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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

Hunter Herron, Ph.D.

The Search for Extrasolar Planets

Our speaker this week is Hunter Herron, who discussed the future of the petroleum industry at our May 12 meeting.

Today, Hunter's topic is the ongoing search for planets outside our own solar system. NASA – in collaboration with several scientific organizations in Western Europe – recently launched a scientific satellite dedi-

cated solely to the search for earth-like planets orbiting other stars.

Hunter is a leader in an informal group of scientists who have developed a series of lectures on the interaction among science, ethics, and public policy regarding such topics as the definition of life, consciousness, the human genome, and global stewardship of the environment.

Hunter holds B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in chemical engineering from Tulane University. He has had a life-long interest in astronomy and paleoanthropology.



"Big Check" for AFDC: RCTC Foundation Chair Ronnie Chantker (left) and Treasurer David Danner present a \$500 donation to Nancy Dezan, executive director of the Alzheimer's Family Day Center, on June 2. At right is Rick Kaplar, the Club's liaison to AFDC.

An Urgent Plea for The Rotary Foundation

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The assistance of every Rotarian in District 7610 is urgently needed today. To get District 7610 back on target to meet this year's Challenge Goal, we ask all Rotarians to make an immediate contribution today of \$100 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund. Please do not delay.

This year, we have not yet met our clubs' very modest goals of \$336,000, leaving us almost \$120,000 short of last year's giving. Currently, we are \$71 per capita short of our Challenge Goal.

Individual Rotarians can make a credit card contribution by

calling 1-866-9ROTARY (866-976-8279), or they can make an online contribution through RI's annual giving portal. Donors also may contribute by mailing a Global Contribution Form or by faxing the credit card contribution form.

Please contribute today so that all of our clubs can serve tomorrow with the financial support of The Rotary Foundation.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Travis White

District Foundation Chair

Scott Mills

Annual Giving Chair

It's Dinner Time!

The Installation Dinner for Ingrid Parris-Hicklin and her team takes place next Thursday, June 16, at Clyde's of Tysons Corner. The reception starts at 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$61 per member or guest with choice of chicken, salmon, or vegetarian. Please RSVP to Marty Shields by June 13.

Remember Will Soza

The RCTC Foundation is seeking contributions to endow the Will Soza Memorial Scholarship. The annual \$1,000 award will benefit college-bound graduates of Woodson Adult High School. A Soza family member will join us at the Installation Dinner June 16. See David Danner to contribute.

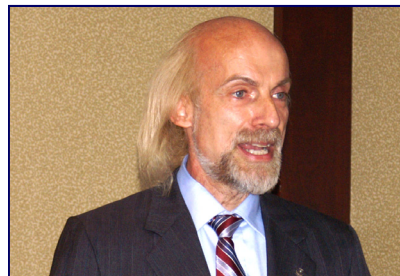
Future Speakers

June 16 Ingrid Parris-Hicklin Installation Dinner (no breakfast meeting)

June 23 Rael Nelson James LIFT-DC

June 30 TBA

The Revolution Is Here



Digital technology has created a media revolution with far-reaching consequences, Rick Kaplar said at our June 2 meeting.

Individuals can now control the subject matter and political slant of news they receive and, thanks to the blogosphere, everyone can be an online "journalist."

Facebook and Twitter have gone from being pleasant diversions to news reporting tools to news shaping tools – as the Middle East uprisings orchestrated via social media showed this spring.

Rick is vice president of The Media Institute in Arlington.

SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, June 11: Meal packing event at Redeemer Lutheran Church in McLean to benefit Stop Hunger Now. Volunteer shifts at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 16: Installation Dinner at Clyde's of Tysons Corner, 6:15 p.m. RSVP to Marty Shields by June 13. **No morning meeting.** See page 2.

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

Thursday Thought:

"I'm writing an unauthorized autobiography."

— Stephen Wright

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

June 15	Tim Long	July 20	Todd Meloy
June 22	Babu Stephen	July 27	Suzanne McDougall
June 29	George Mushrush	Aug 3	Rick Kaplar
July 6	Isabel Kelly	Aug 10	Marshal Hyman
July 13	Burt Heacock	Aug 17	David Burger

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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