JORDAN TRUESDELL:** On March 18, 2010, Paula Alston, chair of the Community Service Committee, presented a gift of \$1500 on behalf of the Blacksburg Rotary Club to Michelle Brauns, executive director of the Free Clinic of the New River Valley in support of their mission to provide healthcare to the underserved in our area. The Blacksburg Rotary has assisted the Free Clinic in the past, including matching grants from the District for the purchase of medical diagnostic equipment and records storage facilities. According to Ms. Brauns, the Clinic has seen a 22% increase in need over the past two years, and hopes to have the opportunity to expand services this year to meet the growing need.

**FROM JIM MCALLISTER:** The committee chairs that comprise Club Administration will meet briefly after the April 1st regular meeting to begin planning for the 2010-2011 Rotary Year. These committees include Attendance (Bob Oliver), Programs (Gail Billingsley), Sgt. of Arms (Hank Johnson, Family of Rotary (Tara Ogle), Golf Event (TBD), and Fund Raising Coordinator (Dave Miller).

**FROM GAIL BILLINGSLEY:** Can you set an extra place at your table for a child in crisis? Volunteer Emergency Families for Children, a non-profit agency, is seeking volunteers who will host children who are removed from their homes and need a place to stay because of abuse, neglect, or family emergencies. The children may be in VEFC placement for up to 21 days but the average stay is 5 to 6 days and the children range in age from newborn through age 17. Shelter hosts may choose to serve only weekend respite placements if they wish, and may specify ages they wish to serve. Children are carefully evaluated prior to placement. Hosts willing to serve teens are especially needed. Host families must complete background checks and 12 hours of preservice training. Call or e-mail Pat Spory at (540) 636-9858 or [pspory@vefc.org](mailto:pspory@vefc.org) to register for orientation. Visit our website at [www.vefc.org](http://www.vefc.org) to learn more.

**FROM TOMMY LOFLIN, CHAIR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** LaVina Tyndall, Glenn Tyndall and Sally Bohland have been recognized as the Rotary Club of Blacksburg's Citizens of the Year. These individuals were major

forces behind the creation of the Montgomery County Christmas Store, an all-volunteer, community-wide, non-profit organization which assists low-income families in Montgomery County during the Christmas season. The Montgomery County Christmas Store was launched in 1982 and has become an important service provider in the county. In its first year, the store served 267 families with the \$18,000 it raised. The store has had an approximate 10 percent per year increase in need for the past three years. This past December the store served over 1500 families and raised \$172,000. The store depends on over 1000 volunteers to make it successful. Glenn Tyndall, a retired director of the United Methodist Campus Ministry, was instrumental in the fundraising of the annual budget this year which was set at \$160,000. He is also credited with raising the necessary funds to purchase the store's present facility in downtown Christiansburg.



Additionally, Glenn is the president-elect of the Christmas Store in 2011. 2010 marks the 20th year the Rotary Club of Blacksburg has recognized non-Rotarians who meet the standards of Rotary International through the Pat Cupp / Ward Teel Citizen of the Year. The award recipient is a person or persons who see a problem, get involved, achieve results and lives by the Rotary motto "SERVICE ABOVE SELF."

**FROM FRANKLYN MORENO:** *"Rotary District Conference"* The following Club members represented Our Club at the District Conference held at the Homestead on March 19-21, T.O. Williams, Christy Brown, Candi Kelly, Jim Johnson, Franklyn Moreno, Fred Meyers, John Brown, Rosiland Lester, and Mary Miller. The big news is that our Club received a number of District Club Awards and can proudly hang those banners for the next year - International Service, Club Bulletin, Best Club Dashboard - *First place*, Best Web Presence - *Second place*. In addition, our Club has been awarded the Gold Patch Award for 2009-2010. Congrats to all of us, its our efforts that make this possible."

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

**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

**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](http://www.blacksburgrotary.org). Or, make up at an area club. Rotary International District 7570 ([WWW.ROTARY7570.ORG](http://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](mailto:karinclark507@comcast.net) or call 230-5812.