



Blacksburg Rotary Club

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District 7570

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Rotary Clubs of Blacksburg and Christiansburg Combine to Host Bone Marrow Drive

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg (noon club) and the Christiansburg Rotary Club challenged the New River Valley to join the The MatchSM Registry during a bone marrow drive scheduled for during the annual Fork & Cork Festival in May.

Each year, more than 100,000 Americans are diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other diseases that may

require a life-saving bone marrow or stem cell transplant. The Be The MatchSM Registry is the only hope for the 70 percent of patients that need a marrow transplant and do not have a matching donor in their family.

The clubs signed up 104 new donors during the Fork & Cork Festival. The Salem Club was successful in enrolling 165 new registrants.

The Be The MatchSM Registry is one of the largest and most racially and ethnically diverse registry of its kind in the world, with more than 8 million potential donors, however the combination of our increasingly diverse society and the precise matching criteria for transplantation means that more volunteers are always needed. Since its founding in 1987, the registry has facilitated more than 38,000 transplants to give patients a second chance at life.

You can join the national registry by visiting www.bethematch.org and click the join now tab and follow the online instructions.

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