



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: June 24, 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 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>
- July 22, Annie Pierce, Living Sustainably: Stories from the Trenches
- July 29, Ron Rordam & Mark Verniel, Town of Blacksburg update



The Hale-YMCA Gardens in Blacksburg

**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 were 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 FRANKLYN MORENO & MICHAEL ABRAHAM, CO CHAIRS OF 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.

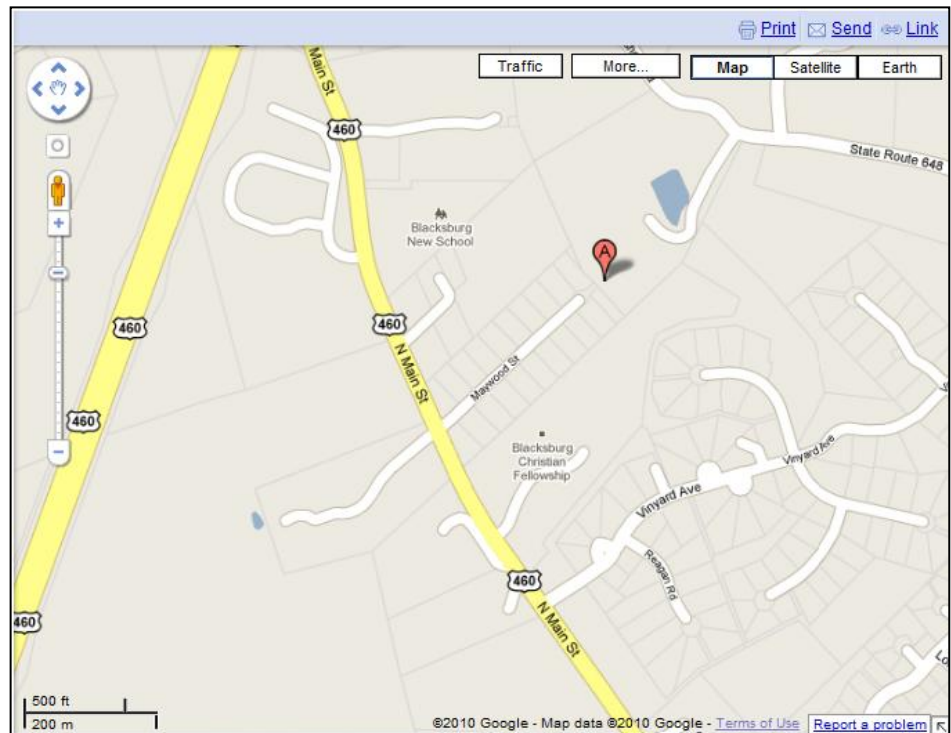
All of the applications, brochures, etc. are on the district website under the DISTRICT tab. You may need to scroll down to get to the GSE portion. Deadline for Team Leader Applications for Tasmania and Bolivia is **Sept 3, 2010**. Deadline for Team Member applications is Oct. 1, 2010.

**FROM GAIL BILLINGSLEY, PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:** Get ready for the Rotary “Shed Raising” for the Y. On Saturday, July 17, 8am to 2pm and Sunday, July 25, 3pm to 7pm we are raising the Educational Shed that the Rotary will be building for the Y. A description of the gardens can be found at [http://www.ymcavt.citymax.com/f/Hale-YMCA\\_Garden\\_Vision\\_Statement.pdf](http://www.ymcavt.citymax.com/f/Hale-YMCA_Garden_Vision_Statement.pdf). The Y would like to provide an outdoor classroom for the Y, and other community groups, to use. It will be called the Alfred Payne Educational Building constructed by the Blacksburg Rotary Club!!! The weblink provided will show the outline of tasks to be done. NOTICE that we do have some workdays to choose from. These are great makeups for members. So let Gail know if you can help on those days. And also let her know if you can bring any of the tools on the tool list.

The YMCA at Virginia Tech operates the community gardens at the Hale-YMCA Community Garden located at the end of Maywood Street in Blacksburg, Virginia. Go north on North Main Street 2.0 miles past the YMCA Thrift Store at 1000 North Main Street. Turn right on Maywood Street, (drive very carefully and slowly, there are many children). Continue to the end of the street to the garden’s parking lot.

Map of site – 215 Maywood Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060

<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=215+maywood+street,+blacksburg+va&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=215+Maywood+St,+Blacksburg,+Montgomery,+Virginia+24060&gl=us&ei=V5O8S5viEIT58AatozTCA&ved=0CacQ8gEwAA&z=16>



**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.