



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: Nov 12, 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?*

**PROGRAMS & EVENTS: Happy Veteran's Day
and celebrating the fall of the Berlin wall 20 years ago this week!**

- November 12 - John Jeffries, Business in the NRV in the 1700s / **Board meeting follows**
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 3 – TBA
- December 10 – Madrigal Singers
- December 11-13 - Rotary Youth Leadership Seminar, Inn at VT
- December 17 – Ed Weathers, VT English Professor organizing an internship for Professional Writing students
- December 24 & 31 – no meetings
- February 18 – Mardi Gras Event (**SAVE THE DATE**)



FROM T.O. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT: There is a **Board meeting this Thursday** immediately following the meeting. If a director is going to be **absent, he/she should send a representative.**

FROM PAULA ALSTON, CO-CHAIR COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE: The [Montgomery County Christmas Store](#), located at 30 W. Main St in Christiansburg, is an all-volunteer, community-wide, nonprofit organization which assists low-income families in Montgomery County during the Christmas season. Serving families with children is their first priority. The store expects to serve more than 1,500 needy families this year. **Sign-up sheets to work the store** will be on the tables again this week. The dates the store will be open for Shopping Days are: **December 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.** Sign up soon and sign up often! Please list your name, phone number and preferred job on the date and time you would like to work. Indicate time that you have committed with other organizations, too. If you have children, grandkids, or others interested in working the store they must be 18 years of age and have graduated from high school. Our members get attendance make-up credit for the hours that they work whether it is directly for us or another agency. If you need to check calendars and want to call me to volunteer, please call the library at 382-6965 x16 or my cell at 757-651-0338. See more information about the store in the recent article from the *Roanoke Times* <http://www.roanoke.com/news/nrv/wb/225233>.

FROM MARILYN BOWMAN, KROGER GIFT CARD: The total spending for August, September and October was \$26,593.09 which translates into \$1,329.65 for our Rotary Club. Using your Kroger gift card is a lot easier than buying raffle tickets, holding yard sales or club auctions. Everyone in our club uses groceries, prescription drugs and gasoline. Kroger even sells flowers, wine and Hokie products. According to the Roanoke Times many residents of Blacksburg favor tofu and sushi and Kroger sells both. So load your cards and spend for the good of Rotary and its projects. Anyone who needs a card, please contact me at mabbowman@usit.net more details on our Rotary web at http://www.blacksburgrotary.org/proj_cur/kroger.html.

FROM JIM JOHNSON, SECRETARY: Each year, up to 100 Rotary World Peace Fellowships are offered on a competitive basis at six Rotary Centers, which operate in partnership with seven leading universities. Fellows can earn either a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution. I am pleased to announce that **Melanie Moore**, who was sponsored by our club (Christy Brown is her sponsor counselor), has just learned that she has been awarded a **Rotary World Peace Fellowship**. Melanie is the granddaughter of Jim Moore, a past president of this club who passed away several years ago. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and currently lives in Roanoke. Since graduating, Melanie has held a number of humanitarian positions. Her application was submitted to our district Foundation Scholarship committee in June (Gail Billingsley is chair of the District Peace

Scholarship Committee) and was recommended by that committee. Melanie will begin her studies the fall of 2010. She has applied to study in Tokyo but has not been informed of which school she will attend.

Melanie wrote, "I have the deepest gratitude for all involved in the process, and I am honored to be a part of such a dynamic and humanitarian-driven organization." To send Melanie congratulations email melaniemoore@gmail.com

FROM TOMMY LOFLIN, VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: The Vocational Service Committee is seeking nominations for the **Club's 2009 Citizen of the Year Award**. Citizen of the Year nominees must be a non-Rotarian and Montgomery County resident. Selection for the award will be based on the nominee's character, business practices, and lifestyle activities that exemplify the Rotary ideal of – Service Above Self, and the Four Way Test. Please find nomination forms on our club website (www.blacksburgrotary.org). Nomination forms will also be available at each meeting. The **nomination deadline is December 3**, with the Citizen of the Year to be announced in January. if you have questions please contact any member of the Vocational Service Committee or me at TLOflin@hometownbankva.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. Those of you who may have already paid your annual \$100 contribution to the Local Foundation will receive five tickets. If you have not made a prior contribution, you can purchase 5 raffle tickets for \$100 or individually at \$25 each. Proceeds from the Fall Auction benefit our Club's Local Foundation which supports vocational scholarships and many other local causes. **Raffle and auction items are needed for the event**. You can bring the raffle/auction items to Thursday's meeting and give them to me or any other committee member. For questions contact me at fmeyers172@aol.com.

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**."

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

03 November - Randy Leslie
09 November - Mike Drzal
13 November - Bev Walters

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. Rotary International District 7570 (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.

RUBBISH RHYME
JENNIFER WHELAN, AGE 11

Oil pollution fumes from cars,
Why destroy this planet of ours.

People are just not aware,
Why don't they seem to care.

Toxic waste and pollution spills,
Why do we try our best to kill.

Deadly diseases the pollution can
cause,
We just throw it out from our doors.

Future generations I do dread,
Our children, grandchildren will be
dead.

All it takes is a little attention,
Lets promote pollution prevention.