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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, 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)
	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

Andrea Charters Rosetta Stone, Inc.

This morning we welcome our own Andrea Charters, vice president and associate general counsel at Rosetta Stone, Inc., the leading language-learning software company.

Her practice focuses on intellectual property, corporate and commercial law, product launches and international expansion, U.S. securities law, employment law, and litigation management.

Previously, Andrea was assistant general counsel at The Fairchild Corporation, a diversified aerospace and fashion retail company. She was also an associate at three law firms, where, over time, she practiced banking, real estate, securities, and corporate and commercial law.

Andrea was also an adjunct professor at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, where she taught international business transactions and trade.

She is an honors graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School.



Warning Signs: Author John Mumford raises red flags about where the economy and the country are headed at our Feb. 17 meeting. Most of the country's major institutions are not well prepared for the challenges of the 21st century, he said. For more on his views, see page 3.



Dinner Host: Dr. Babu Stephen (left), a Rotarian and frequent visitor shown here with his friend Dr. Bishnu Poudel, has graciously invited Club members and spouses to an Indian dinner at his home on March 12. See details in “Save the Date” on page 3.

Gettysburg in April

Registration is now open for DisCon 2011, District 7610's conference scheduled for April 7–10 in Gettysburg, Pa.

District Governor George “Ron” Marion reports that speakers have been selected and that plans are set for Rotary fellowship, learning, and “just plain fun.” Cost for the full conference is \$215 per person, and jumps to \$250 on March 1. Register at rotary7610.org.

New Orleans in May

What could be better than Mardi Gras in New Orleans? Perhaps only the excitement of a Rotary International convention, which will take place in the Crescent City from May 19 to 25.

The event will feature Mississippi steamboat rides, the legendary French Quarter, the Garden District, Cajun and Creole cuisine, and live jazz – all the fun of Mardi Gras with a Rotary flair.

Details are at rotary.org.

Future Speakers

Mar 3	Bob Chase	No. Va. Transportation Alliance 7600
Mar 10	Alan Chvotkin	Professional Services Council

Going Broke

America is facing three challenges of tsunami magnitude, according to consultant and author John Mumford: (1) huge budget deficits at all levels of government, (2) the baby boomer retirement bubble, and (3) a deficit in leadership.

Mumford, who addressed the Club on Feb. 17, is the author of *Broke: What Every American Business Must Do To Restore Our Financial Stability and Protect Our Future*.

Mumford ranked major social institutions including government, business, academia, and organized religion on their readiness for the 21st century. Business, he found, was the most prepared.

The former Army officer is the founder of The Washington Group Consultants, LLC.

Thursday Thought:

You cannot make someone love you. All you can do is stalk them and hope they panic and give in.

SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, March 12: Indian dinner at home of Dr. Babu Stephen, 5022 Warren St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016, 7 p.m. RSVP to Ingrid Parris-Hicklin by Mar. 7.

Saturday, March 19: Rotary Leadership Institute workshop at NOVA Annandale campus, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thurs. April 7 to Sun. April 10: “DisCon 2011,” District 7610 Conference in Gettysburg, Pa. Register online at the district website: rotary7610.org. See page 2.

Saturday, April 16: Spring Wine Tasting Gala at Habatat Art Gallery (adjacent to Tower Club's building), 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Mar 2	Denise Dixon-Basil	Apr 6	Zaheer Poptani
Mar 9	David Danner	Apr 13	Laurie Kent
Mar 16	Ingrid Parris-Hicklin	Apr 20	Gomathi Nagaraj
Mar 23	Carolyn Stys	Apr 27	David Talebian
Mar 30	Glenn Rounsevell	May 4	Marty Shields

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