

## Rotary Club of Tysons Corner

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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 Dr., 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
	12:00 pm	Dunn Loring-Merrifield, Tower Club (8000 Towers Crescent Dr., Vienna)

# Tower Talk

## The Weekly Journal of the Rotary Club of Tysons Corner

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### Today's Speaker

### Brittany Bennett Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

Today we welcome Brittany Bennett, who has been selected by District 7610 as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar for the 2012-13 academic year.

Brittany will conduct research in the fields of cultural anthropology, law, and human rights at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. She hopes her work will help alleviate poverty and improve education.

Raised by a single father, Brittany earned a Bachelor's degree in government and international politics from George Mason University. One of her career goals is to be an international human rights attorney, and her year in Uganda will enable her to experience a diverse mix of students and cultures that will further this goal.

While at George Mason, Brittany was active in the GMU Rotaract Club. She was sponsored for her Ambassadorial Scholarship by the Rotary Club of Burke. Brittany lives in Gainesville with her father.



**Getting a Preview:** Brittany Bennett visited Uganda in March, prior to her upcoming year as an Ambassadorial Scholar there. Above, she speaks to a curious crowd at an orphanage in Jinja. Her blogsite, [as7610brittanybennett.blogspot.com](http://as7610brittanybennett.blogspot.com), documents her experiences thus far.

## A Fine Time for a Taste of Wine!

*Wine Tasting Fundraiser on April 21 Hits the Spot*



**First row:** Rick Kaplar, with Suzan Hixson, pours wine straight from the event poster. Event chairman Tim Long outlines the evening's activities.

**Second row:** Bill Keen and Marshal Hyman taste the wines for sale from The Vineyard wine shop.

**Third row:** DG Jon Allan with Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Brittany Bennett (see page 1). Richard Lanier with Alice Conway, the evening's outstanding harpist.

### Future Speakers

May 3	Jane Nash	Keeping Fit While Traveling
May 10	Robert Boggs, Ph.D.	Foreign Affairs Analyst
May 17	Dr. Denise Bruner	Women's Health

## French Connection in D.C.



Louise Lamy described the efforts of a Paris-based group to place French students in American homes during summer vacations at our April 19 meeting.

The organization, Loisirs Culturels A l'Etranger (LEC), recruits host families in four U.S. cities including Washington, D.C., the most popular destination. Students coming to the United States have at least two years of English training, Louise said.

Founded in 1972, LEC also places French students in Germany, Spain, and Great Britain.

### SAVE THE DATE...

**Monday, April 30:** Fireside Chat for new and prospective members at McCormick & Schmick Restaurant on Westpark Dr., 5:30 p.m. Contact Mary Edwards.

**Wednesday, May 2:** "Instrumental to Business" networking cocktail hour by McLean Orchestra at Chima Steakhouse (near Tower Club), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 in advance at [mclean-orchestra.org](http://mclean-orchestra.org).

**Saturday, May 19:** District Leadership Training Seminar for incoming officers and directors. Register at [rotary7610.org](http://rotary7610.org).

### Thursday Thought:

Why do they lock gas-station restrooms? Are they afraid someone will break in and clean them?

### Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

May 2	Ronnie Chantker	June 6	Campbell Maloney
May 9	Christoph Roessler	June 13	Brian Mansir
May 16	Duane Dodwell	June 20	Tyra Garlington
May 23	Tony Rounds	June 27	Dick Strean
May 30	James Maloney	July 4	Bill Schipper

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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