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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

Ardell Fleeson Changes at Tysons Corner

Today we welcome Ardell Fleeson, an associate with commercial real estate group CBRE. Ardell will discuss the changing face of Tysons Corner, complementing the presentations by developer Tasso Flocos on Feb. 21 and CBRE colleague Marianne Swearingen on March 7.

Ardell's career in sales, business development, and sales man-

agement spans three decades in the Northern Virginia market. She has held management positions with Appian, Human Capital Advisors, ITT, and Graphnet. Some of us will remember Ardell as membership director of the Tower Club, a post she held for 13 years.

Ardell speaks nationally and internationally on networking and American business practices. Speaking venues have included Oxford University, the University of London, three universities in Delhi, and the University of Kent in Brussels.

Looking Up:

Professor Stephen S. Fuller of George Mason's Center for Regional Analysis shares some hopeful statistics about the regional and national economies on March 14. He reminded us that the recovery has been going on for 44 months. See story on page 3.



Wine Experts Slated

The Spring Wine Tasting Gala on May 4 will feature a host of highly respected wine experts, thanks to Gray Mosby.

Gray is lining up a cast of notables that will include Barry Waitte, owner of Tamber Bay Vineyard and Winery in Napa Valley; Michael Asattato, owner of Roche Mere Selections (a French wine importer) and former Bordeaux winemaker; and Allan Delmare, part owner and director of sales for Rappahannock Cellars in Huntly, Va.

These experts will make this year's event the most interesting ever – and Gray says he's still looking for more!

DISCON 2013 in April

The upcoming Rotary District Conference, "DISCON on the Potomac, 2013," will take place at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Arlington from April 25 to April 28. Districts 7610, 7620, and 7630 will participate. Register today at rotary7610.org.

Future Speakers

Mar 28	Hon. Thomas E. Davis	Gridlock in Washington
April 4	Special Celebration	RCTC 30th Anniversary!
April 11	Club Assembly	Wine Tasting Update

Your Donations Count!

At every meeting you can contribute to three good causes:

One-third of the weekly raffle money goes to the RCTC Foundation to fund the Will Soza Memorial Scholarship.

Your loose change in the basket supports the Sabin Institute's Neglected Tropical Diseases program.

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June Dinner at Wildfire

This year's Installation Dinner will feature a new venue: the 1940s dinner club atmosphere of Wildfire Restaurant, located on the third level of Tysons Galleria. The event is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, June 13.

Huong Van, the Club's incoming Chair of Administration, secured the elegant location and will coordinate the dinner at which Tim Long will be installed to succeed Mary Edwards as president.

Poised for Growth

Companies are now right-sized, every sector has come into alignment, and the economy is ready to grow. That was the upbeat assessment from Prof. Stephen Fuller of George Mason University at our March 14 meeting.

The Washington area has already felt the impact of sequestration as government contractors have finished downsizing or shifting to commercial work, he said. With leading indicators on the rise and consumer confidence up, the economic outlook seems promising if not downright rosy, in Prof. Fuller's view!

Thursday Thought:

Running people down is a bad habit, whether you are a gossip or a motorist.

SAVE THE DATE...

Monday, March 25: Board of Directors meeting, Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27: Wine Tasting Committee meeting via conference call, 7 p.m. Dial 213-493-0441, passcode 40952.

April 25–28: Multi-District Conference at Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel. (Story on page 2.)

Saturday, May 4: Spring Wine Tasting Gala at Gannett building, McLean, 7 p.m. (Story on page 2.)

Thursday, June 13: Installation Dinner for 2013-14 officers and chairs at Wildfire Restaurant, Tysons Galleria. (Story on page 2.)

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Mar 27	Glenn Rounsevell	May 1	Mary Edwards
Apr 3	Laurie Kent	May 8	Tim Long
Apr 10	Bill Keen	May 15	Babu Stephen
Apr 17	Moe Levy	May 22	George Mushrush
Apr 24	Catherine Ahearn	May 29	Isabel Kelly

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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