

Rotary Club of Blacksburg The Bulletin

This Week's Program:
Intuitive Surgical Operations

Rotary 

District 7570

Club 5753

May 1, 2025 | Youth Service 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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Rotary Club of Blacksburg

(Club 5753)

Join us for Lunch!

Meets every Thursday at Noon

Blacksburg Country Club

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About This Week's Meeting

This week, we will have a presentation from Intuitive which produces robotic surgical systems. Intuitive advances minimally invasive care by helping physicians and their teams optimize care delivery to support the best outcomes possible. For nearly three decades we've created products and services born of inspiration and intelligence—from robotic-assisted surgical and bronchoscopy systems to data generation that unlocks the potential to benefit care systems worldwide.

Announcements

About This Week's Speaker

Matt Wolfe is vice president of engineering for the Endoluminal business unit at Intuitive. Wolfe joined the company in 2014 as part of an acquisition of intellectual property related to fiber optic shape sensing from Luna Innovations. During his 14 years at Luna, Wolfe held roles ranging from software engineer to principal engineer to vice president of engineering and manufacturing operations.

Since joining Intuitive, Wolfe has led the team in Blacksburg that has been dedicated to the development, commercialization and manufacture of the components required to sense the shape of the flexible devices utilized by the Ion robotic bronchoscopy system. In recent years, Wolfe has also taken on responsibility for all process engineering teams associated with the Ion product and currently leads a team of 300 people across three Intuitive sites (Blacksburg VA, Sunnyvale CA and Mexicali Mexico).

Wolfe holds degrees in electrical engineering and computer engineering from West Virginia University.

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If you want to know how to solve society's problems, you start out with better public education.

— Michael Bloomberg —

AZ QUOTES

The Bulletin is published weekly by the Public Relations committee. For suggestions, comments, or to add an announcement to the bulletin, send your request to Chris French at chris.french@gmail.com or 347-306-4740 by Tuesday of the week you want the announcement to appear. **Please include "Rotary" in the subject of your email.**



Rotary News

May is Youth Service Month

May is Youth Service Month. Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service. Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities. RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Events range from one-day seminars to weeklong camps.

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries. New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and professionals up to age 30. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project. Let's celebrate our young people!



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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

May 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Noon Meeting	2	3
4 Karim Khan 	5	6 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	7	8 Noon Meeting WONG PARK	9	10
11 	12	13 Satellite Club 5:30 PM	14	15 Noon Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Noon Meeting	23  Marilyn Bowman	24
25	26  MEMORIAL DAY HONORING OUR HEROES	27  Phil Araman	28	29 Club Social	30  Peter Anderson	31  Ben Snodgrass

Upcoming Programs and Events

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 – 1st/3rd Tues 5:30pm

Montgomery County

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

Christiansburg-Blacksburg

Blacksburg C.C. 2nd/4th 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

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