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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

## The Weekly Journal of the Rotary Club of Tysons Corner

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### Today's Speaker

### Gloria Addo-Ayensu, M.D. Fairfax County Health Dept.

Today we welcome Gloria Addo-Ayensu, M.D., M.P.H., who is Director of Health for Fairfax County. She provides overall leadership, management, and direction for public health programs in the county and serves as health advisor to county officials.

Dr. Addo-Ayensu is chair of the

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Obesity Prevention Workgroup and the Virginia Department of Health's Minority Health and Health Equity Advisory Committee.

Dr. Addo-Ayensu received her medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine and joined the Fairfax County Health Dept. in 1999.

She is an affiliate professor at the School of Public Policy at George Mason University.



**Welcome Back:** Thekla Pante (right), who joined us as a Rotary Exchange student from Germany in 2002-03, returned to the Club on March 1 with her sister Ria (left) for a happy homecoming. They are staying with Robin and Laurie Kent, who hosted Thekla for part of her exchange year. More about Thekla's ongoing Rotary activities on page 3.

## President Elect Mary Is Already Charting Course

President Elect Mary Edwards is wasting no time charting the course for her year as Club president, which begins July 1.

This past weekend, Mary attended the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Chantilly, the orientation required by Rotary International for all incoming presidents. She already had attended "Pre-PETS" training and started developing her goals for the Club next year.

Last week Mary announced a number of important dates in the months ahead, including:

- May 12: Club Leadership Training

Seminar conducted by District 7610 for incoming Club officers and directors.

- June 21: Installation Dinner at the Tower Club.
- July 11: Board meeting with the assistant governor's team, followed on July 12 by the AG team's presentation at our breakfast meeting.

In addition, Mary planned the successful "Rotary on Tap" happy hour at Evo Bistro in McLean on Feb. 28, and is part of a team working to establish a Rotaract Club for young professionals in Northern Virginia.

## Members in the News

Denise Dixon-Basil, along with Burt Heacock and his wife, Terri, are featured in the March issue of the District 7610 Foundation Newsletter as new members of the The Rotary Foundation's Bequest Society.

They are pictured receiving recognition items from District Rotary Foundation Chair and Past District Governor Chuck Davidson, and current District Governor Jon Allan. Bequest Society members agree to make a significant donation to The Rotary Foundation in their estate plans.

## Charlottesville Beckons

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 tours of local wineries, a 1960s-style sock hop, and opportunities to visit Jefferson's Monticello and to stroll the University of Virginia campus. Conference registration is now open. Go to the district website at [rotary7610.org](http://rotary7610.org) to register.

## Future Speakers

Mar 15	Fran Kline	First Stage
Mar 22	Anthony H. Griffin	Fairfax County Executive
Mar 29	Denise Bruner	Topic TBA
April 5	Sup. John Foust	Dranesville District Update

## Rotary Is Still Part of Thekla's Life in Germany



Thekla Pante didn't forget about Rotary after her year in Northern Virginia as a Rotary Exchange student in 2002-03.

Since then, Thekla has remained active in the ROTEX program in Germany's District 1900, working with inbound, outbound, and "rebound" exchange students from around the world.

Speaking at our March 1 meeting, Thekla described how she has helped plan and serve as tour guide on trips throughout Germany and Europe for Rotary Exchange students.

## SAVE THE DATE...

**Monday, March 12:** Board of Directors meeting, location TBA, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, March 29:** District 7610 Conference starts at Boar's Head Inn, Charlottesville. Register online at [rotary7610.org](http://rotary7610.org).

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

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

## Thursday Thought

**Henry the 8th to his lawyer: "Forget the alimony. I've got a better idea."**

## Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

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
April 11	Nathan Winstead	May 16	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.

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