



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & NEWS: Dec. 4, 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:

- December 3 - Dan Foley, fitness trainer owner of [Foley Performance](#) / Exchange Student, Berfun on Turkish traditions
- December 10 – Blacksburg High School Madrigal Singers presenting a program of Holiday Music for members and guests/ Paul Harris Fellows Program
- December 11-13 - Rotary Youth Leadership Seminar, Inn at VT
- December 17 - Ed Weathers, VT English, [Professional Writing](#) Intern Program
- December 24 & 31 - no meetings
- January 7 Charles Warren, Steering Committee Chairperson of [Leading Lights](#) Volunteer Recognition Program
- January 14 - Dr. Rhett Herman, Director of the [Radford University Planetarium](#)
- January 21 - Rotary Citizen of the Year Presentation (Golf Event Committee meeting to follow)
- February 18 – Mardi Gras Event (SAVE THE DATE)
- April 25 – Golf Tournament (SAVE THE DATE)

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: We will be highlighting our new club members over the next few weeks. These bios will be included in our [online club directory](#) along with their contact information.

George Miller resides in Blacksburg, Virginia. He first came to Blacksburg to attend VPI&SU in the fall of 1976. George studied Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Structural Engineering and CO-OP'ed with the Tennessee Valley Authority, graduating in the summer of 1981. After graduation he took a job with Impell Corporation in Atlanta, Georgia. While in Blacksburg, George met Julia Lorraine O'Brien. They wed in December of 1981 after which she transferred to Georgia Tech to complete her studies for a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

George and Julie returned to Blacksburg in 1985; her to work at Volvo-White and him to join the firm of Mills, Oliver & Webb. There he worked under the tutelage of Bob Oliver, receiving his Professional Engineer's License, and becoming a partner in the firm. In 2006 Mills, Oliver & Webb changed its name to OWPR. OWPR is a full service architectural and engineering design firm with design experience in educational, recreational, industrial, commercial and governmental facilities. OWPR has designed projects throughout the commonwealth of Virginia plus parts of North Carolina and West Virginia. George is still actively involved in structural design while overseeing the firm's financial operations.

George and Julie have two daughters. Rebecca and Rachel are both juniors, Rebecca at JMU and Rachel at BHS. The family attends Blacksburg United Methodist Church and is active in the New River Valley Walk to Emmaus Community.

A REMINDER: Christy Brown will be collecting coats for the Christmas Store at our meeting this week. Coats of all types and sizes are needed. These coats should be clean and ready to wear with all closures working. The [Montgomery County Christmas Store](#), "Shopping Days" begin next week December 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

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 LESLIE FRANZ, CHAIR YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE: We have **selected two juniors**, Sarah Dorrell and Caman Skelton, 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. 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.

FROM JIM HALFERTY, CHAIR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE: Recycle those old cell phones! Eastern Montgomery High School (EMHS) has organized a drive for old cell phones. Each phone that gets recycled puts money towards a phone card for a soldier (www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com) to call home while stationed overseas. If you know an EMHS student, give them the phone. If not, drop your old cell phone in the recycle box in the foyer at the Blacksburg County Club and we'll take care of it. You can also circulate this information at your places of work to further make the program a success. Any questions contact me at jhalferty@egpp.com.

FROM ANN BRACKEN, CHAIR YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE: The holiday season is upon us! As you make plans for your family outings and celebrations, please consider inviting Berfun Guner, our 18-year-old exchange student from Adana, Turkey. You can meet Befun at this week's meeting where she will speak briefly about Turkish traditions. The holidays are an excellent time for the sharing of our culture. To include Berfun in your plans, please contact Ann at 951-1180 or annbracken@aol.com.

FROM DEBBIE EWING, CO- CHAIR GOLF EVENT COMMITTEE: SAVE THE DATE, the 2010 Golf Tournament is planned for April 25, 2010. The Golf Committee will meet January 21, 2010, 11:15 a.m. just before our regular meeting to begin planning for the tournament. Snow date will be the following week, Jan. 28, 2010 at 11:15a.m., before our regular Rotary meeting. Any questions email debbieewing@ewingcabinet.com.

FROM FRANKLYN MORENO, CHAIR GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE COMMITTEE: The Rotary Clubs of Christiansburg-Blacksburg and Blacksburg (noon) will be working together to host the **Brazilian GSE Team** which arrives Monday, April 4, 2010 and departs for home on Saturday, April 10, 2010. The team consists of a leader and four members from the Sao Paulo region. Their vocational interests include education (1 member and the team leader), dentistry, journalism, human resources management (organizational psychologist). We are **looking for volunteers to host individual members** of the team, to provide transportation, to help organize and coordinate the vocational day, to plan and coordinate a day at Virginia Tech, and other activities. Please check any of the activities you are interested in helping with below and return to Les Myers, les_myers@msn.com or call 540-230-9376.

I am interested in providing transportation__

I am interested in helping to plan and coordinate a vocational day.____

(Name the vocational interest from those listed above _____)

I am interested in helping arrange other activities _____

Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

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

08 December Bill EllenbogeN
10 December Clyde Smythers
11 December Gail Billingsley,
13 December Jim Halferty,
17 December Steve Schmitt

21 December Alan Cummins & Larry Hincker,
27 December Wayne Muhammad,
30 December Paula Alston & Stan Perkins
31 December Edward 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 Karin Clark at kclark@lunainnovations.com or call 230-5812.