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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 |
| | 12:30 pm | Rosslyn-Fort Myer, Vantage Point Restaurant at Holiday Inn, Arlington |
| Wednesday | 7:30 am | Herndon, Amphora Diner Deluxe, Herndon |
| | 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 |
| | 6:45 pm | Mount Vernon, Cedar Knoll Inn on the Potomac, Alexandria |
| Thursday | 7:30 am | Great Falls, River Bend 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

Bill Brockhouse

Climate Reality Project

This morning we welcome John W. "Bill" Brockhouse, Jr., who will discuss the work of the Climate Reality Project, a nonprofit group founded and chaired by Al Gore.

Mr. Brockhouse is retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture where he worked as an agricultural economist for 25 years, specializing

in cooperative development. Some of his current activities include volunteering for the Virginia chapter of the Sierra Club and the Citizens Climate Lobby.

Mr. Brockhouse holds a B.S. in business administration from Illinois State University and an M.S. in agricultural economics from the University of Kentucky. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay, where he worked with cotton marketing cooperatives. He lives in Alexandria.



We Did It:

Rotary Foundation Chair Ronnie Chantker (right) presents a banner to President Tim Long on Dec. 5 signifying that the Club earned the Foundation's "Every Rotarian Every Year" award for 2012-13. The Club gained added distinction because the average donation per member was over \$100.

Alzheimer's Event

The Alzheimer's Family Day Center will conduct a "Snapshot" event for Tysons Corner Rotarians this morning at 9:30 a.m.

The event will feature an introduction by Executive Director Joel Bednoski, a brief tour of the facility, a chance for Q&A, and light refreshments. The purpose is purely informational – no donation is expected. AFDC has long been supported by our RCTC Foundation.

The Center is located at 2812 Old Lee Highway, off Route 29 in Fairfax.

Holiday Treat

Mark your calendar now for next Thursday, Dec. 19, and get ready to enjoy the Club's annual Holiday Breakfast. This event is always a favorite with a special menu, music, caroling, and the presentation of checks to local charities we support.

Rumor has it that there might be a surprise visit by a jolly old elf from the North Pole.

Don't miss this much-anticipated celebration! See Huong Van to reserve your spot. Members are invited to bring family and friends.

Bell Ringing Time

Our volunteer bell ringers will help the Salvation Army this Saturday, Dec. 14, outside Macy's at Tysons Galleria. Community Service Director Michael San Juan still has some one-hour afternoon shifts available.

Sign up today and be a part of this Club tradition!

Wizards Fight Polio

The Washington Wizards are hosting the second End Polio Now Night with Rotary District 7610 on Feb. 22, 2014. The game versus the New Orleans Pelicans is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Verizon Center.

Details are on the District 7610 website at rotary7610.org.

Future Speakers

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| Dec 19 | Santa & Friends | Holiday Breakfast |
| Dec 26 | RCTC Members | Fun & Fellowship |
| Jan 2 | Annette Jahnel | Driving Around the World |
| Jan 9 | Dan Buuck | Home Builders' Outlook |

Chinese Intrigue

The Chinese are known for incremental improvements in technology rather than startling new breakthroughs, according to China experts Anna Puglisi and William Hannas, who spoke on Dec. 5. The Chinese language itself might be a factor, because learning Chinese does not develop the brain's abstract thinking capacity to the same degree as learning English by breaking words into syllables, they said.

Give Generously!

At every Tysons Corner breakfast meeting you can help 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 District 7610 Strategic Water Alliance projects in Zambia. Your Happy Talk dollars help eradicate polio through PolioPlus.

SAVE THE DATE...

Today, Dec. 12: Alzheimer's Family Day Center "Snapshot" at AFDC, 2812 Old Lee Hwy, Suite 210, Fairfax, VA 22031, 9:30 a.m. See page 2.

Saturday, Dec. 14: Salvation Army bell ringing, Macy's at Tysons Galleria, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. See page 2.

Thursday, Dec. 19: Holiday Breakfast at the Tower Club, 7:30 a.m. See page 2.

Thursday Thought:

"Do not judge me by my successes; judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

— Nelson Mandela

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

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| Dec 18 | Tim Long | Jan 22 | Suzanne McDougall |
| Dec 25 | Babu Stephen | Jan 29 | Rick Kaplar |
| Jan 1 | George Mushrush | Feb 5 | Will Bailey |
| Jan 8 | Isabel Kelly | Feb 12 | Marshal Hyman |
| