

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: October 8, 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:

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)

November 19 – Auction for Local Foundation

November 26 - Thanksgiving No Meeting

FROM T.O. WILLIAMS: There is a **Board meeting** immediately following the regular meeting this week. It is important that all Directors who can be there.

FROM ANN BRACKEN, Chairman of the Youth Exchange Committee: Our club is hosting Berfun Guner! Berfun (pronounced "bar-foon") is our Turkish exchange student. She has been living with Christy Brown since her arrival in the USA on September 8. Berfun has a good foundation of the English language, is improving her speaking and comprehension, and is looking forward to experiencing American life this year. She has never been away from Turkey or her family before, so this is a unique experience for her. Although she graduated from high school in Turkey and has been accepted to the university there (for Fall 2010), Berfun is taking classes at Blacksburg High School this year to improve her English and experience our culture. She will be with us until her flight home on June 23, 2010. Please plan to include Berfun in your family (or other) events: birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, sports, political meetings, etc. There is so much that we can share! There is only one remaining host family opportunity, December through February 2010. Please contact Christy Brown at cbrown@llbrown.net or Ann Bracken at annbracken@aol.com to invite Berfun to events or for information on hosting.

FROM FRED MYERS, Chairman, Local Foundation Committee: The Rotary Club of Blacksburg will hold its **Fall Auction on November 19th**. Proceeds of the Fall Auction benefit our Club's Local Foundation which supports vocational scholarships and many other local causes. So, start planning for this year's Fall Auction by thinking about the auction items you can donate or obtain from local businesses that support our Rotary

Club's activities. Auction items in the past have included: a week at a vacation home on Sunset Beach, NC; airplane rides; gift certificates; gift baskets; National's baseball game tickets; VT football and basketball tickets; hotel packages, and other great items. Also, start thinking about which items you would like to bid. For questions contact me at fmeyers172@aol.com.

FROM JIM HALFERTY, Chairman, Environmental Committee: Thanks to everyone for helping with our recycling effort! To learn more about how to be a more environmentally friendly business, participate in the Town's annual **Sustainability Week** which will take place October 11th - 17th. Events will be held throughout the week on the Virginia Tech campus and throughout the Town of Blacksburg. The events will entertain, educate, and highlight sustainability programs and practices working to build a sustainable campus and town. This includes the **Go Green NRV Workshop** on October 14, 8:30 - 10:00 am. More info is online at <http://www.gogreenrv.com/> or email info@gogreenrv.com. List of events other Sustainability events is online at <http://www.sustainableblacksburg.org/>

OUR WORLD by J W SAMWAYS/ SUTTON COLDFIELD

Our world might be clean and beautiful today
But do we look after it in the right way,
Our lives are too busy trying to surge ahead
Instead of protecting our planet, it is said.

Polluted air and CFC's make us an uncaring race,
With paper, cans and bottles dropped in any place
The rivers and canals blocked with rubbish and dirt
Our fish and birds are in danger of being hurt.

Our homes and gardens we are proud to show
But unless we protect our planet these will go
We must save and recycle, so there is less waste
Plastic and polythene make our world a disgrace.

Green fields and wild flowers must be allowed to grow
The streams and rivers free to flow
Fish in the clear blue sea, clean golden sands
The birds and the animals to enjoy the lands.

So it's up to us all, although it may seem like a dream
Even Sutton Vesey Rotary could all turn 'green'
Heaven forbid, a Rotary Club from "MARS"
As long as they don't drop their wrappers from the bars.

FROM KARIN CLARK, PUBLIC RELATIONS: Vote for Alec! **Valley Business Front Magazine** is doing a "**Best of 2009**" issue. They want to know what your favor cover photo was. Tell them "[July 2009 – Headhunters](#)" with Alec Siegel was the best. Email poll@vbfront.com to vote! Virginia Tech's **homecoming parade** is this Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009 at 9 a.m. The

parade will start at the Old Blacksburg Middle School, come down Main Street to Alumni Mall.

FROM GAIL BILLINGSLEY: 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>

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.

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