

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: *September 24, 2009*

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg, Club #5753 P.O. Box 770 Blacksburg, VA 24063 / [T.O. Williams](mailto: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:

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 ERNIE BENTLY, ASST DISTRICT GOVERNOR: The deadline is approaching (October 2!) for **Group Study Exchange** team members to travel to Thailand (Feb 24-Mar 24) or Brazil (May 11 – June 11). In the past, clubs in Area 9 have always sponsored a candidate. To date no one has submitted an application. This is a wonderful "gift" to make to a young professional in our community – a 4 week all expenses paid trip for in-depth submersion in another culture. In the past we've sent social workers, bankers, farmers, nurses, town planners, public relations persons, artists, engineers, etc. The requirements: 25-40 years of age, not a Rotarian or related to a Rotarian, currently employed and well along their career track. If you have a neighbor, co-worker, friend, someone at church....tell them about this opportunity and have them call me ASAP at any time. I'd love to answer their questions.

**Send to Ernie@swva.net, or if you know of qualified individuals have them fill out the application found at www.rotary.org and work with our GSE Committee: Committee Chair is Franklyn H. Moreno and committee members are Michael Abraham, Hank Johnson, Fred Meyers, Steve Schmidt and Doug Smartt.

FROM JIM JOHNSON: 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 before September 24.

FROM JOHN BROWN: 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. 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.

IT'S WEARING AWAY (PRESERVE OUR PLANET EARTH) *by CHRISTOPHER MESSAM
BIRMINGHAM*

The environment is losing its beautiful color of green
The rain forests are damaged We're running out of trees.
Around the cities in political graffiti
The whole world is a place of poverty.
Streets, roads, are filled with litter
The atmosphere is really bitter.
For our next generation we must shed a tear
The pollution and the fumes are really fear.
CFCs in aerosol cans
Are destroying different generations of Man.
The ozone layer is damaged.
The world is starting to wear away,
Starting to rot, We must do something very soon
Or the world will pop like a burst balloon.
Thinking about it won't make a change.
If action is taken, we can Turn over a new page.

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, <http://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 or call 230-5812.