

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS:

September 10, 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: Rotary Theme: September is **New Generations Month**. During this time, Rotary clubs and their New Generations programs are encouraged to focus on youth issues and undertake projects benefiting young adults around the world.

- September 10, Michelle Brauns, Exec. Director, [Free Clinic of the NRV](#) 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 KARIN CLARK: Remember the social this Thursday, with the Christiansburg club, **beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Bull & Bones Grill and Brewhaus** located at First & Main. 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.

FROM JIM JOHNSON: Nancy Morehouse, the Southwest Region Director for areas 8, 9 and 10 for the Special Olympics in Virginia, has been proposed for membership. Any concerns need to be to me in writing by September 9 jfjohnso@ntelos.net. Other new members who recently joined our club include Jamie Dunn, Joanne Craig, Chris Winston and Sarah West.

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

On Tuesday evening, September 8, **Berfun Guner** arrived in Blacksburg 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.

In the words from Rotary President John Kenny, ([September 4 Rotary Weekly Update](#)). "The impressions of youth are strong, and they are lasting. There is never a second chance at them. We may grow and change as we get older, and we are surely changed by all of our experiences. But there is never another chance to build who we are. That happens only once: in our youth."

All parties will grow from this experience. 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. Also, we are looking for Rotarians who share common interests with Berfun. Do you know of any sailing opportunities? Do you have access to dance events that could be shared with Berfun? What can you share with her about America?

Contact Ann Bracken (annbracken@aol.com) or Christy Brown (cbrown@llbrown.net) for interest/suggestions for hosting our club's RYE student.

FROM T.O. WILLIAMS:

The deadline for GSE Team MEMBERS is **October 2**. This exchange is a month of in depth travel in either Thailand or Brazil with all travel, lodging and meals paid for by Rotary and local Rotary host clubs.

FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL *Membership Minute* newsletter: The new [online version of Rotary Basics](#) is a great 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. This resource is now linked on our Web site.

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. 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