

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: August 27, 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

August 27, [Billy Hite](#), Assistant Head Coach & Running Backs Coach, VT Football

August 27, Rotary Yard Sale (Saturday event, YMCA parking lot. N. Main St.)

September 3, Diane Akers, President, [Blacksburg Partnership](#)

September 10, Michelle Brauns, Exec. Director, [Free Clinic of the NRV](#)

September 17, Larry Ball, President, [Moog Components Group](#)

September 24, Mike Goforth, Assistant Director of Athletics, Athletic Training, Virginia Tech

FROM T.O. WILLIAMS: It was a great turnout for District Governor Ron Napier's visit to Area 9. We had a good meeting with club officers followed by a well-attended reception, good dinner and meeting. Here is the link to the [August newsletter](#) from the District which can be found on the District Web at <http://www.Rotary7570.org>.

All Board Members meet with me after the meeting this Thursday, August 27, for a short discussion on the Audit, Budget, and Rotary Sustainers. We must address these topics before the scheduled Board meeting on Sept 10. Thanks in Advance.

FROM TOM REID: We received an email from Ernie Bentley, ADG, that our District Governor Ron Napier would like to present **Paul Harris Awards** to those in our club that were ready to be recognized this past Monday evening. And, we had 20 that needed to be recognized. It was indeed an honor, for both the recipients and our club, that the District Governor made these presentations to: Ann Bracken, John Brown, Susan Brown, Steve Cole, Mike Cook, Tom Duetsch, Mark Hamric, Dave Hubble, Jim Johnson, Joe Jones, Trey McCallie, Mary Miller, Stan Perkins, Alec Siegel, John Skelton, Clyde Smythers, Peter Thompson, and Mark Weddle, Jerry Robinson and Ben Holstein ***Every amount contributed to [The Rotary Foundation](#) is spent in support of humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs and their operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects worldwide. Learn more by reading the **Every Rotarian, Every Year** newsletter which offers Annual Programs Fund updates, features on what Rotarians are doing to meet their club goals, and stories illustrating how the Annual Programs Fund contributions enhance people's lives. To receive the newsletter via e-mail, complete this simple [registration form](#) which is online at Rotary.org

FROM FRANKLYN MORENO & CARL MCDANIELS, Co-Chairs of the Yard Sale Committee: Due to rain, the yard sale scheduled for last Saturday has been **rescheduled** to this Saturday at the same place and time. "My deepest thanks to each one of you for working so hard for the great member turnout we had last Saturday, as well as the terrific items we had

to sell” said Carl who will be unable to attend this weekend due to a postponed 58th wedding anniversary celebration. “In my memory (which isn't too great) this was the largest turnout of members and the most salable number and quality of items available for sale.” Franklyn commented, “For an initial run of an hour and a half, with intermittent and some pouring rain, we brought in over \$200 before expenses. Special thanks to all who helped.”

This weekend we need volunteers to move items out from the YMCA storage and begin setting up around 6:00 a.m. We will also need volunteers to help with clean up around noon. Hope to see you this **Saturday, August 29** at the VT YMCA parking lot, on North Main Street.

FROM JIM HALFERTY: Our club is doing its part to “**Go Green**”. The environmental committee will be picking up the extra papers at each meeting to recycle. Since most members have access to the electronic bulletin which is emailed weekly, we are printing minimal, double-sided bulletins, on white paper each week. Remember, we can all do our part to practice green living in both our personal lives and our business lives every day by reducing waste, conserving water and energy and using less toxic products.

To learn more about how to be a more environmentally friendly business, participate in the Town’s annual **Sustainability Week** and the **Go Green NRV Workshop** on October 14, 8:30 - 10:00 am at the YMCA@VT on October 14, 2009; 8:30 - 10:00 am @ YMCA@VT. More info is online at <http://www.gogreenrv.com/> or email info@gogreenrv.com

FROM KARIN CLARK: Last call for shirts!! Let me know style- Men’s or Women’s - and your size in Maroon (\$25) or Oatmeal (\$27). Logo is the Rotary seal and Motto- *Service Above Self*.

A former member of our club, Warren Lucero, is in search of old computer equipment to donate to Rainbow Riders Childcare Center. Warren is “fixing up” the computers to outfit several classrooms. If you have donations please let Warren know via email at wlucero@vt.edu.

FROM JIM JOHNSON: Larry Hincker has proposed Chris Winston, Editor of the Current for membership in the Rotary Club of Blacksburg. Chris Belluzzo has proposed Sarah West of Ntelos Wireline Division for membership. Any objections need to be to Jim Johnson in writing by September 2nd. Mike Drzal is going on leave until March to complete a project in Boston.

FROM DAVE ARNOLD: Last year our club earned a total of \$6,442 just for grocery shopping and designating Rotary in the Kroger Cares Gift Card program. When using this card, 5% of every purchase goes to our club. If you are not informed on the **Kroger Cares Fund Raising Program** let me know. If you need a card see me. It’s easy so why not do it? For more details email dave.arnold19@comcast.net or see our Kroger Cares page on our **Web site** at www.blacksburgrotary.org.

FROM THE ROTARY WEEKLY UPDATE: As of June 30, the end of the 2008-09 RI year, there were 1,234,527 members in 33,790 Rotary clubs. That’s an increase of 3,044 members and 520 clubs from the previous year. [Read more](#).

FROM VIRGINIA TECH DAILY NEWS: Virginia Tech remains 71st among the 100 best universities in the "U.S. News and World Report's" survey of undergraduate programs -- "America's Best Colleges 2010" -- released today. It is the third year in a row that the university has held the spot. The university also retains its spot among the top 30 public universities in the nation, one of three institutions to do so in Virginia. The College of Engineering retains its spot in the top 20 engineering schools at No. 14, while the Pamplin College of Business is ranked No. 42 among the top 50 business schools. The Virginia Tech College of Engineering traditionally is rated as one of the top 20 undergraduate engineering schools in the United States that offer doctorate degrees. As in the past two years, the college tied at No. 14 with the undergraduate programs at Johns Hopkins University and Northwestern University. This places the three schools among the top 3 percent of more than 600 institutions accredited by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology. Among public universities, the college ranks seventh. Among overall industrial/manufacturing engineering programs, Virginia Tech ranks fifth in the nation.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH: Send a birthday wish to you fellow Rotarian. If your birthday was missed send a note to:kclark@lunainnovations.com

01 August- Mary Miller

04 August- Tom Reid

20 August - Dan Carper

22 August - Norm Fitzwater / Ann Bracken / Mark Weddle

25 August - Susan Brown

29 August – Jim Johnson

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.

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