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## **Nearby Clubs**

| Monday    | 7:30 am<br>12:15 pm<br>12:30 pm<br>12:30 pm                       | Fair Lakes, Fair Lakes Hyatt Fairfax, American Legion Post 177, Fairfax City Alexandria West, Sheraton across from Steak & Ale Sterling, Logan's Roadhouse   |
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| Tuesday   | 7:30 am<br>12:00 pm<br>12:15 pm<br>12:30 pm                       | Burke, Brion's Grille<br>McLean, Redeemer Lutheran Church<br>Alexandria, Belle Haven Country Club<br>Rosslyn/Fort Myer, Holiday Inn Westpark   |
| Wednesday | 7:30 am<br>7:30 am<br>12:15 pm<br>12:15 pm<br>12:15 pm            | Crystal City/Pentagon, Crystal City Marriott Herndon, Amphora Diner Annandale, Squire Rockwell Reston, Hidden Creek County Club Vienna, Marco Polo Restaurant  |
| Thursday  | 7:30 am<br>7:30 am<br>12:00 pm<br>12:15 pm<br>12:15 pm<br>6:30 pm | Great Falls, Riverbend Golf & Country Club (375 Walker Road) Tysons Corner, Tower Club (8000 Towers Crescent Dr., Vienna) Ashburn, 1757 Golf Club Arlington, La Cote D'or (2201 N. Westmoreland St.) Springfield, J.W. and Friends Restaurant (6531 Backlick Road) Falls Church, Harvest Moon Restaurant |
| Friday    | 7:30 am<br>7:30 am<br>12:00 pm                                    | Bailey's Crossroads, Goodwin House (3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church)<br>Dulles, Dulles Hilton<br>Dunn Loring-Merrifield, Tower Club (8000 Towers Crescent Dr., Vienna)   |



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#### Today's Speaker

# Thekla Pante Rotary Exchange Alumna

This morning we welcome Thekla Pante, who was a Rotary Exchange student from Germany sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tysons Corner in 2002-03.

Thekla attended Langley High School that year while living with several members of our club. Upon returning to her home she completed high school, then earned her Bachelor's degree in occupational therapy in the Netherlands, and is now working toward her Master's degree in public health at the University of Fulda in Germany.

Thekla will speak about ROTEX, an organization that provides comprehensive support to all Rotary Exchange students in District 1900 in Germany. There might be 100 students in the program at any time.



#### New Bequest Society Members:

Top: DG Jon Allan coaxes a smile from Denise Dixon Basil on Feb. 23 while fastening her TRF Bequest Society necklace. Bottom: PDG Chuck Davidson presents recognition materials to Burt Heacock and his wife, Terri. Bequest Society members agree to make a significant donation to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in their estate plans.

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*He's Official:* New member Nathan Winstead (right) happily accepts his permanent Rotary badge from President Ingrid Parris-Hicklin on Feb. 16. Nathan is vice president for business development for the Bank of Georgetown, and was inducted into the Club on Jan. 26.

#### It's Conference Time

Springtime is a great time to be in Charlottesville, especially when the annual District 7610 Conference comes to town!

The conference will take place from March 29 to April 1 at the historic Boar's Head Inn, and will feature winery tours and a 1960s-style sock hop. Conference registration is now open. Go to the district website at rotary7610.org to register.

#### Remember Will Soza

There's still time to recognize Rotary's 107th birthday by making a donation to the Will Soza Memorial Scholarship Fund.

RCTC Foundation Treasurer David Danner reports that we are twothirds of the way toward our endowment goal of \$20,000. If every member writes a check for \$107, we will be 88 percent there! Write your check to the RCTC Foundation today!

## **Future Speakers**

Mar 8 Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu Fairfax County Health Dept.

Mar 15 Fran Kline First Stage

Mar 22 Anthony H. Griffin Fairfax County Executive

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## A Fresh Perspective on The Rotary Foundation

Most Rotarians probably don't know that Rotary has contributed \$1.2 billion to eradicate polio. Or that Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholars Program is the largest privately funded university-level scholarship program in the country.

Past District Governor Chuck Davidson used these and other examples to paint a vivid picture on Feb. 23 of how our donations to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) are used for humanitarian and educational programs around the world.

He stressed that half of members' donations to TRF's Annual Programs Fund are returned to the district after three years to fund district grants for club projects. The interest earned during those three years pays for administrative costs, meaning that 100 percent of donated funds are used for programs.

## SAVE THE DATE...

**Thursday, March 1:** Wine Gala Committee meeting following breakfast meeting at the Tower Club. 8:30 a.m.

**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, Charlottesville. Register online at rotary7610.org.

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

#### Thursday Thought:

I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure.

— Clarence Darrow

## **Dinner Schedule for Alternative House**

| March 7  | Todd Meloy                       | April 11  | Nathan Winstead  |
|----------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| March 14 | Burt Heacock                     | April 18  | Richard Lanier   |
| March 21 | David Burger                     | April 25  | Katherine Barnett  |
| March 28 | Rick Kaplar                      | May 2   | Ronnie Chantker  |
| April 4  | Marshal Hyman                    | May 9   | Christoph Roessler   |
|          | March 14<br>March 21<br>March 28 | March 7 Todd Meloy March 14 Burt Heacock March 21 David Burger March 28 Rick Kaplar April 4 Marshal Hyman | March 14 Burt Heacock April 18 March 21 David Burger April 25 March 28 Rick Kaplar May 2 |

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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