

## 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

## Bettina Lawton

### District 7610 Asst. Governor

This morning we welcome Bettina Lawton, assistant governor (AG) for this region of Rotary District 7610. She is also treasurer and a past president of the Rotary Club of Dunn Loring-Merrifield.

AG Bettina brings greetings from District Governor Jon Allan, and will share with us the theme and goals of Rotary International and

our district for this new Rotary year.

AG Bettina is an attorney specializing in estates and trusts, and also serves as a media coach for political candidates.

AG Bettina hosts the shows "Women Talk Business" and "Virginia Politics" on Fairfax Public Access TV, and is president of the Executive Women's Roundtable.

Our new assistant governor (who replaces Tom "Obie" O'Bryon) met with the Club Board on July 6 to review the Club's plans for the coming year.



**A Touch of Hope:** High school student Priya Krishnan (center) described her efforts to distribute iTouch devices to autistic children at our July 21 meeting. Above, she is flanked by Ann Gibbons (left), executive director of the Autism Speaks foundation, and PDG Bishnu Poudel (right). At far left and right are Priya's father and mother. See page 2.

## Student Gives Autistic Children a Way To Communicate

After giving her autistic cousin an iPod Touch device and seeing the difference it made in his life, Priya Krishnan decided to give that gift of hope to other autistic children. She



*Priya Krishnan, featured speaker at last week's meeting.*

did that by founding Project Touch, an initiative to distribute iTouch devices in particular to autistic children from low-income families.

Priya, who will be a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School this fall, described her efforts at our July 21 meeting. She was accompanied by her parents and by Ann Gibbons, executive director of Autism Speaks.

With the help of Ann's foundation, Priya was able to identify needy autistic children in Virginia. After raising almost \$12,000 and reviewing 150 applications, Priya selected 50 applicants and presented them with iTouches at a special dinner in Richmond this past April.

Priya hopes to expand Project Touch nationally and internationally starting with India, she said.

## Club in Top Third of District for Foundation Giving

Tyson's Corner Rotarians contributed \$9,131 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund in Rotary Year 2010-11, placing the Club 17th out of 54 clubs in District 7610. McLean topped the district at \$31,401.

Tyson's Corner finished in the middle of the pack (23rd) for per cap-

ita giving at \$190.23. Caroline County finished first at \$685.45. The district average was \$203.20.

The Club will gain "Every Rotarian, Every Year" recognition because every member gave something.

Contact RI Foundation Chair Suzanne McDougall to see how you can do more for The Rotary Foundation.

### Future Speakers

Aug. 4	Vance Zavela	PolioPlus and RI Foundation
Aug. 11	TBA	

## Club To Enjoy Hospitality Of Babu and Gracy Stephen

Babu Stephen has graciously offered to host a summer social gathering for the Club at his home in Washington, D.C. The event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 20, starting at 7 p.m.

Many members will remember the dinner hosted by Babu and his wife, Gracy, on March 12 that featured delicious Indian cuisine and showcased their culinary talents. This year's upcoming summer soire promises to be equally memorable.

**Know a Speaker?** Program Chair Richard Lanier is looking for a few good speakers. If you know one – or would like to be one – please contact Richard at [lanierphoto@verizon.net](mailto:lanierphoto@verizon.net).

### Thursday Thought:

When you're thirsty, it's too late to think about digging a well.

### 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.

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

**Saturday, Aug. 20:** Summer social at home of Babu Stephen, 7 p.m. (Story at left.)

**Thursday, Sept. 1:** Fall Backpack Drive sponsored by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Dept. at Fire Station 11 in Alexandria, 8 a.m. See Duane Dodwell.

### Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Aug 3	Rick Kaplar	Sept 7	Ronnie Chantker
Aug 10	Marshal Hyman	Sept 14	Christoph Roessler
Aug 17	David Burger	Sept 21	Duane Dodwell
Aug 24	Richard Lanier	Sept 28	Tony Rounds
Aug 31	Katherine Barnett	Oct 5	James Maloney

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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