

# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS

**September 17, 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:

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 / **Board meeting immediately follows**

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 JIM JOHNSON (SECRETARY):** Stan Perkins has proposed Kermitt Damiel for membership in the Rotary Club of Blacksburg. Kermitt is the local market manager for BB&T. Christy Brown has proposed Bev Walters for membership. Bev works with NRV Cares, the local child abuse prevention group that also administers the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program that works with the local J&D Courts. Any concerns about these proposed memberships please send in writing to me at [jfjohnso@ntelos.net](mailto:jfjohnso@ntelos.net) before September 24.

**FROM JOHN BROWN (MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE):** In the next few weeks, the Membership Committee will be sending an email with a Rotary International membership survey attached to all club members. This is an important diagnostic tool to assist the club leadership. Please provide candid answers and observations and return the questionnaire to a membership committee member or to me directly at [jbrown@llbrown.net](mailto:jbrown@llbrown.net). Thanks, John

**FROM JIM HAFERTY (ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE):** For the past few weeks, Paula or I have been personally picking up the leftover newsletters, non-winning 50/50 tickets and any promo materials brought by the speaker of the week that has been left on the tables and taking it to the recycle center. **We would like everyone** to begin pitching in on our recycling effort. The environmental committee will bring a box marked "Recycled papers".

Please help us to gather up the leftover materials from your tables and deposit them in the box that will be placed at welcome table on your way out.

In this and upcoming issues of the bulletin, we will include **environmental poems** written by children that was put together by a rotary district (106) in England/Ireland.

**ARE You A CARING PERSON?** by *G.G.WRIGHT*

Are you a caring person?  
Or, do you simply belong,  
In that crowd where it's all greed and hustle,  
Part of today's very selfish throng.

Let's think about tomorrow,  
Make it good, and clean, and pure,  
Start by cleaning up the litter,  
Stop the poisons from killing our shore.

Keep our environment green and friendly,  
Clear the skies of acid rain,  
Clean our rivers of the filth and the toxins,  
And stop using them as a drain.

Let us smile instead of grumble,  
Raise our hats instead of our fists,  
Be an asset to life,  
not a detractor,  
Bring sunshine to life, not more mists.

When we've done that, and more, we'll be caring,  
We'll have begun to have slowed down the rot,  
Then teach our children, likewise, to be caring,  
So they'll be proud of the wonders they've got.

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

**Berfun Guner**, our exchange student from Turkey 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](mailto:annbracken@aol.com)) or Christy Brown ([cbrown@llbrown.net](mailto:cbrown@llbrown.net)) for interest/suggestions for hosting our club's RYE student.

**FROM T.O. WILLIAMS (PRESIDENT):**

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:** FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL [Thanks to a collaboration between Rotary and Google, past issues of The Rotarian magazine can be viewed online in their entirety. All issues from 1959 through 2008 are now available, along with some earlier editions, and more will be coming. After you select an issue, a search box allows you to find keywords within that issue. You also can select the option below the search box to search all issues. Check them out.](#)

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:** Send a birthday wish to you fellow Rotarian.

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, <http://www.blacksburgrotary.org/>. Or, make up at an area club.

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