

## 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

#### Lynne Bettinger 'Hero Dogs' for Veterans

This morning we welcome Lynne Bettinger, a professional dog trainer and canine enthusiast.

Lynne is a founding board member of Hero Dogs, Inc., a nonprofit group that trains and places service dogs with military veterans wounded while on active duty. She also helps train the Hero Dogs in both basic obedience and specialized service-dog skills.

Lynne teaches obedience classes in Fairfax and Montgomery counties, and is an instructor in the canine certificate program at Kutztown University. She is also an adjunct faculty member at Anne Arundel Community College, and teaches American Red Cross canine first-aid classes.

An Alexandria native, Lynne has six cocker spaniels and a Labrador retriever puppy of her own. She writes for Examiner.com and has also written for various canine publications. She earned degrees from the College of William and Mary and The George Washington University.



**Our Newest Member:** Nathan Winstead (right) is welcomed into the Club by his sponsor, Burt Heacock, at our Jan. 26 meeting. Nathan is vice president of business development for the Bank of Georgetown, and was introduced to the Club by Past President Frank Grace. Nathan is a graduate of Indiana University and is an active "Big Brother" mentor. Welcome, Nathan!



**Charting Our Future:** Marshal Hyman (right foreground) makes a point during a discussion at the fundraising table at the Club Assembly on Jan. 26. President Ingrid Parris-Hicklin announced her goals of increasing fundraising revenue by 10 percent and increasing average meeting attendance to 85 percent by the end of the Rotary year in June.

## Conference in C-Ville

Springtime is a great time to be in Charlottesville – especially when it includes the annual District 7610 Conference!

The conference will take place from March 29 to April 1 at the historic Boar's Head Inn.

The weekend will feature wine-country tasting tours, a rocking 1960s -style sock hop, tours of Jefferson's Monticello, plus opportunities to stroll the University of Virginia campus.

Conference registration is now open on the district website at [rotary7610.org](http://rotary7610.org).

## Rotary Happy Hour

Evo Bistro in McLean will host the Club's next "Rotary on Tap" Happy Hour on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The restaurant faces Route 123 near Chain Bridge Rd.

The event will be the perfect way to fortify yourself for the extra "leap day" that follows. In addition, 25 percent of check totals for orders taken at the bar will go back to our Club.

**Thursday Thought:**  
I didn't say it was your fault.  
I said I was blaming you!

## Future Speakers

Feb 9	Lisa Whetzel	Our Daily Bread
Feb 16	Gayle Mauser	RI Ambassadorial Scholar

## Thank you, Babu!

A dozen members and their guests enjoyed a delightful Indian dinner on Jan. 24 thanks to the hospitality of Babu and Gracy Stephen.



Dignitaries at the Stephen home in Washington included District 7610 Governor Jon Allan and his wife, Mary (pictured). Also attending was the Indian ambassador to the United States, Mrs. Nirupama Rao, a long-time friend of the Stephens.

Unfortunately, special guest P.G. Muraleedharan from India was unable to attend because of a family medical emergency.

## SAVE THE DATE...

**Monday, Feb. 27:** Board of Directors meeting, location TBA, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 28:** "Rotary on Tap" Happy Hour at Evo Bistro, McLean, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. See page 2.

**Thursday, March 1:** District 7610 PETS training starts at Westfields Marriott Hotel, Chantilly.

**Thursday, March 29:** District 7610 Conference starts at Boar's Head Inn, Charlottesville. See page 2.

**Saturday, April 21:** Spring Wine Tasting Gala at Gannett building, McLean. See Tim Long to volunteer.

## Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Feb 8	Tim Long	March 14	Todd Meloy
Feb 15	Babu Stephen	March 21	Suzanne McDougall
Feb 22	George Mushrush	March 28	Rick Kaplar
Feb 29	Isabel Kelly	April 4	Marshal Hyman
March 7	Burt Heacock	April 11	Nathan Winstead

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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