


# Rotary Club of Blacksburg

## The Bulletin

This Week's Program:  
Committee Day

Rotary   
District 7570  
Club 5753

April 24, 2025 | Environmental Month

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. – Rotary Mission Statement



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(Club 5753)

## Join us for Lunch!

Meets every Thursday at Noon

Blacksburg Country Club

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### About This Week's Meeting

Change in plans for this week! Instead of our regular scheduled programming, we will be having Committee Day! Please come prepared with ideas to discuss with your committees on programs and budget for the next year.

### Announcements

#### Missing Golf Trophy

Can you help us find our long lost Rotary Golf Trophy ? It has not been seen for years and may be sitting forgotten in someone's basement or garage. If you come across it, the club would love to have it back!



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This week's bulletin is sponsored by:

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# Rotary News

## Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)

Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group (ESRAG) assists Rotary clubs, districts and multi-districts in planning, implementing and evaluating service projects, building awareness, and inspiring action. These projects promote environmental sustainability, awareness of climate change, and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to mitigate climate disruption. ESRAG promotes educational resources, initiates dialogue about environmental sustainability, and uses best practices in models and assessments for both projects and daily choices. This work advances the Object of Rotary through positive impacts in all six Areas of Focus.

ESRAG's focus on environmental sustainability offers Rotary the opportunity to provide long-term benefits for people all over the world. We will work to ensure that project investments preserve the ability for the environment to renew itself and continue to support human well-being, thereby supplying life-sustaining benefits to communities.

The need for Rotary to engage more around environmental sustainability was poignantly demonstrated at ESRAG's Inaugural Meeting in Sao Paulo. Rotarians were able to hear first-hand from fellow Rotarians about how the changing climate is already adversely affecting people in their countries. For example:

- Bangladesh – their economy is primarily based on agriculture; climate change is causing more flooding and droughts which are negatively affecting both the economy and food supplies.
- Benin Republic, Africa – droughts are adversely affecting most aspects of village life in Africa.
- Netherlands – significant investments have been and continue to need to be made to create flood defenses.



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## The 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?

## Club Leadership

President: Eric Johnsen  
President-Elect: Bruce Roulstone  
President-Nominee: Larry Hincker  
Secretary: Leslie Jester  
Treasurer: Fred Meyers

## Club Directors

Club: Bruce Roulstone  
Vocational: Jamie McReynolds  
Community: Jim McAlister  
International: John Sutphin  
Youth: Judy Ridinger

## District and Global

RI President: Stephanie Urchick  
District Governor: Bret Hrbek  
Area 9 Governor: Terri Fisher  
District Secretary: Nancy Whitlock  
District Treasurer: Jacob Higginbotham





# Calendar

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	2	3 Noon Meeting  DISTRICT CONFERENCE  Chris Turman	4  DISTRICT CONFERENCE	5  DISTRICT CONFERENCE
6  DISTRICT CONFERENCE	7	8	9	10  Noon Meeting	11	12  Leslie Jester 
13	14  William Flattery 	15 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	16	17  Noon Meeting	18	19
20 	21	22	23	24  Noon Meeting	25  Chris Belluzzo Emily Gibson Candi Kelly 	26
27	28	29	30			

## Upcoming Programs and Events

May 1 – Intuitive Surgical Operations

May 8 – Blacksburg Year in Review at Wong Park

May 15 – Opera Roanoke

May 22 –

May 29 – Club Social at Smithfield Plantation

**Micah's Backpack:** You can help every Tuesday from 6-7pm at St. Michael for packing bags. Our club is committed to delivering bags to school every Thursday or Friday during the school year. Talk to Alec Siegel for more information.

