



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: December 1, 2010
The Rotary Club of Blacksburg, Club #5753
 P.O. Box 770 Blacksburg, VA 24063 / [Christy Brown](#), 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?
 Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

PROGRAMS & EVENTS: December is Family Month: *Family Month nudges Rotary clubs to plan special activities involving family members, including the widowed spouses of Rotarians, and to consider ways to make families central to club life all year long. The month-long observance also encourages reflection on the importance to Rotary's future of its extended family -- partners in service like Rotaractors and Interactors, as well as Rotarians' own family members.*

- Dec 16, Mayor Ron Rordam & Town Manager Mark Verniel, Town of Blacksburg update (we will present a book titled *National Geographic's Great Migrations* by K.M.Kostyal for Marc Verneil and *First Family: Abigail and John Adams* by Joseph J. Ellis for Mayor Ron Rordam)
- Dec 23, Christmas Holiday, NO MEETING
- Dec 30, New Year's Holiday, NO MEETING
- Jan 6, Dr. Lori Blanc, How the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program Changed My Life
- Jan 13, Pat Combs, District Governor and the Paul Harris Fellows
- Jan 20, Roger Ellmore, 4-H Programs in the Region
- Jan 27, Tommy Loflin and the Rotary Citizen of the Year



Craig Meadows gave a great update last week.

FROM CHRISTY BROWN, PRESIDENT: Here are our new board members for the next fiscal year. Help me to thank them in advance and welcome them!

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| President: | Candi Kelly |
| President Elect: | Mark Hamric |
| President nominee: | Paula Alston |
| Past President: | Christy Brown |
| Treasurer: | Dave Hubble |
| Secretary: | Leslie Frantz |
| Asst Secretary: | Jim Johnson |
| Directors: | |
| Club Administration: | Paula Alston |
| Membership: | Chris Belluzzo |
| Local Service: | Jordan Truesdell |
| International Service: | Michael St. Jean |
| Public Relations: | Peter Thompson |

The Rotary International Convention will be held May 22- 25, New Orleans with opportunities to learn more about Rotary, bring home ideas of Rotary service to your Club, network with other Rotarians and do all of this in a wonderful location. Save \$80 by registering on line for the International Convention before midnight Wednesday, December 15. The registration is \$300 but will increase to \$380 on December 16 through March 31st. There will also be a reception for all from District 7570, Monday, May 23rd, 5 - 8 PM at the Hampton Inn Convention Center. See you there!

FROM GREG LEMMOND, COMMUNITY SERVICE: Our club provides comprehensive support to Literacy initiatives both globally and locally. Locally, we are in our second year of supporting Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley. Last year, we renovated and furnished a bookstore that helps fund their operations. This year, with a District Grant in hand, we will be renovating a classroom that will directly enhance student success. One of Literacy Volunteer's major fund-raising projects is a Book Sale held at the New River Valley Mall. Supporting this event is a fine opportunity to serve (and get make-up credit), and here are your opportunities to serve: Books are being sorted on 22nd (from 5:45-8:30 PM) – this is a great time to add more of the joy of service to your holiday spirits. Books will be moved to the NRV Mall on February 9th – this may be your best opportunity for a strong workout before next year's yard sale! The big Sale will be February 10-13th – more details to follow, but please do Save the Date. Thanks for all your continued support.

FROM T. O. WILLIAMS, PAST PRESIDENT: Please take a moment this week and nominate a great volunteer in the NRV for a Leading Lights award. Volunteerism awards are given in community, collegiate, and youth categories. Click here for details: <http://www.nrvleadinglights.org/>

Awardees over the past 20 years:

Pat Cupp / Ward Teel Citizen of the Year
2009 - LaVina & Glenn Tyndall and Sally Bohland
2008- Virginia Tech Rescue Squad
2007- Malvin L. "Pug" Wells
2006- Amy Forsyth-Stevens
2005- Jeanne B. Roper
2004- Douglas M. "Teeter" Robinson, Jr.
2003- Ms. Marylou
2002- Elizabeth A. Obenshain
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2000- Lacy William "Bill" Brown

Montgomery County Citizen of the Year Award
1999- Andy Morikawa & Dr. Basil Gooden
1998- Robert Bennett "Ben" Crawford
1997- Alfred A. Smith
1996- Linda Olin
1995- David Crist
1994- Alice Wills
1993- Dr. Shelly Blumenthal
1992- W. Clinton Graves
1991- Charles A. Johnson & Dr. Robert W. Stockburger
1990- Shelly Roope

FROM JUDY RIDINGER, YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE: Host families are needed in order for us to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program next year. We will need at **least three** families willing to host a student for approximately three months to begin mid August 2011. Exchange students would be high school age but their host family may or may not have children of a similar age or may have no children at all. A host family does not have to be a member of Rotary. A booklet titled a *Guide for Host Families* is available for you to review to help you make this decision. If you or someone you know would be interested in considering this opportunity, please let Peggy Meszaros (Peggy at meszaros@vt.edu) or Judy Ridinger (vtjrr@aol.com) know as soon as possible.

FROM DAVE MILLER: Part time work sought: I have a cadet who is a senior and is seeking a part time job for the spring semester. He is a business management major, a civilian track cadet (non-ROTC) and will apply to VT graduate school with plans to go into secondary education after graduation. He is an outstanding young man and I can recommend him without qualification; he would be an asset to any organization. If you find you have need for a dedicated part time employee, please contact me and I will make the introductions. I can forward his resume on request.

FROM MICHAEL ABRAHAM, SOON TO BE ROTARIAN AT LARGE IN BOLIVIA: Mike is preparing to lead a Group Study Exchange team of four to Bolivia. He has a blog online and it includes a link to his experiences so far. He is preparing! Go to the Weekly Journal and see; [** Learning Spanish: It's no laughing matter!](#)

SNOW POLICY:

We will always follow the lead of the Montgomery County Schools. That means that if Montgomery County cancels school, then we will NOT have our meeting. If Montgomery County decides to delay opening, we WILL have our meeting. So watch the weather forecast and our local school closings. We will also try to send out an email to folks to let you know something.

Here is a local TV station link so you can follow the closings:

<http://www.wdbj7.com/weather/closings/>

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

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 27, Wayne Muhammad
Dec 30, Paula Alston
Dec 30, Stan Perkins
Dec 31, Ed Powell

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 Barbara Newton at bjnewt@comcast.net.