

Rotary Club of Tysons Corner

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Nearby Clubs

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| Monday | 7:30 am | Alexandria South, IHOP, 7694 Richmond Highway, Alexandria |
| | 12:15 pm | Fairfax, American Legion Post 177, Fairfax City |
| | 12:30 pm | Sterling, Logan's Roadhouse, Sterling |
| Tuesday | 7:30 am | Burke, Brion's Grille, Burke |
| | 11:30 am | Centreville, Eggspectations Restaurant, Chantilly |
| | 12:00 pm | McLean, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Fellowship Hall, McLean |
| | 12:15 pm | Alexandria, Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria |
| Wednesday | 12:30 pm | Rosslyn-Fort Myer, Vantage Point Restaurant at Holiday Inn, Arlington |
| | 7:30 am | Herndon, Amphora Diner Deluxe, Herndon |
| | 7:30 am | Fair Lakes, Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks, Fairfax |
| | 7:30 am | West Springfield, Springfield Golf and Country Club, Springfield |
| | 7:30 am | Crystal City-Pentagon, Crystal City Sports Pub, Arlington |
| | 12:15 pm | Reston, Hidden Creek Country Club, Reston |
| | 12:15 pm | Annandale, Juke Box Diner, Annandale |
| | 12:15 pm | Vienna, Marco Polo Restaurant, Vienna |
| Thursday | 6:45 pm | Mount Vernon, Cedar Knoll Inn on the Potomac, Alexandria |
| | 7:30 am | Great Falls, Riverbend Golf & Country Club, Great Falls |
| | 12:00 pm | Ashburn, 1757 Golf Club, Dulles |
| | 12:15 pm | Arlington, La Cote D'or Restaurant, Arlington |
| | 12:15 pm | Springfield, JW & Friends Restaurant, Springfield |
| | 6:30 pm | Falls Church, Harvest Moon Restaurant, Falls Church |
| Friday | 7:30 am | Bailey's Crossroads, Goodwin House, Falls Church |
| | 7:30 am | Dulles International Airport, Hilton Washington Dulles, Dulles Airport |
| | 12:30 pm | Dunn Loring-Merrifield, Shula's in the Tysons Corner Marriott, Vienna |

Tower Talk

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Today's Speaker

Benjamin G. Davis, Ph.D. University of North America

This morning we welcome Dr. Benjamin G. Davis, chancellor of the University of North America, who will speak about the state of higher education today.

The University of North America is a graduate university offering Master's and doctoral degrees in management, information technology, and computer science and a variety of certification programs in the United States, Hong Kong, and India.

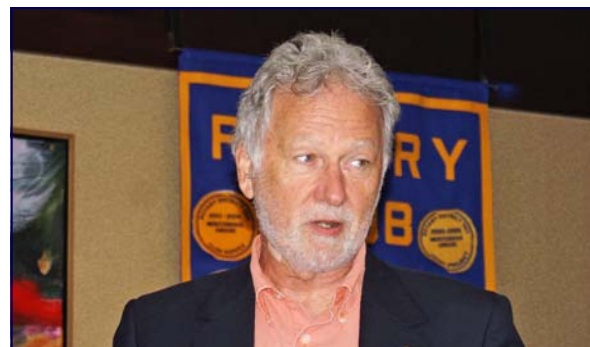
Dr. Davis also holds an appointment as Ecumenical Institute Professor of Moral Theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University, where he has twice been named Dunning Dis-

tinguished Lecturer.

Dr. Davis serves as an Adjunct Professor of Space Studies at the American Public University System. He also is the author of the long-running column "On Religion" published weekly in three newspapers.

An engineer by training, Dr. Davis left General Motors and shifted careers, serving with various humanitarian, religious, and educational institutions. In the academic world, he has held positions with the University of Phoenix, University of Northern Virginia, Potomac College, and Baltimore International College.

A self-described "perpetual student," Dr. Davis holds nine academic degrees, including two doctorates. He is a prolific author with two textbooks and more than 80 works to his credit.



Chinese Intrigue:

Tim Long, speaking on Aug. 9, explains the implications of a murder trial in China that has derailed the ambitions of a major political figure. See story on page 2.

Murder With a Twist

Our resident China expert Tim Long painted a fascinating picture of the political in-fighting behind the trial of a prominent Chinese official's wife accused of poisoning a British businessman. In his Aug. 9 talk, Tim explained that the trial of Gu Kailai is really an attempt by the political foes of her husband, Bo Xilai, to keep the recently ousted leader out of power.

[Editors' note: Gu was found guilty, as expected, in an eight-hour trial on Aug. 9. Sentencing will follow.]

Be a Backpacker

Plan to help Fairfax County firefighters stuff backpacks with school supplies for needy kids on Thursday, Aug. 30. The annual event will take place at Penn Daw Fire Station No. 11, 6624 Hulvey Terrace, Alexandria, starting at 8:30 a.m. Fortunately, there is no Rotary breakfast meeting that morning.

Thursday Thought:

"It is better to have a permanent income than to be fascinating."

— Oscar Wilde



Working It: Ingrid Parris-Hicklin shows how to reach every corner of the audience on June 14 as she describes her adventures at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok last May.

Future Speakers

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| Aug 23 | Christopher Fay | Homelessness in No. Va. |
| Aug 30 | No Meeting | Tower Club Closed |
| Sep 6 | PDG Horace McCormack | Caribbean Partnership |
| Sep 13 | Richard L. Wagner, Ph.D. | Confirming the Higgs Boson |

Home Sweet Home

Ed Beck was glad to get home to his condo in Arlington on July 27 after two months in hospitals and rehab facilities following his serious neck injury on Memorial Day.



Ed is pictured at his front door on Aug. 8 with Gucci, who muddled through Ed's extended absence with the help of friends.

Ed was able to shed his neck brace on Aug. 7 but remains homebound for awhile. He welcomes calls at 703-217-6993.

SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, Aug. 18: Washington Nationals game at Nationals Park in D.C. to benefit Polio Plus, 7 p.m. See Suzanne McDougall for ticket information.

Wednesday, Aug. 22: Board of Directors meeting, BB&T Bank, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 30: Firefighters' Backpack Drive, Fire Station 11, Alexandria, 8:30 a.m. Tower Club closed, no meeting.

Saturday, Sept. 15: District Training Seminar to learn new RI grant process. Details to follow.

Sunday, Sept. 30: RCTC Walk for Water at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston, to benefit the District 7610 Water Alliance project. Register at smartruns.com/7610-Walk-For-Water/Home.asp.

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

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| Aug 22 | Moe Levy | Sep 26 | Babu Stephen |
| Aug 29 | Catherine Ahearn | Oct 3 | George Mushrush |
| Sep 5 | Bish Poudel | Oct 10 | Burt Heacock |
| Sep 12 | Mary Edwards | Oct 17 | Todd Meloy |
| Sep 19 | Tim Long | Oct 24 | Suzanne McDougall |

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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