

# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS

December 11, 2008

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Four Way Test:

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## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Dec 11, Maj George McNeill, Highty Tights & Corps Music

Dec 18, Holiday Programs & Paul Harris Fellows

Dec 25, Christmas Holiday, NO MEETING!

Jan 1, New Year's Holiday, NO MEETING!

Jan 8, Walter Hughes, Ghana Water Project

Jan 15, Laura Belleville, Appalachian Trail Conservancy

Jan 22, Rotary Citizen of the Year

Jan 29, Blacksburg Rotary Club's 30th Birthday

Feb 19, Mardi Gras Masquerade

Mar 20-22, 2009, Rotary District Conference

Here is what you missed last last week!

Dec 4, Bill Ellenbogen, The Past, Present, & Future of the Huckleberry Trail

A little bit of history: Here is how the VPI Cadet Band got their name. The name came from a cheer that was invented when the band was housed in Division E, the fifth stairwell of Lane Hall. While waiting for meals, each unit would give up a cheer. The bandsmen were tired of not having a name, and made up a cheer that went: "Highty Tighty, Christ Almighty, who the hell are we? Riff ramm, g\_\_d\_\_\_, we're from Division E." It has since evolved over the years. (Wikipedia)

Major McNeill is the band director of the Highty-Tights. He is a retired member of the United States Army, comes to the Highty Tights after 22 years of military service in the Army Band Program. Upon completion of AIT at the Naval School of Music in 1968, Major McNeill was assigned to the 324th US Army Band, Aberdeen

Proving Grounds, Maryland. In 1975, he was reassigned to the 296th Army Band in Camp Zama, Japan. In 1979, he returned to the US to serve with the First US Army Band, Fort Meade, MD until his retirement in 1990. Major McNeill took over as band director for the Highty-Tighties in 1992 and has overseen the rise of the band in terms of numbers and musical quality.

<http://www.vtcc.vt.edu/Units/HTs/>

Jim Johnson: Buckley Moss has done a print and a poster depicting Rotary at the request of District Governor Tracy Aitcheson. These are for sale with the proceeds benefiting the Rotary Program to eradicate Polio. The order forms will be available the next couple of meetings. For additional information, see Jim Johnson.

Barbara Newton: Help us with the Kroger Gift Card Program! We get 5% back on everything you spend at Kroger. So keep spending! Thanks to those that support this refund drive. Now the rest of us need to help. Please contact me at 230-5255 or Dave Arnold at 961-6534 with any questions.

Karin Clark: "Save the Date!" Come Join Us! Thursday Evening, February 19, 2009, The Rotary Krewe of Blacksburg 2009 Mardi Gras Masquerade. More details will follow.

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 make up form and you're there.

#### December BIRTHDAYS

(If your birthday was missed, we apologize. Send a note to: [bjnewt@comcast.net](mailto:bjnewt@comcast.net) <<mailto:bjnewt@comcast.net>> )

Dec 8	Bill Ellenbogen
Dec 10	Clyde Smythers
Dec 11	Gail Billingsley
Dec 13	Jim Halferty
Dec 17	Steve Schmitt
Dec 21	Alan Cummins
Dec 21	Larry Hincker
Dec 30	Paula Alston
Dec 30	Stan Perkins

Here is our Club website address:

www.blacksburgrotary.org <<http://www.blacksburgrotary.org/>>

Here is a website for more information on our Kroger fundraiser:

<http://www.Rotary7570.org/blacksburg/ourprojects.htm>

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Yours again!!!

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