

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)
Friday	6:30 pm	Falls Church, Harvest Moon Restaurant
	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

Ingrid Parris-Hicklin Club Assembly

Today it's time for one of those periodic events in the life of the Club where we forego a guest speaker and focus on how we're doing and where we're going: the Club Assembly.

Leading this morning's assembly is President Ingrid Parris-Hicklin, who will offer her assessment of our

Club's performance for the first half of this Rotary year and share her vision of what lies ahead for the second half.

A traditional part of a Club Assembly is an update from the directors of the four Avenues of Service – Community, International, Vocational, and Club – and today should be no exception. In addition, members will have an opportunity to volunteer for specific projects, or to serve on one or more of the four service committees.

Writing Your Memoir Is Easier Than You Think



Past District Governor Ken Shook (left) revealed the secrets of writing an entertaining memoir while sharing a few anecdotes from his own at our Jan. 19 meeting. The Westminster, Md., Rotarian is the author of *Getting Hooked on Memoirs*, in which he recounts memorable times in his life, from delivering newspapers as a boy to holding up a stranger's baby for the pope to bless. The key, he said, is to think small: Write about little episodes you remember, and then group the essays into chapters after you've written 40 or 50 of them.

Sweet-Tooth Time

This Sunday will be a chocolate lover's dream as the McLean Rotary Club hosts the inaugural McLean Chocolate Festival from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

The Jan. 29 festival at the McLean Community Center will feature the specialties of area chocolatiers, and will offer fun and games for the whole family. Admission is only \$1. Go to mcleanchocolatefestival.org for details.

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.

Register for District Conference in Charlottesville

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 at rotary7610.org.

From the Tower...

- Congrats to **Dr. Isabel Kelly** and her husband on the birth of daughter Victoria on Dec. 19!
- A big "thank you" to **Brian Mansir** for becoming the Club's new Treasurer. He joins new Secretary **Tony Rounds**. Kudos to both past presidents!

Snow Policy

If Fairfax County public schools are closed on Thursday mornings due to inclement weather, the Club will not meet. If school openings are only delayed, we will meet at 7:30 a.m. as usual. Check local media for the status of county schools, as members will not be notified directly.

Future Speakers

Feb 2	Lynne Bettinger	"Hero Dogs" for Veterans
Feb 9	Lisa Whetzel	Our Daily Bread
Feb 16	Gayle Mauser	RI Ambassadorial Scholar

Attendance Update

The Club's attendance rate for December was 74 percent. That number was helped considerably by nine members who have had perfect attendance since the start of this Rotary year on July 1:

Ed Beck
Burt Heacock
Hunter Herron
Rick Kaplar
Bill Keen
Richard Lanier
Suzanne McDougall
Ingrid Parris-Hicklin
Glenn Rounsevell

If you miss a meeting, be sure to make up by attending a Club social event or visiting another Rotary club.

Thursday Thought:

A diplomat is someone who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you look forward to the trip.

SAVE THE DATE...

Sunday, Jan. 29: Chocolate Festival at McLean Community Center, 12 noon to 5 p.m. See page 2.

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, 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.

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Feb 1	Mary Edwards	March 7	Burt Heacock
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

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