

Rotary Club of Tysons Corner

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Nearby Clubs

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| Monday | 7:30 am | Fair Lakes, Fair Lakes Hyatt |
| | 12:15 pm | Fairfax, American Legion Post 177, Fairfax City |
| | 12:30 pm | Alexandria West, Sheraton across from Steak & Ale |
| | 12:30 pm | Sterling, Logan's Roadhouse |
| Tuesday | 7:30 am | Burke, Brion's Grille |
| | 12:00 pm | McLean, Redeemer Lutheran Church |
| | 12:15 pm | Alexandria, Belle Haven Country Club |
| | 12:30 pm | Rosslyn/Fort Myer, Holiday Inn Westpark |
| Wednesday | 7:30 am | Crystal City/Pentagon, Crystal City Marriott |
| | 7:30 am | Herndon, Amphora Diner |
| | 12:15 pm | Annandale, Squire Rockwell |
| | 12:15 pm | Reston, Hidden Creek County Club |
| | 12:15 pm | Vienna, Marco Polo Restaurant |
| Thursday | 7:30 am | Tysons Corner, Tower Club (8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Vienna) |
| | 12:00 pm | Ashburn, 1757 Golf Club |
| | 12:15 pm | Arlington, La Cote D'or (2201 N. Westmoreland St.) |
| | 12:15 pm | Springfield, J.W. and Friends Restaurant (6531 Backlick Road) |
| | 6:30 pm | Falls Church, Harvest Moon Restaurant |
| Friday | 7:30 am | Bailey's Crossroads, Goodwin House (3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church) |

Tower Talk

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Today's Speaker

Megan Johnston

Northern Virginia Mediation Services

Today we welcome Megan Johnston, executive director of Northern Virginia Mediation Service (NVMS), which is a nonprofit community dispute-resolution center serving the public since 1990.

Megan will describe the process of mediation and explain how this technique can be a valuable alterna-

tive to court proceedings.

Megan is active in the development, management, and customer-service elements of all NVMS programs including those addressing community, neighbor, family, youth, elder, and workplace disputes.

In addition to her NVMS duties, Megan serves as treasurer of the Virginia Association for Community Conflict Resolution. She is a Virginia court-certified mediator and holds a Master's degree in peace and conflict studies from the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland.



Headin' South: Robin Kent describes what it's like to photograph hordes of Monarch butterflies deep in Mexican forests following their migration. See page 3.

Change at the Helm

Immediate Past President Ronnie Chantker will fill the unexpired term of President Denise Dixon-Basil, it was announced April 7.

Denise has requested a one-year leave of absence because of family obligations. "It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as president," Denise wrote the Board. "It is with a heavy heart that I must submit this request."

Ronnie is expected to serve for the remainder of the current Rotary year, which ends June 30. Thereafter, Ingrid Parrish-Hicklin, the Club's current president elect, is scheduled to serve for the 2011-12 Rotary year.

SPRING WINE TASTING GALA

Saturday, April 16, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Habatat Art Gallery
8020 Towers Crescent Dr.

Black Tie Optional * Free Valet Parking
Hors d'Oeuvres * Music * Door Prizes
Wines Donated by The Vineyard, McLean

Admission \$65 – Please Sell Your Tickets!
Win a Week at a Spanish Villa – Tickets \$25
Sponsorships Available – Be a Patron for \$150

NEEDED: Volunteers (See Mary Edwards)
Wine for 'Guzzlers Table' (See Tim Long)

Leadership Training

Online registration is open for the May 14 Club Leadership Training Seminar (District Assembly) at Stafford High School in Falmouth. Early Bird Registration is \$25 until April 24, and then rises to \$35.

Registration includes breakfast and lunch, and informative speakers who will help club officers, directors, chairmen, and members prepare for Rotary Year 2011-12. Register at rotary7610.org.

A Club for Great Falls

Great Falls will soon have its own Rotary club! Starting June 2, the new group will meet Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at the Riverbend Golf & Country Club at 375 Walker Rd.

The club expects to have about 50 members when it is chartered by Rotary International in mid-June. Our own Zaheer Poptani, who is moving to Great Falls this summer, will serve as sergeant-at-arms. The club's website is rotarygreatfalls.org.

Future Speakers

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| Apr 21 | Stephanie Roessler | Genetic Information and Cancer |
| Apr 28 | Ken Kirk | Nat. Assn. of Clean Water Agencies |

The Amazing Migration Of the Monarchs

Members who were expecting only a dazzling display of Robin Kent's photography at our April 7 meeting were treated to much more: a fascinating Mexican travelogue and a lesson in lepidopterology (the study of butterflies).

Robin recounted how he ventured deep into the heartland of Mexico to witness hordes of Monarch butterflies (*Danaus plexippus*) at the culmination of their winter migration south from Canada and the northern United States.

Robin's vivid photographs and video showed thousands of butterflies swarming across roads and roosting in trees as they rested from their two-month journey. In the spring the Monarchs will return north as far as Texas, where they will reproduce and then die, leaving subsequent generations to complete the trip back to their northern homelands.

SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, April 16: Spring Wine Tasting Gala at Habatat Art Gallery, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. See page 2.

Saturday, May 14: Club Leadership Seminar at Stafford High School in Falmouth, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register at rotary7610.org. See page 2.

**Thursday, May 19 to
Wednesday, May 25:** Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. Register at rotary.org.

Thursday Thought:

Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

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| Apr 20 | Marilyn Mitchell | May 25 | Catherine Ahearn |
| Apr 27 | David Talebian | June 1 | Bishnu Poudel |
| May 4 | Marty Shields | June 8 | Mary Edwards |
| May 11 | Bill Keen | June 15 | Tim Long |
| May 18 | Moe Levy | June 22 | Babu Stephen |

Dinner providers should call 703-356-6360 on the Tuesday before delivering dinner on Wednesday and ask the counselor on duty how many persons are expected to be present for the meal at 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna.

www.thealternativehouse.org