

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 Country 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

Thomas Musa From Eritrea to America

This morning we welcome Thomas Musa, an information technology instructor with several local colleges and universities.

Thomas was born in Eritrea, a country in the Horn of Africa bordered by Sudan, Ethiopia, and the Red Sea. As a child, he was influenced by listening to Voice of

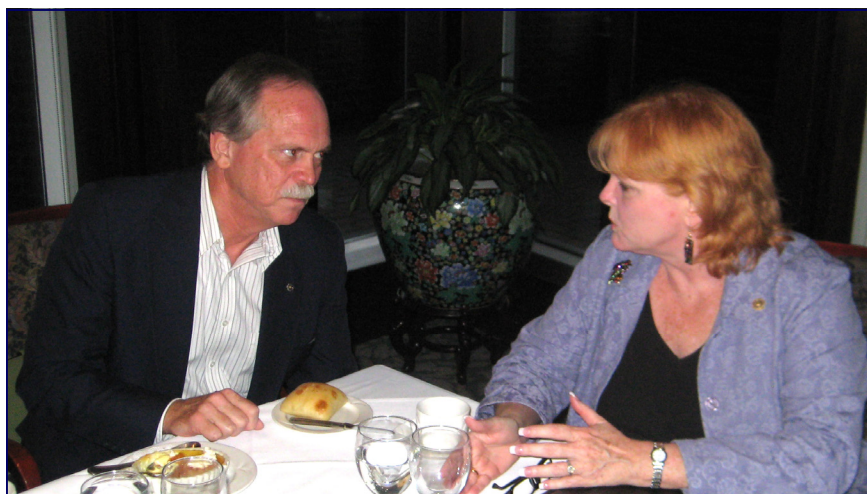
America broadcasts and by reading books donated from the United States.

Thomas will talk about how these early experiences shaped his life, and how he eventually made his way from Africa to a new life in America.

Frequently invaded by Arabian and European countries throughout its history, Eritrea became a colony of Italy in 1890 and then was federated with Ethiopia in 1950. Eritrea became an independent country in 1993.



Travelin' Man: Don Belt, contributing writer for *National Geographic* magazine, describes some of the persons and places he encountered as a foreign correspondent and editor of the magazine over the past three decades. Getting the story hasn't always been easy, he told the Club on July 7. See page 2.



Tuning Up: Assistant District Governor Bettina Lawton and her leadership team (Glenn Yarborough and Vance Zavella) met with the Club's board on July 6 to review Club goals for Rotary Year 2011-12. Above, Club Service Director Richard Lanier confers with ADG Bettina after the dinner meeting at the Tower Club.

Don Belt: Stories From a Storied Career

Calling Don Belt a "globetrotter" is a bit of an understatement. Over the past three decades, Don has traveled to 65 countries in pursuit of stories for *National Geographic* magazine.

On July 7, Don regaled the Club with tales from his journeys to the far corners of the globe and the Middle East in particular.

Don's goal has always been to connect with ordinary people and to tell the unvarnished truth about the

conditions he finds. At times that has meant eluding government "minders" who try to keep foreign journalists on carefully scripted tours, as Don had to do repeatedly in Syria, he said.

Thursday Thought:
Flattery is like chewing gum:
Enjoy it briefly but don't
swallow it.

Future Speakers

July 21	Priya Krishnan	Project Touch (for autism)
July 28	Bettina Lawton	District Governor's Message

Caribbean Conference Slated for Reston

Reston will take on a tropical air next week as it hosts a major regional event aimed at promoting matching grants and partnerships with Rotary clubs in the Caribbean.

The Caribbean Partnership Celebration 2011 will take place at the Sheraton Reston Hotel from Thursday, July 21, to Saturday, July 23. Leaders of Rotary Zones 33 and 34 and representatives of Caribbean Rotary clubs will be available to meet with leaders of mainland Rotary clubs.

The goal, according to conference chair PDG Horace McCormack, is to establish partner relationships with Caribbean clubs, learn how to secure matching grants and other project funding, and learn about needs in Haiti and other Caribbean countries.

Register online (\$135) at the event website, caribbeanpartnership.org.

SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, July 30: "End Polio Now Night," Washington Nationals vs. New York Mets at Nationals Park in D.C., 7:05 p.m. (Tickets still available.) See Ronnie Chantker.

Monday, Aug. 8: Board of Directors meeting, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 1: Fall Backpack Drive sponsored by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Dept. at Fire Station 11 in Alexandria, 8 a.m. Rotarians needed to help stuff 2,000 backpacks with school supplies. See Duane Dodwell.

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

July 20	Todd Meloy	Aug 24	Richard Lanier
July 27	Suzanne McDougall	Aug 31	Katherine Barnett
Aug 3	Rick Kaplar	Sept 7	Ronnie Chantker
Aug 10	Marshal Hyman	Sept 14	Christoph Roessler
Aug 17	David Burger	Sept 21	Duane Dodwell

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