



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: October 22, 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 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 - No Meeting / Thanksgiving
- **December 11-13 - Rotary Youth Leadership Seminar, Inn at VT**

**FROM T.O. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT:** This **Saturday, October 24, is World Polio Day.** Rotary International is celebrating a major milestone in its global fundraising campaign to eradicate polio. Nearly \$100 million has been raised towards the \$200 million challenge.

As part of a \$355 million challenge grant awarded to Rotary by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary clubs worldwide are aiming to raise a total of \$200 million by 2012. The funding will provide critical support to polio eradication activities, including the distribution of a new, more effective polio vaccine that was recently approved for use.



Since 1985, eradicating polio worldwide has been Rotary's top philanthropic goal. In addition to the recent funds raised, Rotary has contributed more than \$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. The disease remains endemic in just four countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- although other countries remain at risk for imported cases.

To raise awareness and funds for the global push to end polio, Rotary clubs worldwide are conducting activities surrounding World Polio Day. In recognition of this event, the *Roanoke Times* will feature an article about Rotary's role in polio eradication, highlighting the efforts of New River Valley Rotary Clubs. Our Assistant Governor, Ernie Bentley, reports that our eight local clubs have pledged \$5,650 for Polio Plus in addition to \$23,375 for The Rotary Foundation this year alone. Our club has pledged \$2000 to Polio Plus and \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Since 2004, the eight [NRV Rotary clubs](http://www.nrvrotary.org) (www.nrvrotary.org) have contributed \$158,800 to the Rotary Foundation. These foundation funds are used for programs in health, education, community development as well as for the **Group Study Exchange program, Ambassadorial Scholars and Community Project grants in our local communities.**

Read your November *The Rotarian* magazine that features polio survivor James DePriest in an article titled "[Maestro, musician, and polio survivor](#)" and includes a message from RI president John Kenney about Rotary's effort to eradicate polio here.

**FROM LESLIE FRANZ, CHAIR YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE:** We are seeking nominations to cover the cost ( \$250 per person) of two students (juniors and/or seniors) from Blacksburg High School to attend the **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Seminar** being held at the Inn at Va Tech on **December 11-13, 2009**. . Nominations are due back to the committee by **November 2**. This is an event that offers a weekend for young people who want to learn more about leadership, leadership skills, and how to effectively use these skills in their daily lives. The seminar provides an atmosphere fostering personal and interpersonal growth and development and gives an opportunity for meaningful exchange of ideas between peers and between generations. It teaches and promotes individual leadership values and examines one's behavior on critical issues. It provides an opportunity to meet new people, share feelings and beliefs.

The **Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Speech Contest** will be held during the Leadership Seminar and is open to all high school students. The Speech Contest is part of Rotary International's continuing effort to promote drug and alcohol abuse prevention. The speech contest is to encourage high school students to: (1) consider the extent and seriousness of the use of mind-modifying drugs including alcohol; (2) learn of current efforts in their community and nation to reduce and prevent drug and alcohol abuse; (3) prepare them to be future leaders in informing their peers of this dangerous problem;

and (4) provide an opportunity to speak out against drugs. We need nominations for area participants for this contest as well by **November 1, 2009**. One finalist is to represent each Rotary Club (or high school) at District Competition. **DISTRICT FINALS:** To be held on **December 11 @ 11:00 a.m.** at the Inn. **DISTRICT AWARDS:** 1st - \$200; 2nd - \$150; 3rd - \$100. The top two District finalists are required to attend the 7570 District Conference on March 20, 2010 at The Homestead Resort, Hot Springs, VA, **This year's topic is "What Must Be Done to Prevent Drug and Alcohol Abuse in the U.S."** Details and nomination forms for the RYLA and the speech contest can be found online at <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/ryls/index.html>. For additional information or to email a nomination, contact Leslie Frantz at [hometown\\_appraisal@msn.com](mailto:hometown_appraisal@msn.com).

**FROM FRED MYERS, CHAIR 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](mailto:fmeyers172@aol.com).

**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](mailto:dhubble@verizon.net).

**FROM JIM HALFERTY, CHAIR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE:** In a follow up to sustainability week, the environmental committee is suggesting that we have our members give a 5 minute **"Green Member Spotlight"** talk about how their company is reducing its carbon footprint by recycling, using Eco-friendly products, etc. If you'd like to talk about what your company is doing, please email me at [jhalferty@egpp.com](mailto:jhalferty@egpp.com) to get on the speaking agenda. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

**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>. This information is in a TimeGlider program with the red stars representing past presidents. If you click the star, the bios that are completed (Reid, Moreno, Johnson, McDaniels, Talbott and Brown) will appear. This project will help us keep our Rotary history alive.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:** Send a birthday wish to you fellow Rotarian.  
If your birthday was missed send a note to: [kclark@lunainnovations.com](mailto: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](http://www.blacksburgrotary.org). Or, make up at an area club. Rotary International District 7570 ([WWW.ROTARY7570.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY7570.ORG)) covers Western Virginia and Northeastern Tennessee.

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THE WORLD'S AT AN END  
CHRISTOPHER MARLOW AGED 14 YEARS  
STOURBRIDGE

Have you seen the state of the ozone?  
Have you staggered through fumes from a van?  
Have you swallowed your pride  
And delved down inside  
Of a river to rescue a can?

Have you stopped using CFC gases?  
Have you written to your local M.P.?  
Does it make your blood boil  
When you see some crude oil  
Being tipped right into the sea?

Are you using re-cycled paper?  
Are you stuck in a giant traffic jam?  
Do you feel very sad  
When the Beef's 'going mad'?  
In short, do you give a damn?

If not, I'll tell you this, my friend,  
If you can't be bothered,

The World's at an End.