



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: June 17, 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: June is Rotary Fellowship Month.** June, designated as Rotary Fellowships Month, celebrates the fellowship groups throughout the Rotary world. Rotary Fellowships offer Rotarians the opportunity to make friends with others in Rotary who share a common vocation, hobby, or recreational interest.

- June 17, Jack Brockway, Radford University Observatory
- June 24, Karen Ranz, Virginia Individual Development Account and the American Dream Demonstration Project
- July 1, NO MEETING!!!
- July 8, Changing of the Guard (T.O. and Christy)
- July 15, Peter Thompson, Using our Rotary website <http://blacksburgrotary.org>



The Rotarian's 2010 photo contest had more than 500 entries. Honorable Mention: Akshara book distribution project in Manchenahalli, India.

**FROM CHRISTY BROWN, PRESIDENT ELECT:** Following are a list of upcoming activities, events and changes we are working on for the 2010-2011 year. Please try to make the kick-off meeting on July 8th where we will review these items and more. Come with questions.

- Fundraising Committee
- Treasurer for both Foundations
- Literacy grant project in Malawi
- Community Service grant for Literacy Volunteers
- Education Shed Raising with the Y-Gardens
- Family of Rotary Events- Annual Yard Sale 8/21, Red Sox game, mixers with other NRV clubs
- Interact Club at Auburn High School
- District Governor Visit in September-our club hosting
- Scotch tasting fundraiser (Oct)
- TRF fundraiser 9Oct/Nov)
- Local Foundation fundraiser (Feb/March)
- Golf Tournament

**FROM GREG LEMMOND, YARD SALE COMMITTEE:** Tara Ogle at Hampton Inn has donated three exercise machines for our yard sale. Even without plugging them in, there's already been plenty of exercise, when we moved the 700-odd pounds of equipment into storage until the yard sale. Thanks to Mike Burnop, Bill Foster, Jim Halferty, Jim McAllister, Nancy Morehouse (and her son Luke), and Bennett Teates for their help moving the items Tuesday evening. Many other members volunteered to help, but were unable to contribute this time due to our tight schedule. There will be more opportunities to gather together good items for the yard sale, as Joe Jones has offered office furniture, and John Skelton has offered a truck load of house wares. Please keep thinking of nice items to donate for this fund raiser.

**FROM AL BOWMAN, KROGER GIFT CARD UPDATE.** Our Club has received a total of \$5,454.55 over the past twelve months from the Kroger Gift Card Program for a monthly average of \$454.55. (We received \$528.24 from the \$10,564.84 you folks added to your Kroger gift cards this past month.) This is such an easy method of earning money for our many club projects. For the new members, and as a reminder for you old timers, Kroger Gift Cards with \$5.00 preloaded on them are available from Marilyn Bowman at a cost of \$5.00 each. You can add money to the gift card

by using a debit or credit card, by check, or even cash. The gift cards can be used at any Kroger store or gasoline station. Our Rotary Club receives 5% of each dollar added to a card.

**FROM JIM JOHNSON CHAIR, SECRETARY:** The new club directory will be published in July. If you have any contact information changes, please get them to me right away. If you want to change your picture, please send me a digital photo that we can upload. Also, a big thank you to Leslie Frantz who is now handling the attendance for the club. Please send your make ups to her at [leslie@hometownappraisal.biz](mailto:leslie@hometownappraisal.biz).

Also, Jeff Glessner has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Blacksburg by Jim Johnson and Davis Heatwole. Jeff is a retired Civil Engineer who moved back to Blacksburg 5 years ago. Any concerns must be to Leslie Frantz in writing by June 24th.

Also, we inducted 4 new Rotarians into our club last week. Please say hi to Bennett Teats, Mary Grace Theodore, Susan Erickson and Annette Perkins.

**FROM TOM DUETSCH:** For years, Blacksburg Country Club staff have placed coffee mugs next to every place setting for our Rotary meetings. The challenge for staff is determining who among those at the table wants coffee and who does not. Some members will turn their cups over so that we can better tell who is interested in coffee and who is not, but it is still easy for us to miss someone, especially if they are engaged in the Rotary program. Then, after missing someone, we have the dissatisfaction of them having to get up from the table to get their own coffee.

A couple of weeks ago, we attempted to try something different by placing the coffee mugs next to the dessert table. We did not mean to insinuate that we were turning into a self-service coffee operation. Rather, what we were hoping was that Rotarians who want coffee will simply bring a coffee cup with them to their table. Our thought was that by doing this, staff would then be keenly aware of who wants coffee and who does not and will not have to lurk around tables looking for some type of non-verbal communication indicating that they would like a cup of java.

We did not communicate this very well with the membership and as a result I know there has been some confusion. Please know that is just an attempt to provide better service (as opposed to less service) to those that want coffee. If there is a coffee cup to someone's right at the table, we would immediately know that this person wants coffee and hopefully be more on top of it during the meal.

Please let us know what you think over the next couple of weeks or shoot me or Devon an email ([gm@blacksburgcc.com](mailto:gm@blacksburgcc.com) or [devon@blacksburgcc.com](mailto:devon@blacksburgcc.com)) to let us know if you like this or think we are crazy. If this system does not seem to work or if it becomes too cumbersome for members to grab a coffee cup along with dessert, their entrée/salad, etc. we can easily go back to the old system. Like our changeover a couple of years ago from one huge salad bowl with everything in it to the make your own concept we now employ, we are simply trying to find a better way to serve you. If this is not working, we can easily switch back.  
Thanks. Tom Duetsch

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

7 June, John Spicer  
9 June, Peter Thompson  
16 June, Dave Reemsnyder  
18 June, Todd Murray  
24 June, Bob Oliver  
25 June, Judy Ridinger  
30 June, John Brown

**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 Barbara Newton at [bjnewt@comcast.net](mailto:bjnewt@comcast.net) or call 230-5255.