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Nearby Clubs

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, Embassy Suites Dulles North (44610 Waxpool Road)
	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)
	7:30 am	Dulles, Dulles Hilton
	12:30 pm	Dunn Loring, J.R.'s Stockyards Inn

Tower Talk

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Today's Speaker

Dr. Dallas Johnson

Lead Differently

This morning we welcome Dr. Dallas Johnson, founder of Lead Differently. This Sterling-based firm provides employee training aimed at improving communication and increasing productivity.

Dr. Johnson will discuss his firm's specialty – building high-performance teams through interactive workshops. He will also touch on his remarkable life's journey, which began in a New Jersey housing project and took him to Columbia University, the University of Virginia, and the Harvard Graduate

School of Education. Along the way he served as superintendent of schools for Williamson County, Tenn., and Fauquier County, Va.

Dr. Johnson is also a sought-after motivational speaker, bringing his humor and energy to topics such as life, leadership, teamwork, and excellence.

Calling his life story "Defying the Odds," Dr. Johnson concludes: "It was the lessons learned in a housing project of New Jersey that got me through college and four major surgeries, and continue to guide me through life."

Pool Party Pictures

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Swingin' Away: Mark Decker, Jr. (left) discusses the efforts of the nonprofit group he chairs, Swing for the Cure, which raises funds for early-stage breast cancer research by sponsoring golf tournaments.

Mark was inspired to create the nonprofit when his wife, Stephanie, was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 29. He addressed the Club on Aug. 12.

Pool Party Provides Perfect Summer Pick-Me-Up



On Saturday, August 7: Rotarians and their relatives enjoyed great food, drink, and fellowship as well as field and water sports at the home of Catherine Ahearn and Brian Mansir. For biology buffs: The bottom left photo is a close-up of a swallowtail butterfly (*Papilio glaucas*) on a butterfly bush (*Buddleia globosa*), which was at poolside.

Future Speakers

Aug 26	Scott Mills	The Rotary Foundation
Sept 2	No Meeting	Tower Club Closed

Congrats on Attendance

Eight members had the distinction of achieving perfect attendance in Rotary Year 2009-10. Those who never missed a beat were:

- Catherine Ahearn
- Ronnie Chantker
- Burt Heacock
- Hunter Herron
- Rick Kaplar
- Bill Keen
- Suzanne McDougall
- Ingrid Parris-Hicklin

You too can achieve this goal! If you miss a Club meeting, you can “make up” by attending a Club Board of Directors meeting, Club social event, or a meeting at another Rotary club. You can also make up online at rotary.org. Give your make-up information to Secretary David Talebian. Strive for 100% attendance!

SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, Aug. 21: Rotary Foundation Seminar, sponsored by District 7610 at North Stafford High School, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details and registration, go to rotary7610.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 25: “End Polio Now Night,” Washington Nationals vs. Chicago Cubs, at Nationals Park, 7:05 p.m. Sponsored by Rotary District 7610.

Thursday, Sept. 2: Tower Club closed for annual maintenance. NO MORNING MEETING.

Thursday Thought:

If the horse you're riding dies, it's too late."

— Dr. Dallas Johnson

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Aug 25	Marty Shields	Sept 29	Mary Edwards
Sept 1	Bill Keen	Oct 6	Tim Long
Sept 8	Moe Levy	Oct 13	George Mushrush
Sept 15	Catherine Ahearn	Oct 20	Burt Heacock
Sept 22	Bish Poudel	Oct 27	Todd Meloy

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