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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

Anthony H. Griffin Fairfax County Executive

Today we are honored to welcome Fairfax County Executive Anthony H. Griffin, who has served as the county's administrative leader since 2000. He has served Fairfax County for 23 years, and is the second-longest serving county executive since the position was created in

1952. Mr. Griffin plans to retire in April.

During his tenure as county executive, Mr. Griffin has carefully managed county resources to address a population that has grown to 1.08 million people, an increased jobs base of 580,000, and the county's general fund budget of \$3.46 billion.

Under his leadership, Fairfax County was named "one of the best-managed jurisdictions in America" by

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Four Sapphires: President Ingrid Parris-Hicklin (left) congratulates Ronnie Chantker after presenting her with a Paul Harris pin with four sapphires on March 15, in recognition of Ronnie's multiple donations to The Rotary Foundation. Ronnie is a member of the Paul Harris Society, whose members pledge to donate at least \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation. Immediate Past President Ronnie currently heads our RCTC Foundation.

Wine Tasting Gala Only Four Weeks Away

Start sharpening your taste buds because the Club's Spring Wine Tasting Gala is only four weeks away.

The fundraiser, slated for Saturday, April 21 at the Gannett building in McLean from 7 to 10 p.m., will feature an array of wines for sampling, a "guzzlers table" offering full glasses, and a selection of heavy hors d'oeuvres.

A highlight of the evening will be the raffle for a week-long vacation in Spain at the villa of Glenn and Ann Rounsevell. The winner will also receive \$1,000 toward airfare.

Admission tickets are \$65 each and are available from Dick Streaan. Sponsorships, ranging from \$150 to \$1,000, are available from Ronnie Chantker.

A Legacy of Service to Fairfax County

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Governing magazine, which also gave the county a No. 1 rating in the Pew Charitable Trust's Government Performance Project.

Fairfax County has consistently received bond ratings of AAA from the three major bond-rating services. Only 23 counties in the United States have received AAA ratings from all three services. The county also has the lowest rate of violent crime in the nation.

Mr. Griffin joined Fairfax County in 1989 as deputy county executive for planning and development. From October 1996 to August 1997, he served as acting county executive.

Previously, Mr. Griffin was city

manager for the City of Falls Church, deputy county manager for Arlington County, and served as a U.S. Marine Corps officer in Vietnam.

"I enter the next phase of my life with mixed emotions. I am excited but uncertain about my future, and I will miss continuing in my current capacity," Mr. Griffin told county employees when he announced his retirement last November.

"Tony Griffin has been an exceptional county executive," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

Mr. Griffin joins us today thanks to President Ingrid Parris-Hicklin, who herself retired from county service last month.

Future Speakers

Mar 29	Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD	Fairfax County Health Dept.
April 5	Sup. John Foust	Dranesville District Update
April 12	TBA	Club's 29th Birthday!

1st Stage Theater Gives Young Actors a Chance



Fran Kline discussed the creation and early successes of 1st Stage Theater, a venue for young professional actors located on Spring Hill Rd., at our March 15 meeting. The theater has become known for its cutting-edge productions. Fran's appearance was made possible by Moe and Sharon Levy.

Thursday Thought:

"I knew I was going to take the wrong train, so I left early."

— attributed to Yogi Berra

SAVE THE DATE...

Thursday, March 29: District 7610 Conference starts at Boar's Head Inn, Charlottesville. Register online at rotary7610.org.

Saturday, April 14: Great Falls Rotary Club Fundraiser: Luncheon & Cooking Demonstration at L'Auberge Chez Francois, 11 a.m. Call Connie Sawtell at 703-757-9500 for details.

Saturday, April 21: Spring Wine Tasting Gala at Gannett building in McLean, 7-10 p.m. See Tim Long to volunteer.

Saturday, May 12: District 7610 Leadership Training Seminar for incoming officers and directors. Details TBA.

GET WELL WISHES

To Todd Meloy, recovering from surgery to repair a fractured femur.

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

March 28	Rick Kaplar	May 2	Ronnie Chantker
April 4	Marshal Hyman	May 9	Christoph Roessler
April 11	Nathan Winstead	May 16	Duane Dodwell
April 18	Richard Lanier	May 23	Tony Rounds
April 25	Katherine Barnett	May 30	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.

www.thealternativehouse.org