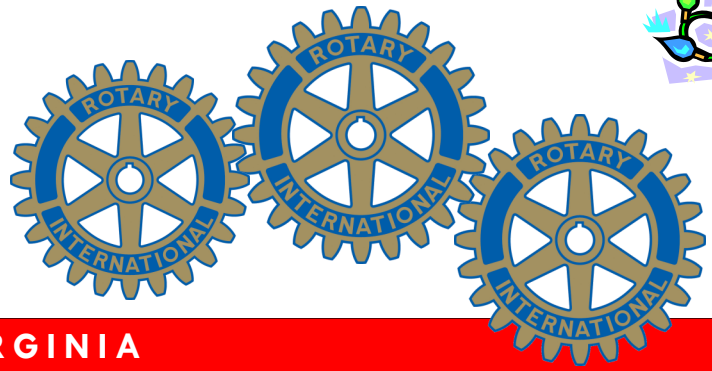




The Hub



ROTARY CLUB OF ASHBURN, VIRGINIA

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Maddie Pelgrim of Maddie's Blankets will speak on Thursday, December 12. Maddie has donated blankets for our Holiday Bag Service Project.

The organization, Maddie's Blankets was started to give animals a comfortable place to sleep at night. I started Maddie's Blankets in 2007 and it became a 501(c)3 was started in 2009. Maddie's Blankets was started to give kids a chance to help out their community and I love animals.

"When I was 10, I was looking for non-profit organizations where I could volunteer. Many of the organizations didn't want me to volunteer because at the time I was too young. I also visited a rescue operation and I realized that often these animals have nothing to sleep on but a thin pillow case. Maddie's Blankets was created to give these animals a soft blanket to sleep on and to give young kids an opportunity to make a difference in their community and be able to immediately see the difference they are making. While originally designed to make animal blankets, I have expanded Maddie's Blankets to make comfort blankets for children in foster care and transitional housing situations." -Maddie Pelgrim (Founder)

"Young kids in foster care are moving from home to home and they rarely have something that comes with them or that is comforting. I think it would be really cool to give these under privileged children a comfort blanket so they have something warm and comforting to take with them no matter where their journey takes them. Young kids that are currently homeless need something to keep them warm during the winter and something soft to sleep on every night." -Maddie

As of March 2011, Maddie's Blankets has made over 8000 blankets in Virginia and other states including NC, MS, GA, CA, and KS. I have worked with Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies, church youth groups and community groups. In the next school year, Maddie's Blankets will be a recognized community service organization at my school.

Over the next two years, three goals I would like to accomplish are:

1. Increase the impact of Maddie's Blankets in other areas of Virginia and meet with local school boards to discuss either giving extra credit for community service or making community service mandatory.
2. Spread Maddie's Blankets to other states including PA, MD, NY, NJ through my friends, family and contacts. I would like to conduct a Maddie's Blankets project in these states.
3. Donate 10,000 blankets to transitional housing, foster, and animal rescue organizations.

From the website: www.maddiesblankets.org



Agenda:

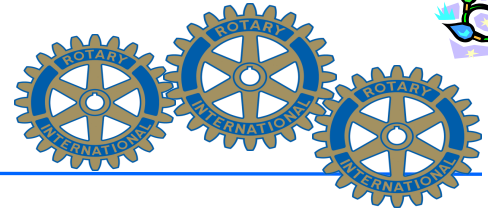
1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Invocation
3. Lunch
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Club Announcements
6. Guest Speaker Presentation
7. Upcoming Events
8. 50:50 Drawing/Happy Talk
9. Four-Way Test
10. Adjourn 1:15 PM

*BOD Meeting — following Club Meeting when scheduled.

The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think say or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"



Quote of the Day

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

- Mark Twain



Reminder!

The Club meeting will be held at:

**Lost Rhino Brewing Co.
21730 Red Rum Drive
Suite 142
Ashburn, VA 20147**

**Work will be done on the
Holiday Bag Service Project.**



Happy Birthday Linda Carducci—December 18!

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Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

**December 12: Meeting at Lost Rhino—
Maddie Pelgrim of Maddie’s Blankets**

December 19: Meeting at Bar Louie

December 26: No meeting.

Weekly Greeter Schedule:

December 12: Salim Saherwala

December 19: Lynde Scheffer



**Note: All Meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be held at
the 1757 Golf Club from 12:00 to 1:15 PM.**