



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: May 27, 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:

- 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.
- June 10, Kym Davidson-Hamley, Exec Director United Way for Montgomery, Floyd, Radford
- June 17, to be announced
- June 24, David Ayares, Revivacor
- July 1, NO MEETING!!!
- July 8, Changing of the Guard (T.O. and Christy)
- July 15, Peter Thompson, how to our Rotary website



*This pic goes way back to 2000.
Can you name these fine friends?*

FROM LESLIE FRANTZ, CHAIR YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE: I am having a Luau! Everyone in our Blacksburg Rotary Club is invited :) The party will be Memorial Day - Monday starting around 2 and going until 9ish. I am having hamburgers, hotdogs and sodas, and guests may bring a side dish and beverage of choice! Bring your grass skirts and leis!! Hope to see you there!

FROM KARIN CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC RELATIONS: The News Messenger published this article: Outstanding CTE Students Earn Rotary Honors: <http://ourvalley.org/outstanding-cte-students-earn-rotary-honors/>

FROM GREG LEMMOND, YARD SALE COMMITTEE: Hello all! In preparing for our annual yard sale, there are a few "strategy" issues we can think about now – please let me know what you think.

1. In the past, we have included used clothing in our yard sales. More recently, we have been known for being the "No Clothes" (wink) yard sale. What do you think? In your experience with yard sales, what are the pros and cons of including used clothing? What do you recommend this year?
2. The hours of set up at (or before) dawn on the day of the yard sale can be hectic/chaotic. Perhaps that is part of the fun, but here's an idea: We can have space inside the YMCA Storeroom by the door where we could sort items out the day before (kitchen items in one pile, books in another, etc, etc). This could help things flow smoothly and rapidly on Saturday morning. It might also make it easier to price items more consistently and profitably. Is this something worth trying this year? Would you be willing to allocate an hour on Friday afternoon/evening to help with something like that?
3. Are you willing to ask a neighbor, co-worker, or business contact if they have any office or home furniture that we can haul away for them? As I understand it, we do have tax paperwork that we can furnish. Please consider business contacts with office renovations in the works, as well as realtors/property managers who may know of household "left behinds" in good condition.
4. Based on your experiences at past yard sales, what would you like to ensure stays the same with this one? What changes would you like to see?

FROM CARL MCDANIELS AND MICHELLE BRAUNS: Free Clinic Tours. Since the group has an interest in our mission and is a current supporter, I wanted to touch base and provide information about our formal tours because I would love to schedule Rotarians to see the Clinic in Christiansburg. We hold twice-monthly, one-hour tours of the Clinic for community members. Our upcoming dates are Wed., June 2 from 8 – 9 a.m. and Thursday, June 17 from 4 – 5 p.m. The tours are held similarly each month – the first Wednesday in the morning and 3rd Thursday in the afternoon. Or, I'm happy to give you a tour when it's convenient for the group. We are limited to about 10-12 in each group. I think most people are amazed at the number of programs we are able to provide simply on the power of volunteers. We have an incredible need in this community for this service – we see over 3,000 patients each year and provide an average of three visits for each of those patients to our medical, dental or pharmacy programs. Even with national healthcare reform, nothing about what we do will change federally until 2014 and even then, the changes are incremental until 2019. We anticipate the need for free medical care to continue for a long time.

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 JOHN BROWN, CHAIR, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Please complete the survey we have on our website. We have received 47 so far with some useful comments/suggestions and need to hear from the rest of the members.

FROM FRANKLYN MORENO: "Give Blood" The nation's supply of Blood needs constant replenishing. Those that can give are encouraged to do so. Also, you'll get make-up credit. It takes about an hour for whole Blood, about an hour and a half for double reds (equal to 2 whole blood donations but just the red blood cells) and about the length of time of a feature film to donate platelets. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to make an appointment at the downtown Blacksburg Donor Center or attend a local Blood drive.

FROM JIM JOHNSON, SECRETARY: Norm Fitzwater and David Harder have resigned because they were unable to make the meetings. We will miss them.

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, Barbara Newton (what a good day!)

18 May, Mel Huber

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.