

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: *July 23, 2009*

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg, Club #5753 P.O. Box 770 Blacksburg, VA 24063
/ [T.O. Williams](#), 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 23, Dr. Shelley Blumenthal, Soccer Team Coach, Blacksburg High School
July 30, Jeremy Long, Salem Red Sox Baseball Team
August 6, Anne Clelland, Social Media Public Relations &Marketing: What You
Need to Know and What You Don't
August 13, Dr. James Lebolt, Common Shoulder Injuries & Treatment
August 20 Chris Winston, Roanoke Times NRV Bureau Chief
August 22, Rotary Yard Sale (Saturday event, YMCA parking lot. N. Main St.)
August 27 Billy Hite VT Football

FROM T.O. WILLIAMS: Regarding the Council of Presidents, I coined that phrase to bring these loyal Club Rotarians into more of our spotlight. Of the 31 presidents we've had (prior to me), we are fortunate to have 19 of them actively serving the club today. They each spent 4 years in preparation and service as President (President Nominee, President Elect, President, and Past President--all as members of the Board of Directors as well). It has been a shame that as each one of these distinguished ladies and gentlemen completes their term as President that we allow their wealth of experience and ideas to go away. I want to revive the recognition of these individuals as the leaders they are and take advantage of their expertise during the Rotary year. I'm not asking this group to take the place of the Board. Current board members must be allowed to have their time to lead in the way they are most comfortable. The Council of Presidents will be a resource for our current Board members, if desired. I would like to consult with one or more of these stalwarts from time to time so as to avoid that super bad mistake and to perhaps revive a good program or idea they had. We now have a plaque, that will be displayed at our weekly meetings, with the names and years of service of all past presidents that "formalizes the informal" structure of this group and helps to make them known to new members.

**If you missed T.O.'s presentation it is posted on our Web site at the top of the [About Us/Members page](#). This [year's Directors, Chairs and Committee Members list](#) is also posted on this page. Additionally, the [District's Gold Club requirements](#) can be downloaded from the home page of the District Web site.

FROM JIM JOHNSON: Carl McDaniels has proposed Adam Stevens for membership in the Rotary Club of Blacksburg. Adam is the manager of Walgreen's in Christiansburg who spoke to the club last week. Any objections must be to Jim

Johnson in writing by July 29th.

FROM CARL MCDANIELS: Our upcoming **yard sale** is quickly approaching. Our goal is to **raise \$1500**. The yard sale will take place in the VT YMCA parking lot, on North Main Street, from **7:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday, August 22**. We are emphasizing furniture and household items. We are not accepting clothing but the YMCA does. Tax forms will be available. Clean out your attic, basement and closets to start gathering items to donate. The items which sell the best are good condition furniture, as well as ALL household items, yard items--grills, mowers, tools, etc, sporting goods--golf clubs, tennis rackets, etc. Remember to mark all items you are donating with a suggested sale price. Donation drop-off will be from 2-4 pm the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to the sale at the trailer we will have at the YMCA. If you have larger items to be picked up let me know and we will coordinate a truck to pick up. We do need volunteers to tag on Friday evening, set up Saturday morning, work the sale and clean up. There will be sign - up sheets starting this week's meeting: noting times members and friends can work at the event, as well as noting if you need a pick for large items. You can help us promote the event by downloading the flyer from our Web, under [news/yardsale](#), and posting it in public places (grocery and church bulletin boards, in your place of work, etc.). Contact me for further information at cmcd@vt.edu.

FROM ROSALYN LESTER: Save the date for a new Rotary event: **Friday, October 16**, we will host a Scotch Tasting to benefit Polio Plus. More details to follow.

FROM KARIN CLARK: P. Buckley Moss has painted a watercolor celebrating the work Rotarians do around the world in the name of peace. Her painting is available as a limited edition print and an open edition poster. 10% of the purchase price of each print will be donated to the Rotary Foundation. Part of this donation will be matched by the Gates Challenge Grant for Rotary's Polio Plus Program.

- **Peace Through Rotary Service** Issued in 2008. Edition: 3,000 and 25 artist's proofs. Cost \$125

Rotary International, Bridging the World, Peace Through Service Issued in 2008 .Open Edition Poster. 25-1/2 x 16 ins. Cost \$50

See prints and order forms online at [Buckley Moss & Rotary](#). I will bring in my print of *Bridging the World, Peace through Service* this Thursday. It is a nice piece of art for the office.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH: If your birthday was missed send a note to: kclark@lunainnovations.com

04 July T.O. Williams
10 July Jeff Mitchell
12 July Trey McCallie
13 July Mike Snyder
15 July Scott Tison / Greg Lemmond
18 July Debbie Ewing / Arnie Trope
20 July Michael Abraham / Doug Smartt
21 July David Kuchinski,
22 July Rosalyn Lester
29 July Art Shaheen / Mike Cooke

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. See the list of clubs online at our Web site, http://blacksburgrotary.org/area_meet.html. Rotary International District 7570 (<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 Karin Clark at kclark@lunainnovations.com or call 230-5812.