## Need a Make-Up?

### Blacksburg Satellite Club

Corp. Research Center – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 5:30pm

### Montgomery County

Inn at Va. Tech – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:15 AM

### Christiansburg-Blacksburg

Blacksburg C.C. 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Monday 5:30 PM

### Floyd

Floyd Country Store, Wednesday Noon

### Radford

Long Way Brewing, Wednesday Noon

### Salem

Salem Civic Center, Thursday Noon

### Pulaski

Pulaski CC of Thornsprings, Monday 12:15 PM

### Giles

Location varies; please call, Thursday Noon



# 2024-2025 Committee Assignments

## **Club Service – the First Avenue of Service (Director: Bruce Roulstone)**

Program Committee: Chairs: Karim Khan, Franklyn Moreno

Chuck Burress, Mike Burnop, Christy Brown, Franklyn Moreno, Hank Johnson, Chuck Lee, Stephanie Kirkner, Tiffany Couch, Gunin Kiran

Public Image Committee: Chair Chris French

Sergeant at Arms Committee: Chair – Diane Boon

Doug Winstead, Susan Erickson, Hank Johnson, Chris Belluzzo, Terri Lynn Howard, Patrick Moran, Gunin Kiran

Family of Rotary & Special Events: Chair:

David Reemsnyder, Franklyn Moreno, Michael Snyder, Susan Erickson, Christine Smith, Phil Araman, Lisa Landes-Haynes, Alec Siegel, Judy Ridinger

History Committee: Chair

Paula Alston, Steve Cole

## **Vocational Service – the Second Avenue of Service (Director: Jamie McReynolds)**

Membership/ Orientation Committee: Chair – George Miller

David Reemsnyder, John Brown, Bruce Roulstone, Marilyn Bowman, Al Bowman, Franklyn Moreno, Lisa Landes-Haynes, Holly Zimmerman, Larry Hincker, Phil Araman, Tom Ryan, Philo Hall, Fred Meyers

District Conference Committee: Chair –

Paula Alston, Leslie Jester, Eric Johnsen

Vocational Service Committee: Chair – Tommy Loflin

Peter Andreson, Ben Snodgrass, Stan Perkins, Sandy Grant, Phil Araman, Lisa Landes-Haynes, Todd Murray, Mary Biggs, Stephanie Kirkner, Chris Turman

## **Local Service – the Third Avenue of Service (Director: Jim McAlister)**

Community Service Committee: Chair – John Sutphin

Candi Kelly, Paul Murphy, Bernie Bragen, Michelle Brauns, Tiffany Couch, Bill Flattery, Eric Johnsen, Tommy McDearis, Marc Verniel, Brian Wheeler

Environmental Committee: Chair – Michael Abraham

Walter Pirie, Eric Fitchett, Phil Araman, Jeanne Jeffers, Bill Flattery, Jim Halferty, Jamie McReynolds, Marc Verniel

Local Foundation Committee: Chair – Emily Gibson

David Reemsnyder, Jim McAlister, John Brown, John Skelton, Marilyn Bowman, Al Bowman, Philo Hall, Chris French, Jeff Mitchell, Peter Weimerskirch

Yard Sale Committee: Chair – Chris Belluzzo

Ben Snodgrass, Jennifer Sowers, Bruce Roulstone, Terri Lynn Howard, Page Warner, Steve Cole, Jeff Hammel, Mary Biggs, Ben Jackson

Golf Committee: Chair – Paul Murphy

Doug Winstead, Franklyn Moreno, Michael Snyder, Larry Ball, Eric Fitchett, Jason Bye, Terri Lynn Howard, Page Warner, Tommy McDearis, Matt Shortt, Hank Johnson

## **International Service – the Fourth Avenue of Service (Director: John Sutphin)**

Rotary International Foundation Committee: Chair – Mike Jones

David Reemsnyder, Larry Hincker, Lauren Dudley, Chris Turman

World Community Service: Chair - Christy Brown & Jeff Hammel

Walter Pirie, Karim Khan, Lauren Dudley, Jim Halferty, Jamie McReynolds, Matt Shortt, Brian Wheeler

## **New Generations Service – the Fifth Avenue of Service (Director: Judy Ridinger)**

Interact Committee: Chair – Leslie Jester

Paul Murphy, Bernie Bragen

Youth Exchange Committee: Chair –

Christy Brown, Judy Ridinger, Bernie Bragen, Michelle Brauns, Peter Weimerskirch, Mike Hudson

Youth Achievement Committee: Chair – Gunin Kiran

Tommy Loflin, Peter Anderson, Stan Perkins, Phil Araman, Mike Hudson, Alec Siegel, Todd Murray, Judy Ridinger, Stephanie Kirkner, Michelle Brauns

# Rotary

## Club of Blacksburg

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