



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: May 6, 2010

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg, Club #5753

P.O. Box 770 Blacksburg, VA 24063 / [T.O. Williams](#), President

*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:

- May 6, Dr. Beato, Sports Medicine, Montgomery Regional Hospital
- May 13, MCPS Outstanding Career & Tech Awards / Board meeting follows
- **May 18, Club Assembly at BCC at 6:00 pm for directors and committee chairs**
- May 20, Brenda Blackburn, MCPS Superintendent
- May 27, Jim Flowers, [VT Knowledgeworks](#), [Global Student Business Concept Challenge](#)
- June 3, Dan Smith, Security and IT department First Bank and Trust on Common Scams.



Members of the Christiansburg Rotary Club and Blacksburg Rotary Club hosted a successful Bone Marrow Registry Drive during Fork and Cork Festival last Saturday.

FROM CHRISTY BROWN, PRESIDENT-ELECT: Rotary Clubs of Blacksburg and Christiansburg Challenge 200 to Be the MatchSM.

Our Rotary Club sponsored a Bone Marrow Donor Registration with the Christiansburg Rotary Club at Fork and Cork on Saturday. Our club signed up about 104 new donors. The Salem Club was successful in enrolling 165 new registrants. That's nearly 270! Go Rotary!

Our event, in conjunction with the Christiansburg Rotary Club, had the following volunteers:

Christiansburg: Paul Mylum, President Elect; Joe Schrantz, President; T'aiya Shiner

Blacksburg: Chris Belluzzo, Christy Brown, Karin Clark, Jamie Dunn, Greg Lemmond, Jim McAlister, Mark Mitchell, Nancy Morehouse, Ed Powell, and Chris Turman. Peace Scholar, Melanie Moore stopped in as well.

Betsie Letterle from the National Marrow Donor Program was present as well.

FROM KARIN CLARK, DIRECTOR PUBLIC RELATIONS: Council approves fifth Avenue of Service

Source: Rotary International News -- 28 April 2010

Representatives at the 2010 Rotary Council on Legislation approved an enactment 28 April to add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations. **New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as the foundation of club activity.**

The Avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg has long been involved with youth in our community. We have an upcoming annual event next week presenting scholarships for Career & Technical Education students (see following).

FROM TOMMY LOFLIN, YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE: Members are to represent our Club at high school award ceremonies. Our Club's annual Student Fine Arts Awards were announced a couple of weeks ago and our Career & Technical Student Awards will be presented next Thursday (May13). We need several Club members to attend the area high school Senior Awards Assemblies to make these scholarship presentations on behalf of the Club.

The Assembly dates and times are:

Auburn HS- June 1 @ 6:30 PM
Blacksburg HS- June 9 @ 6:00 PM (BMS Auditorium)
Christiansburg HS- May 16 @ 2:00 PM
Eastern Montgomery HS- May 20 @ 12:30 PM

If you are able to help out, please contact Tommy Loflin (tloflin@newriverbankva.com) or Leslie Frantz (leslie@hometownappraisal.biz) as soon as possible.

FROM T.O. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT: The annual club assembly is coming up on May 18.

This meeting becomes the master planning session for the coming year. President Elect (Christy Brown) will outline her goals and objectives. To assist in her efforts, the Club Directors will collect goals and objectives from Committee Chairs that she will use in preparing her overall report. The District Assistant Governor, Ernie Bentley, will also contribute District views. The gathering is an opportunity for attendees to add any recommendations they might conjure up.

The "Changing of the Guard" will occur on July 8. In this meeting, the current President T.O. Williams) will briefly go over what we accomplished this year. Ernie Bentley will formally install the new officers and directors, and Christy will present her finalized goals and objectives program for the next Rotary year.

Reminder: There will be a Blacksburg Board meeting on Thursday, May 13, following the noon meeting.

FROM JIM MCALISTER, DIRECTOR, CLUB ADMINISTRATION: Club Administration Committee chairs are asked to meet with their committees by **May 15th** to complete their goals and objectives for the upcoming Club Assembly on May 18th.

FROM FRANKLYN MORENO, GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE): GSE is a program of the Rotary Foundation and is a Cultural and Vocational Exchange Program for young professionals which is designed to develop professional and leadership skills. GSE is one program of The Rotary Foundation in which every Rotarian can be a direct participant. You can volunteer to be one of two team leaders are selected from our membership to lead teams abroad each year. You can make a potentially life changing gift to someone by nominating them to be a GSE team member. Finally, you can volunteer to host an incoming team member for 4-7 days.

A **GSE Team** is made up of a **Rotarian Team Leader** and Four (4) **Non- Rotarian Team Members**. meals, sightseeing and vocational observation opportunities to the visiting team. **Our District will host Two (2) Teams in 2010 - 2011.** The exchanges will be made with **District 9830 in Tasmania (Australia)** and **District 4690 in Bolivia.** Rotary pays for the most economical round trip ticket between the Home District and Host District.

All of the applications, brochures, etc. are on the district website under the DISTRICT tab. You may need to scroll down to get to the GSE portion. Deadline for Team Leader Applications for Tasmania and Bolivia is **Sept 3, 2010.** Deadline for Team Member applications is Oct. 1, 2010.

FROM MARILYN BOWMAN, KROGER GIFT CARD: For the past twelve months, ending April 17, 2010, we have **\$5,309.38 added to Blacksburg Rotary Club's** coffers due to members using their Kroger Gift cards to do their shopping. When using the card, 5% of your purchase goes to our club account. To learn more about the Kroger Cares Fundraising Program, see on our [Web site](#), or contact Marilyn Bowman to receive a club numbered shopping card.

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

12 May, Dave Hubble
14 May, Tim East
18 May, Mel Huber / Barbara Newton

23 May, Marilyn Bowman
30 May, Davis Heatwole
31 May, Michael St. Jean

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 Barbara Newton at bjnewt@comcast.net or call 230-5255.