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# Rotary



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- February 7 – Coach Szefc, VT Baseball
- February 14 – Citizen of the Year
- February 21 – Membership Drive
- February 28 – The Blacksburg Partnership

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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?



# Coach John Szefc, Virginia Tech Baseball

Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Whit Babcock announced the hiring of Tech's 25th head baseball coach on June 9 and formally introduced John Szefc as the head coach of the baseball program on June 15. The 2019 season will mark his second as the Hokies' head coach.

Szefc (pronounced SHEFF) accepted the position after leading Maryland to three NCAA appearances and a 180-122 (.596) overall record as the Terrapins' head coach. He owns a 392-259-3 (.602) career record in 12 seasons as an NCAA head coach, producing 10 campaigns with 30 or more wins.

In addition to ending a 43-year NCAA tournament drought and becoming the fastest coach to 100 career wins at Maryland, Szefc spent seven seasons (1996-2002) at the helm of the Marist College baseball program, where he led the team to four conference championships, four NCAA Regional appearances and a 212-137-3 (.607) overall mark. Szefc earned Northeastern Conference Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and was the American Baseball Coaches Associate Northeast Region Coach of the Year in 2001.



The first coach in Maryland history to ever take the Terrapins to an NCAA Super Regional, Szefc accomplished the feat twice in 2014 and 2015 as he guided the program to the first two 40-win seasons in school history and claimed Maryland's first two NCAA Regional crowns. Maryland achieved a final No. 14 ranking both seasons, the highest finishes in school history.

He guided the Terrapins to the ACC Tournament final for the first time in 38 years in 2014 and then took Maryland to the Big Ten tournament final in the school's initial season in that conference, winning a program-best 42 games in 2015.

Szefc has coached 102 players that have been drafted or signed professional contracts since 1997, including six selected in the 2017 MLB draft and four in 2018 (including Tech pitchers Connor Coward and Andrew McDonald). Over the last six drafts, 29 of his players have been selected, including the 45th pick of the 2014 draft Jake Stinnett, the highest pick of a Maryland player in almost a decade. He has also helped develop 23 All-Americans, including 10 of the 20 players in Maryland history to earn that distinction.

Szefc and his wife, Barbara, have a daughter, Anna, and two sons, John Michael and Sam.



## ROTARY 2019-2020 THEME ANNOUNCED – ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Rotary International President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney explained his vision for building a stronger Rotary, calling on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership models. Maloney, a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA, unveiled the 2019-20 presidential theme, Rotary Connects the World, to incoming district governors at Rotary’s annual training event, the International Assembly, in San Diego, California, USA, on Monday. “Rotary allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences,” Maloney said. “It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.”



“Through Rotary, we connect to the incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing, forging deep and lasting ties in pursuit of a common goal,” he added. “In this ever more divided world, Rotary connects us all.”

Maloney urged leaders to offer alternative meeting experiences and service opportunities to make it easier for busy professionals and people with many family obligations to serve in leadership roles. “We need to foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with the family, but rather complements it,” Maloney said. “That means taking real, practical steps to change the existing culture: being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level.”



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Lee	Feb 1
Pete Weimerskirch	Feb 1
Mark Woolwine	Feb 7
Franklyn Moreno	Feb 10
Mary Alice Barksdale	Feb 12
Ferne Moschella	Feb 12
Tom Raub	Feb 14
Mike Jones	Feb 17
Dick Bohlin	Feb 20
Harold Hankins	Feb 20
Jerry Robinson	Feb 21
Bennett Teates	Feb 22



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