



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: October 15, 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:

- October 15 - Seth Greenberg, Head Coach, VT Men's Basketball / **Collecting Food items**
- October 22 - Beth Dunkenberger, Head Coach VT Women's Basketball / **Collecting Food items**
- October 29 - Eric Hallerman, Restoration of Walleyes in the New River
- November 5- David Moore, Smart Beginnings
- November 12 - John Jeffries, Business in the NRV in the 1700s
Interclub Social (5:30 p.m., location Blackstone Grill, formerly Bookbinders, on Peppers Ferry Road)
- November 19 - Auction for Local Foundation
- November 26 - Thanksgiving No Meeting

FROM CHRISTY BROWN: Each October 16th, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations celebrates **World Food Day**, which marks the FAO's founding in 1945. One of the objectives of World Food Day is to heighten public awareness of the problem of hunger in the world. With an estimated increase of 105 million hungry people in 2009, there are now 1.02 billion malnourished people in the world, meaning that almost one sixth of all humanity is suffering from hunger. Our club will be participating in a food drive to **benefit the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program**. You can participate in two ways: **Contribute individually to our club collection on October 15th or October 22nd** and/ or **Sponsor a Food Drive at your place of work**. Following are the requested food pantry items. Help Us Fill the Pantry at Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program

- Complete Dinners-in-a-box (Mac & cheese, Hamburger Helper)
- Canned Meats (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Spam)
- Breakfast Items (Boxes of Cereal, Oatmeal, Pop Tarts, Breakfast Bars)
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Soup
- Crackers
- Dried Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Jam
- Snack bars
- Pop-top lid foods
- No-cook foods
- Boxed drinks
- Boxes & Cans of Milk (non-perishable)
- Spaghetti Sauce & Boxes of Pasta
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Hair care items (Shampoo, Conditioner)
- Combs & Brushes
- Personal hygiene items for women
- Laundry Detergent
- Diapers- ALL sizes!
- Wet-Ones & Diaper Wipes
- Cleaning Supplies
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Deodorant, Soap & Body Wash
- Razors & Shaving Cream (men's & women's)
- Ibuprofen, acetaminophen, aspirin
- Children's ibuprofen & acetaminophen
- band-aids, first-aid & cortisone cream
- adult & children's cold/cough medication (non-pseudoephedrine type)

FROM DAVE HUBBLE, TREASURER: I have sent out **statements for quarterly dues**. I have also sent out Rotary International Sustainer statements and Local Foundation Contributor statements to those who pay these contributions quarterly. If you have not received your statements, please email me at dhubble@verizon.net.

FROM ANN BRACKEN, Chairman Youth Exchange Committee: Berfun Guner (pronounced "bar-foon"), our exchange student from Adana, Turkey, will be **visiting the club this Thursday** for the first time. Berfun has been living with Christy Brown since her arrival in the USA on September

Image of Allison Lee Craft (a friend), Berfun, Jordan Vines (Christy's daughter) at the VT Homecoming Parade.



8. 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. Please plan to include Berfun in your family (or other) events: birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, sports, political meetings, etc. Contact **Christy Brown** (cbrown@lbrown.net) or **Ann Bracken** (annbracken@aol.com) to invite Berfun to events or for information on hosting.

Members, brush up on your Turkish! Another **guest at this weeks' meeting will be Akin Yildiz from Istanbul, Turkey**, a current Virginia Tech student. Akin was a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Wabasha, MN during 2002-2003.

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: This week is the annual **Sustainability Week** throughout Virginia Tech campus and the Town of Blacksburg. The events will entertain, educate, and highlight sustainability programs and practices working to build a sustainable campus and town. 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/>.

FROM KARIN CLARK, PUBLIC RELATIONS: Michael Abraham is developing bios on all of **our past Rotary Presidents**. Peter Thompson is putting these bios online on our Web site Members page at <http://www.blacksburgrotary.org/members.html>. The red stars denote past presidents and they are on a timeline. If you click the star, the bios that are completed (Johnson, McDaniels, Talbott and John Brown) will appear. This project will help us keep our Rotary history alive.

SOME SCIENTISTS SAY
By BEN CHAPMAN, AGED 11 YEARS
SUTION COLDFIELD

Some Scientists say
That our land
All began
With a Big Bang
If we don't treat it
With respect
And continue showing
Such neglect
By cutting down forests
And polluting seas
That Big Bang
Will soon become
A tiny sneeze

Vote for Alec! Valley Business Front Magazine is doing a "**Best of 2009**" issue. Tell them "**July 2009 – Headhunters**" with Alec Siegel was the best. Email poll@vfront.com to vote!

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, www.blacksburgrotary.org. Or, make up at an area club.

AREA 9 -			
Monday	05:30 PM	Christiansburg-Blacksburg	Blacksburg Country Club
Tuesday	06:00 PM	Radford	Sal's Italian Restaurant
Wednesday	07:15 AM	Montgomery County	Holiday Inn - Blacksburg
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Radford (Noon)	Spinnakers, Best Western Radford Inn
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Floyd County	Floyd VFW Post 7854
Thursday	12:00 PM	Blacksburg	Blacksburg Country Club
Thursday	12:00 PM	Giles County	1st: The Bank Restaurant, Pearisburg 2,3,4: Friends & Family Restaurant
Friday	12:00 PM	Christiansburg	Amelia's Restaurant

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