

Rotary Club of Tysons Corner

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Nearby Clubs

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
Friday	6:30 pm	Falls Church, Harvest Moon Restaurant, Falls Church
	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

Jerome La Pittus, Ph.D.

International Economist

Today we welcome Dr. Jerome La Pittus, an international economist and consultant. His presentation is titled "Thank God for Ben Bernanke."

Dr. La Pittus has taught economics at Cornell and UCLA. As a senior Foreign Service officer, he worked in Egypt, Honduras, and Peru. He also served with the In-

ternational Monetary Fund in Singapore and Haiti.

Dr. La Pittus has special expertise in macroeconomic stabilization and structural reform programs in Latin America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

Currently, he is interested in treating applied macroeconomic policy as a computer game played out over time by major economic agents (e.g., households, producers, governments), and determining the gainers and losers and why.

Tony Rounds arranged Dr. La Pittus's visit.



Seeing Red: President Mary Edwards presents a Paul Harris pin with three rubies to Past President David Danner on Jan. 17, signifying David's substantial gifts to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). As a member of the Paul Harris Society, David pledges to donate at least \$1,000 annually to TRF.

New Members Bring New Career Fields to Club



Gray Mosby

Wine aficionado Gray Mosby says he leads a “charmed existence.” What else can you call it when you get to drink wine with people you enjoy?

Gray is regional sales manager for a wine distributor in Sterling called Great Legs, which specializes in wines from family-owned wineries in California. In his classification talk on Jan. 17, Gray described how he developed an interest in wine when, like any good liberal arts major, he worked as a bartender.

Gray learned the wine business “on the job” at Sutton Place Gourmet in Washington, where he got to sample an astounding 300 to 500 wines per week – for four years!



David Young

Coast Guard veteran David Young took a different career path, which he outlined after Gray spoke. Dave put in two years of sea duty and later became a search-and-rescue pilot. After retiring from the Coast Guard, he worked for Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. and British Aerospace.

For the last 20 years, Dave has been in the printing business, and five years ago he became an “Allegra” franchise owner. Today his business, Allegra of Tysons Corner, provides a range of services that include design, printing, mailing, and signs. He added engraving and awards 15 months ago when he bought Todd Meloy’s business.

Future Speakers

Jan 31	Vance Zavela	PolioPlus Update
Feb 14	Joy Hayes	Ethical Decision Making
Feb 28	Huong Van Daniel Edgell	Classification Talks

Wizards and District 7610 Plan ‘End Polio Now’ Night

The Washington Wizards are hosting an “End Polio Now” Night with Rotary District 7610 on Saturday, March 16. The game versus the Phoenix Suns is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Verizon Center in Washington.

Tickets for the game are \$43 in the Club Level and \$30 in the Upper Level. Eight dollars from each ticket will be donated to The Rotary Foundation’s PolioPlus program.

Rotary clubs will have one opportunity to purchase a block of seats by contacting Group Sales Manager Ralph Wong at 202-527-7537. Tickets for individual Rotarians and others can be purchased through the Wizards website by using promo code “endpolio.”

For more information, please contact Vance Zavela at vance.zavela@verizon.net.

SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, March 16: Washington Wizards “End Polio Now” Night vs. Phoenix Suns at Verizon Center, 7 p.m. (See story at left.)

April 25–28: Multi-District Conference, “DISCON on the Potomac, 2013,” at Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Arlington. Register at rotary7610.org. Rates go up after Jan. 31.

Thursday Thought:

“Casino owners drive Bentleys; habitual gamblers take the bus.”

— **Kent Greenfield**
The Myth of Choice,
Yale University Press, 2011

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Jan 30	Michael San Juan	Mar 6	Ross Anderson
Feb 6	David Young	Mar 13	David Danner
Feb 13	Daniel Edgell	Mar 20	Ingrid Parris-Hicklin
Feb 20	Dick Streaan	Mar 27	Glenn Rounsevell
Feb 27	Bill Schipper	Apr 3	Laurie Kent

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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