



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: October 29, 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?*

PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

- 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 JIM JOHNSON, SECRETARY: Bob Oliver has proposed George Miller, a structural engineer at Oliver, Webb, Papus & Rhudy, for membership. Any objections send to me in writing by Nov. 4 at jjohnso@ntelos.net.

FROM ALEC SIEGEL; MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Many thanks to all who participated in the recent food drive that we hosted in honor of World Food Day. We donated 24 boxes of food and \$225 in funds to our local food pantry at the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program which assists families and individuals in immediate, temporary, and emergency situations. Also remember this week's Marching Virginians "[Hokies for the Hungry](#)" food drive at the Thursday VT game. They hope to collect 66,233 cans of food -- one can from every fan.

FROM SUSAN BROWN: We would like to honor our Rotary veterans on this upcoming **VETERAN'S DAY**. Please send in your photos for a slide show we will run during the Nov 12th lunch. On the photo include the name, year and brief detail about the photo and your service. I need these by November 10 at the latest. I will be collecting the photos at our lunch meetings or you can send digital files to me at titlesearchllc@cox.net.

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 Virginia 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 to be held on **December 11 @ 11:00 a.m.** at the Inn. The District awards are: 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 me at hometown_appraisal@msn.com.

FROM FRED MYERS, CHAIR LOCAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE: The Rotary Club of Blacksburg will hold its **Fall Auction on November 19th**. You should have received a letter in your mail about the auction and the purchase of raffle tickets. Proceeds from the Fall Auction benefit our Club's Local Foundation which supports vocational scholarships and many other local causes. For questions contact me at fmeyers172@aol.com.

FROM ANN BRACKEN, CHAIR YOUTH STUDY EXCHANGE COMMITTEE: **Recipe from Berfun Guner, our Turkish RYE Host Student from Adana, Turkey. Kadayif** - A Turkish sweet dessert cake. We served this with ice cream and the extra nuts sprinkled on top. The recipe is from Berfun's mother, Canan Guner (pronounced "ja'-nen"). It's wonderful!

1 package kadayif dough (shredded phyllo dough) - from the frozen food section, about 450 grams (We found this at "Oasis", the international food market on South Main Street.)
 2 sticks butter, melted
 4 cups water
 2 cups sugar
 1/2 lemon
 About 2 cups pistachios or walnuts, chopped fine
 1 1/2 cups milk, warmed

Line a broiler pan with foil on the bottom and sides, and butter the foil. Make syrup: Boil sugar and water together for 5 minutes. Squeeze a few drops of lemon juice into it. Add the 1/2 lemon to the pot, and simmer/boil until the mixture becomes like a thin syrup. Turn the heat off and remove the 1/2 lemon. Thaw pastry dough as directed on package. Divide into 2 parts and separate the strands gently with fingers. Spread one half of the dough evenly in the broiler pan and press firmly to fit the pan shape. Drizzle 1/2 of the melted butter over it. Sprinkle most of the chopped nuts evenly on top (save some for decorating). Layer the remainder of the kadayif dough over this and press firmly again. Drizzle the rest of the butter on top. Bake in a 350 degree oven until golden brown (about 30 minutes). Remove from the oven and carefully turn the whole dessert cake upside-down in the pan. This takes 2 people! Pour the warm milk evenly over this and let sit for about 45 minutes. Pour the warm syrup evenly over the top, cover loosely, and cool to room temperature. Cut into squares and serve with ice cream or whipped cream.



Berfun making a Turkish dessert at the Bracken's

FROM PAULA ALSTON, CO-CHAIR COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE: Save the dates!! Soon, we will be asking you to sign up to work the **Montgomery County Christmas store**. The dates this year are **Tuesday, December 8 through Saturday, December 12**. They count on us to supply them with lots of manpower, so dust off your Santa cap and get ready. More information and sign-up sheets coming very soon.

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 to get on the speaking agenda. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

FROM FRANKLYN MORENO, CHAIR GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE COMMITTEE: The Brazilian Group Study Exchange Team, from District 4590, will be arriving in time for the District Conference March 19 - 21 2010. They will be visiting our area **Monday, April 5** until they fly home on Saturday, April 10. The Evening Club will serve as primary host and we will be **assisting with some home stays**. There is the female Rotary Team Leader, a male Dentist, a female Journalist, a male English teacher, a male Bank Human Resources person and one to be determined. Homestays include providing bed and breakfast as well as transportation to group collecting locations for the day. Contact me at 381-0119 or franklyn.moreno@verzion.net if you can provide **assistance with homestays or a vocational opportunity.**"

KARIN CLARK, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR: Read the article from last weekend's Current Section of the **Roanoke Times** "Clubs aim to rid the world of polio: Local Rotarians join others across the world today for World Polio Day." It is online at <http://www.roanoke.com/news/nrv/living/wb/223651>.

Congratulations to the following members who were voted to the **Front List for 2009** in **Valley Business Front** magazine: Mary Miller voted Executive FRONTleader and Alec Seigel voted Readers' Choice FRONTcover. Gail Billingsly is also featured in an article about the YMCA of Blacksburg's new recycling program using green bins. A digital copy of the magazine is online at http://www.vbfront.com/VBfront_Nov09/index.html.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH: Send a birthday wish to you fellow Rotarian.

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

THE OZONE (PRESERVE OUR PLANET EARTH) by SHARON WYNTER BIRMINGHAM

The Ozone
 A patch, a hole of danger,
 Disaster and damage because of us
 We did it, we should pay!

Rubbish, cans, faulty pans, plastic rings.
 Pollution from oily tanks.
 Why does the Earth have to suffer this way?
 It's like a bomb Circling the hot sun.
 Time is running out.
 It's going to go with a bang!

People laugh and say
 "Don't listen to them,
 Their talk is garbage,
 A whole lot of rubbish
 But that's why we're in our sorrow
 So deep.

God help us. I pray,
 Don't let us suffer this way.
 I clench a can tight,
 With my first wrapped in aluminium.
 Tick-Tock!
 The Earth bumps and rocks Through space.
 Time is running out.