

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: October 1, 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?

October is Vocational Service Month: During October, Rotarians are encouraged to initiate yearlong vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary club presentations to awards to community projects.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

October 1 – Lisa Robinson, Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

October 8 – Katie Fallon, Raptor Rehab Center / **Board meeting immediately follows**

October 15 – Seth Greenberg, 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 T.O. WILIAMS: Marilyn Bowman is the new Chair of the **Kroger Gift Card Program**. Through this program we can easily raise money simply by doing our regular grocery shopping. **5% of the total purchase** goes to our club when you use the designated Rotary Card. Last year we raised approximately \$6000 dollars with little effort. All you have to do is remember to use the card, which is preloaded with shopping dollars, when you are at Kroger. Marilyn has the cards and will be making announcements from time to time on the program. Thank you to the Marilyn and others who stepped forward to volunteer to manage this program.

FROM FRANKLYN MORENO: Final reminder that this week (Oct 2) is the **deadline for the Group Study Exchange** application for Thailand (Feb 24-Mar 24) or Brazil (May 11 – June 11). This is a 4 week all expenses paid trip for in-depth submersion in another culture. 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 them contact me at franklyn.moreno@verizon.net.

FROM JIM HALFERTY: Thanks to everyone who has pitched in 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 placing it in the "Recycled papers" box on their way out. Keep up the good work and continue the effort! 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** that was put together by a rotary district (106) in England/Ireland.

*OLD PLANET EARTH (PRESERVE OUR PLANET EARTH) BY MARIYA RAJPUT
BIRMINGHAM.*

To us, our dear old planet Earth Is full of familiar things: With birds and worms and human beings. Today, now then, as we speak Our wonderful world is dying. Help us to preserve it - please! Get rid of all the air pollution, Dirty water, wasteful war: Start, with us a new revolution!

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 GAIL BILLINGSLEY: Oct 2-4 is the YMCA's 6th **Annual Book Sale**. This year we have over 12,000 books, plus thousands of vintage postcards and LPs. On Friday, doors open at 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m. (1/2 price all day). Come check it out!

Anne Giles Clelland from Handshake 2.0 is offering an executive level **Blogging Class** in response to many of the questions she received after presenting to our Rotary last month. The class will be held in the Conference Room at the YMCA on Monday, October 19, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. **The proceeds will help to fund the Pottery Studio** at the YMCA at Virginia Tech. For more details see online, <http://www.insidevtknowledgeworks.com/2009/09/waiting-for-the-right-time-to-start-that-business-blog-how-about-for-a-good-cause.html>

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER: Attached is the **September District 7570 newsletter** which will be coming out around the 3rd week of the month. It can also be found online at <http://www.directory-online.com/rotary/File/File0.cfm?Type=Newsletter&D=7570>

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

2-Oct Marc Verniel 3-Oct Dick Krull / Brian Wheeler
10-Oct Veronica Arroyave / Fred Meyers
14-Oct Dave Miller
17-Oct Larry Ball / Lee Brown
27-Oct Susan Brown / Mark Mitchell
31-Oct Diane Bostow

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.