



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: July 15, 2010
The Rotary Club of Blacksburg, Club #5753
 P.O. Box 770 Blacksburg, VA 24063 / [Christy Brown](#), 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: 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 15, Peter Thompson, Using our Rotary website <http://blacksburgrotary.org>
- July 17, "Shed Raising" for the Y
- July 22, Annie Pierce, Living Sustainably: Stories from the Trenches
- July 25, "Shed Raising" for the Y
- July 29, Annette Perkins, MCPS and MCBS
- Aug 5, Dr. Andrew McCoy, VT Dept of Construction
- Aug 12, Bob Poff, the Montgomery Museum



Out with the Great, in with the Even Better!
 Thanks T.O. and Welcome Christy.



Peter has been a member of our Club since April of 2008. As a Paul Harris Fellow and a Sustaining Member he has provided invaluable services to our Club. Since joining he has been the key person in developing our website. His efforts have earned us the Rotary International Award of Best Web Presence 1st Place in 2008-09, and Best Web Presence 2nd Place in 2009-10.

Paula K. Alston, Director Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library says that the Wall Street Journal Guide to Information Graphics by Dona Wong will be placed in the library in honor of Peter!

FROM JIM JOHNSON, SECRETARY: Christy Brown has proposed three new members to join the Rotary Club of Blacksburg. Chris Gaines is VP of Operations for Inorganic Ventures. Michael Scott is VP for Sales of Inorganic Ventures. Hussein Ahmed is Senior Software Engineer for VTLS, Inc. Any concerns need to be to Jim Johnson in writing by July 21st. Judy Pobjecky has resigned from the club because of her travel. She would like to rejoin once she settles down.

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. 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.

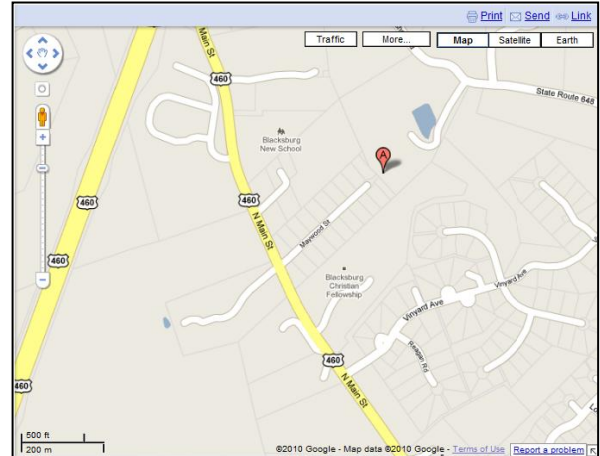
Map of site – 215 Maywood Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060

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WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP TO HELP!

See Gail Billingsley. This is a Rotary community project. It is being names for Al Payne.



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 JIM JOHNSON, SECRETARY: Club, district, and RI officers begin their terms 1 July. Welcome the 2010-11 leaders as they help make Rotary bigger, better, and bolder. [Read the new RI president's message](http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryLeadership/RIPresident/Pages/ridefault.aspx) at this address: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryLeadership/RIPresident/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

ALSO: [Rotary partners with Amazon to launch new shop.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/GeneralInformation/Announcements/Pages/10june30_annnc_amazon_shop.aspx)

RI shoppers on the new site will receive 15 percent off their first purchase during the month of July.

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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. 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.