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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	Great Falls, Riverbend Golf & Country Club (375 Walker Road)
	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

Rael Nelson James LIFT-DC

Today we welcome Rael Nelson James, executive director of LIFT-DC, an organization dedicated to combating poverty and expanding opportunities for low-income individuals and families.

With three sites in Washington (including a new center serving Ward 8), LIFT-DC is part of a national organization that also runs centers in

Boston, Chicago, New York, and Philadelphia. LIFT volunteers help clients find jobs, housing, childcare, healthcare, and other social services and benefits. Many of the volunteers are students recruited from local universities.

A native Washingtonian, Rael came to LIFT with several years of experience in nonprofit fundraising and grant writing. She also has extensive experience in program management through previous positions with Operation Understanding and the Institute for Educational Leadership.



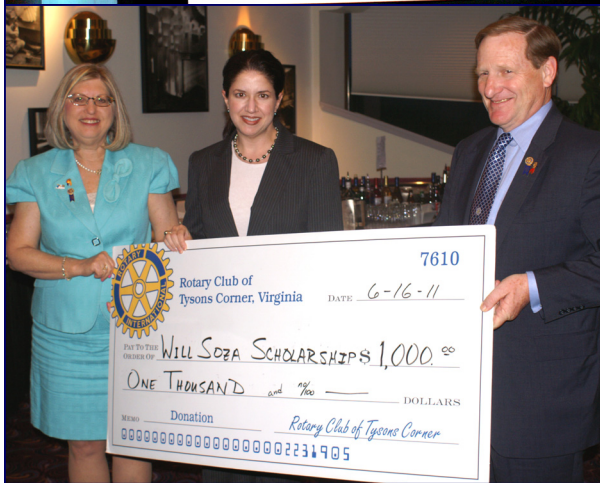
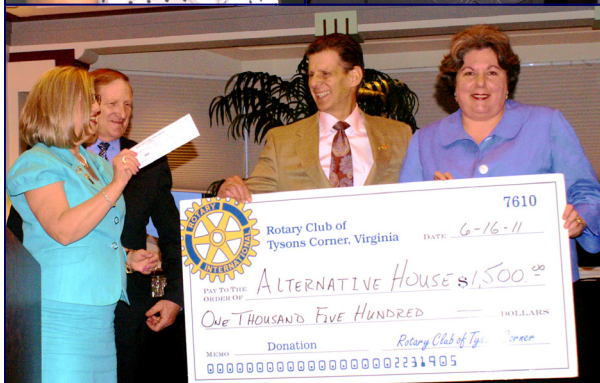
Changing of the Guard: Members of the 2010-2011 Board of Directors (top) smile after being relieved of their duties at the Installation Dinner on June 16. The incoming Board (bottom) is then sworn in by District Governor Elect Jon Allan. More photos on page 2.



Installation Dinner Scenes: Outgoing President Denise Dixon-Basil (top left) reflects on her term, which began in July 2010, during her remarks at the annual Installation Dinner on June 16 at Clyde's. Incoming President Ingrid Parris-Hicklin (top right) sets a positive tone for the year ahead.

Center: RCTC Foundation Chair Ronnie Chantker (left), RCTCF Treasurer David Danner, and Burt Heacock present the "big check" to Gina Cocomello of Alternative House.

Bottom: Ronnie and David unveil the Will Soza Memorial Scholarship, created to honor the memory of charter member Will Soza. Will's daughter Stephanie (center) expressed the gratitude of the Soza family.



Future Speakers

June 30	Rachel DeCosta	Global Water Mutual Fund
July 7	Don Belt	National Geographic

Seeking Heavenly Bodies



Hunter Herron shifted his view from earthly oil fields toward the heavens and presented another fascinating talk June 9 on the search for planets outside our solar system.

Hunter described the Kepler Mission, which is a satellite launched in May 2009 that to date has identified 1,235 potential planets. Kepler data have thus far allowed astronomers to confirm 16 new planets, including four planets that are only two to six times the mass of Earth.

However, among the likely billions of extrasolar planets, the chance of encountering intelligent civilizations is extremely small, Hunter said.

SAVE THE DATE...

Sunday, June 26: District 7610 Awards & Installation Banquet, Fauquier Springs Country Club, Warrenton, Va., reception 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. Register at rotary7610.org by today.

Thursday, July 7: First meeting of Rotary Year 2011-2012 at The Tower Club, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 30: "End Polio Now Night," Washington Nationals vs. New York Mets at Nationals Park in D.C. See Ronnie Chantker.

Thursday Thought:

"Only 500 SEALS served in Vietnam, and I've met all 20,000 of them."

— Steve Robinson, Former SEAL and author of "Unmasking Navy SEAL Imposters"

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

June 29	George Mushrush	Aug 3	Rick Kaplar
July 6	Isabel Kelly	Aug 10	Marshal Hyman
July 13	Burt Heacock	Aug 17	David Burger
July 20	Todd Meloy	Aug 24	Richard Lanier
July 27	Suzanne McDougall	Aug 31	Katherine Barnett

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.

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