



**THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: July 8, 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: July is the beginning of our new Rotary year. Rotary President Ray Klingensmith says "Rotary is the best in the world at linking people of goodwill around the globe and then gaining their cooperation and support to make the world a much better place to live and work."**

- July 8, Changing of the Guard (T.O. and Christy)
- July 15, Peter Thompson, Using our Rotary website <http://blacksburgrotary.org>
- July 17 & 18, "Shed Raising" for the Y
- July 22, Annie Pierce, Living Sustainably: Stories from the Trenches
- July 29, Ron Rordam & Mark Verniel, Town of Blacksburg update



Jim Johnson and Rosalyn Lester attending the Rotary International Conference in Montreal.

**FROM CHRISTY BROWN, PRESIDENT:** Following is a list of upcoming activities and we are working on this year. We will review these and other plans during this week's meeting. Attached is a list of committees and members for this year.

- 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 (Oct/Nov)
- Local Foundation fundraiser (Feb/March)
- Golf Tournament

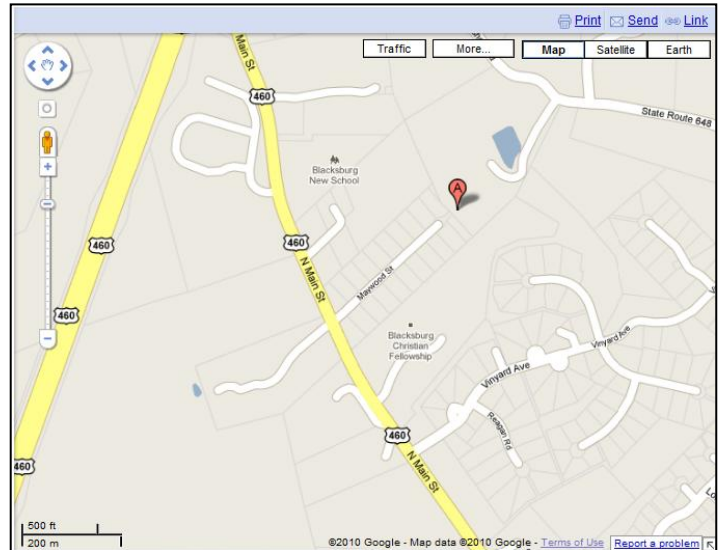
**FROM JIM JOHNSON, SECRETARY:** John Skelton has proposed Brenda Blackburn, Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools, for membership. All concerns need to be sent to Jim by July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**FROM GAIL BILLINGSLEY, REPRESENTING THE FAMILY OF ROTARY 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>



**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 PAUL MURPHY, SECRETARY, ROTARY CLUB OF CHRISTIANSBURG:** The Christiansburg Rotary has changed its meeting location effective immediately. Instead of meeting at Blackstone Grill, we will now meet every Friday at noon at Lucy Monroe's Coffee Shop. We welcome all Rotarians to visit us at our new location.

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

4 July, T. O. Williams  
10 July, Jeff Mitchell  
13 July, Mike Snyder  
15 July, Scott Tison  
15 July, Greg Lemmond  
18 July, Debbie Ewing  
18 July, Arnie Trope

20 July, Michael Abraham  
20 July, Doug Smart  
21 July, Dave Kuchinski  
22 July, Rosalyn Lester  
29 July, Mike Cooke  
29 July, Arte Shaheen

**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.