

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

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Today's Speaker

Lisa Whetzel

Our Daily Bread

This morning we welcome Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread, Inc. (ODB), a nonprofit group located at the Fairfax County Courthouse Complex.

Our Daily Bread helps area families who are struggling to make ends meet through programs that offer food, financial assistance, and financial literacy training. It began in

1984 as a homeless shelter that rotated among several churches, and then changed its focus to feeding the homeless.

Lisa was hired in 2005 to launch ODB's Financial Literacy program, which grew to serve 350 persons within three years. As executive director, she has doubled the group's budget and staff.

Lisa grew up as a military dependent, attending 15 schools and living all over the United States and in Europe before graduating from James Madison University.



Digging Deep: David Danner (right) is congratulated by President Ingrid Parris-Hicklin on Jan. 26 for his latest donation to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). David received a Paul Harris pin with two rubies. David is a Rotary "Major Donor" and a member of the Paul Harris Society, whose members pledge to donate at least \$1,000 per year to TRF. See page 3 about TRF's special February offer.

'Hero Dogs' Helping Wounded Veterans



War veterans with physical and emotional wounds are finding new friends with four paws thanks to Hero Dogs, a nonprofit group that trains and places about a dozen dogs per year.

Lynne Bettinger, founding board member and dog trainer, demonstrated the group's work with the help of Labrador retriever Ike (pictured) at our Feb. 2 meeting.

The dogs can help veterans pick up dropped items, turn on lights, open automatic doors, and perform other useful tasks while providing constant companionship.

After learning basic obedience from "puppy trainers," the dogs undergo 200 to 500 hours of specialized service-dog training and then receive additional training with their assigned veterans. Hero Dogs provides the canines to veterans free of charge.

A typical client is a partially deaf veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder, Lynne said.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT: ACES!

Monte Carlo Night in November netted the Club \$14,065, reported Tim Long on Jan. 26. These proceeds will fund the charitable donations and scholarships of the RCTC Foundation in the months ahead. Congrats to Tim and his team of volunteers!

Future Speakers

Feb 16	Gayle Mauser	RI Ambassadorial Scholar
Feb 23	PDG Chuck Davidson	Recognition

Thursday Thought:
Resistance is not futile. It's
voltage divided by current.

Celebrate RI's Birthday!

Rotary International will mark its 107th birthday on Feb. 23 – and you're invited to celebrate by making a donation of \$107 to The Rotary Foundation.

Even if you are making quarterly donations on your Club bill, consider this special birthday gift. It will count toward our Club's contribution goal, and will help guarantee that we receive "Every Rotarian, Every Year" recognition for donations by all members.

You can donate on the RI website, rotary.org. See Rotary Foundation Chair Suzanne McDougall if you need assistance.

GET HAPPY ON FEB. 28

Plan now to attend our "Rotary on Tap" Happy Hour on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Evo Bistro in McLean. The restaurant will donate 25 percent of revenue from bar checks to our Club.

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 box lower left.

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. Register online at rotary7610.org.

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

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Feb 15	Babu Stephen	March 21	David Burger
Feb 22	George Mushrush	March 28	Rick Kaplar
Feb 29	Suzanne McDougall	April 4	Marshal Hyman
March 7	Burt Heacock	April 11	Nathan Winstead
March 14	Todd Meloy	April 18	Richard Lanier

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