

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

Dingwall Fleary

Musician and Conductor

This morning we are happy to welcome back one of our former members, Dingwall Fleary, a multi-faceted musician and conductor.

Dingwall currently serves as conductor of both the McLean Symphony and the Reston Community Orchestra.

He has appeared as a guest conductor with the principal orchestras

of St. Louis, Baltimore, Fort Worth, and Buffalo, and at the Finger Lakes Choral Festival in New York.

Dingwall has participated in the Salzburg and Vienna Mozart festivals in Austria, and in 2009 he debuted as guest conductor of the Orchestra of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

However, among this morning's audience, Dingwall is perhaps best remembered for his unique ability to coax Tysons Corner Rotarians into singing spirited renditions of "Happy Birthday to You."



Above and Beyond: Past President Burt Heacock (left) accepts a certificate from The Rotary Foundation on Dec. 22 recognizing him as a Bequest Society member. At right, President Ingrid Parris-Hicklin presents Immediate Past President Ronnie Chantker with a Paul Harris Fellow pin with three sapphires on Dec. 29. Ronnie, along with David Danner and Suzanne McDougall, are members of the Paul Harris Society whose members pledge at least \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation.

New Banner Shows Worldwide Reach of Rotary



Thanks to the handiwork of Marilyn Mitchell (above), Club meetings now feature a new banner displaying the flags of Rotary clubs from around the world. Marilyn, an avid seamstress, took on the task of arranging the small flags and affixing them to the banner – the third, and largest, in the Club’s collection.

Bringing back flags when “making up” at distant clubs, and trading flags with out-of-town visitors to one’s home club, is a custom enjoyed throughout Rotary. The new banner boasts 40 flags from clubs in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa, plus the Caribbean and other locales.

The Club extends a hearty “thank you” to Marilyn for her fine work!

Future Speakers

Jan 12	Robert F. Dorr	Berlin and the Air War
Jan 19	PDG Ken Shook	Getting Hooked on Memories
Jan 26	TBA	
Feb 2	Lynne Bettinger	“Hero Dogs” for Veterans

Poised for Greatness



Mai Abdel-Ghani is going places in the world of medicine. The George Mason University sophomore and RCTC Foundation scholarship recipient outlined her impressive achievements at our Dec. 29 meeting.

Mai already has visited Egypt to study cardiovascular diseases, and has researched genes associated with vitamin D deficiency and bone health.

Last summer Mai “shadowed” an orthopedic surgeon at the George Washington University School of Medicine, where she also mentored the research of four medical students. In addition, Mai found time to co-author four journal articles.

Congratulations, Mary!

By a unanimous vote on Dec. 29, Mary Edwards was elected Club president for Rotary Year 2012-13.

Also elected for the term beginning July 1 were President Elect Tim Long, President Nominee Richard Lanier, Secretary Tony Rounds, Treasurer Brian Mansir, Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Kaplar, and directors Duane Dodwell, Babu Stephen, and Bill Schipper. Congrats to Mary and her team!

Thursday Thought:

“Think big thoughts. Dream big dreams. Pray big prayers.”

— Norman Vincent Peale

SAVE THE DATE...

Monday, Jan. 9: Board of Directors meeting at BB&T Bank, 8200 Greensboro Dr., McLean, 6 p.m. *Note change of venue from last week’s announcement.*

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Jan 11	Moe Levy	Feb 15	Babu Stephen
Jan 18	Catherine Ahearn	Feb 22	George Mushrush
Jan 25	Bishnu Poudel	Feb 29	Isabel Kelly
Feb 1	Mary Edwards	March 7	Burt Heacock
Feb 8	Tim Long	March 14	Todd Meloy

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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