



**Blacksburg
Rotary Club**
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New Memorial in Place at Talbot Park

On Thursday, May 28, 2009 the Rotary Club of Blacksburg rededicated **Talbot Park** with a new memorial stone honoring Dr. Richard B. “Dick” Talbot, a former club president who served from 1993 to 1994. Dick was the founding dean of the Virginia/Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech and a national figure in the field of veterinary medicine, who tragically died in a plane crash on September 8, 1994 near Pittsburgh, PA.



Talbot Park is one of several “pocket parks” designed as a trailside rest stop along the Huckleberry Trail. The park was funded and constructed by the Rotary Club of Blacksburg in cooperation with Virginia Tech and the Town of Blacksburg. In 1999, the park was named in memory of Dick. The Virginia/Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech remains a model of interstate cooperation and innovation today. With three locations (Blacksburg, Leesburg and College Park) and an expansion in the works, the veterinary school has trained more than 200 DVMs and treated more than 1 million animals.



Talbot Park is located about a ¼ mile down the Huckleberry Trail from the Blacksburg Public Library and consists of a new gazebo built by the 2009 Blacksburg High School shop class, several park benches, a variety of ornamental trees and a beautiful, white memorial stone which displays the original inscription.

About the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, VA:



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Rotary International is a global network of community volunteers, an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provides humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Founded in 1905 in Chicago, today there are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members belonging to nearly 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. The Rotary Club of Blacksburg (club #5753) began in 1978 and today consists of over 100 members who meet at noon on most Thursdays at the Blacksburg Country Club. To learn more about the service of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg see its Web site, www.blacksburgrotary.org.

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