



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: September 3, 2009

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:

Rotary Theme: September is **New Generations Month**

September 8 is International Literacy Day & September 20 is International Day of Peace

- September 3, Diane Akers, President, [Blacksburg Partnership](#)
- September 10, Michelle Brauns, Exec. Director, [Free Clinic of the NRV](#)
Interclub social at Bull and Bones beginning at 5:30 pm.
- September 17, Larry Ball, President, [Moog Components Group](#)
- September 24, Mike Goforth, Assistant Director of Athletics, Athletic Training, Virginia Tech
- October 1 – Lisa Robinson, Virginia Wounded Warrior Program
- October 8 – Katie Fallon, Raptor Rehab Center
- October 15 – Seth Greenburg, Head Coach, VT Men's Basketball
- October 22 – Beth Dunkenberger, Head Coach Women's Basketball
- October 29 – Eric Hallerman, Restoration of Walleyes in the New River
- November 12, Interclub social (5:30 p.m., location TBA)



FROM ANN BRACKEN: Rotary Youth Exchange - WE'RE HOSTING!

On Tuesday evening, September 8, **Berfun Guner** will arrive from Turkey. A recent graduate of her Turkish high school, Berfun will be staying with us in Blacksburg for the next 9 months and attending Blacksburg High School to improve her language skills and experience American culture. As her Rotary hosts, our club members can help make this a memorable international experience for all of us!

Berfun has never left Turkey before. She is a skilled sailor and ballet dancer, among other talents. Coming from a close family of four (including an older sister), I know she would appreciate a warm welcome from all of us. Please think about including Berfun in your family's activities/events over the next 9 months.

Berfun will be living with Christy Brown's family for the first 3 months. We are **looking for 2 other families** in Blacksburg to host Berfun for 3 months each. These do not have to be Rotary families.



Berfun's Guner

Please contact me with your feedback, suggestions, or interest/suggestions for hosting our club's RYE student at 951-1180 or annbracken@aol.com.

FROM T.O. WILLIAMS: The deadline for applying for Group Study Exchange (GSE) TEAM LEADER is this Friday, **Sept 4**. If you are interested in leading a GSE to Thailand or Brazil the application needs to be completed and return it to Ernie Bentley (ernie@swva.net) this week. The deadline for GSE Team MEMBERS is **October 2**. This exchange is a month of indepth travel in either Thailand or Brazil with all travel, lodging and meals paid for by Rotary and local Rotary host clubs.



Berfun's recent family photo

See the attached flyer on the Christiansburg Rotary: Night Golf Tournament on Friday, October 2. If you, a club member, or other acquaintance has an interest in participating in our Night Golf Tournament, please contact Mike Lambertson (mlambertson@moog.com) or Joe Schrantz (jschrantz@moog.com).

** NOTE: President T.O. Williams is a **Rotary member 25 years** on September 1. He joined in 1984!



FROM FRANKLYN MORENO & CARL MCDANIELS, Co-Chairs of the Yard Sale Committee:

Thanks to all who came out to the yard sale last Saturday; Helpers were: Michael Abraham, Paula & Tom Alston, Chris Belluzzo, Anna Beth Benningfield, Gail Billingsley, Dick Bohlin, Ann Bracken, Christy Brown, John Brown, Lee Brown, Susan & Roger Brown, Karin Clark, Steve Cole, David Goodyear, Hank Johnson, Jim Johnson, Dave Kuchinski, Greg Lemmond, Rosalyn Lester, Fred Meyers, Jeff Mitchell, Franklyn Moreno, Bob Oliver, Stan Perkins, Ed Powell, Tom & Carol Reid, John Skelton, Mike Snyder, Peter Thompson, Jordan Truesdell, Marc Verniel, Dave Widder, and T. O. Williams.

***And, thanks for Mr. Sunshine for showing up too!

FROM KARIN CLARK: An idea that came out of the Rotary Area 9 gathering was to have interclub socials. The Christiansburg Club has been hosting after hours socials with their club, and has invited us to join their next one on Thursday, **September 10, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Bull & Bones Grill and Brewhaus** located at First & Main. To keep this a low maintenance event the group does not do RSVPs. Just show up and relax. Those that select to do dinner normally do so around 7:00 p.m. If you can't make the September social, save the date for the next one on Thursday, November 12, at 5:30 with location to be announced.

FROM JIM JOHNSON: Dave Arnold has resigned from the club. We want to thank Dave for helping to bring the Kroger Gift Card program to us.

FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL *Membership Minute* newsletter: The new [online version of Rotary Basics](#) is an indispensable tool for introducing new and prospective club members to the fundamentals of Rotary, providing knowledge that will make them better informed and proud to be Rotarians. Take the time to navigate through this interactive resource, and consider how you might use it to promote Rotary among prospective and new members..

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

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

03 September, Warner, Page / Duetsch, Tom
09 September, Loflin, Tommy
18 September, Hill, Scott

24 September, Ballou, Hugh
29 September, McDaniels, Carl

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.

AREA 9 -			
Monday	05:30 PM	Christiansburg-Blacksburg	Blacksburg Country Club
Tuesday	06:00 PM	Radford	Saf's Italian Restaurant
Wednesday	07:15 AM	Montgomery County	Holiday Inn - Blacksburg
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Radford (Noon)	Spinnakers, Best Western Radford Inn
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Floyd County	Floyd VFW Post 7854
Thursday	12:00 PM	Blacksburg	Blacksburg Country Club
Thursday	12:00 PM	Giles County	1st: The Bank Restaurant, Pearisburg 2,3,4: Friends & Family Restaurant
Friday	12:00 PM	Christiansburg	Amelia's Restaurant

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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.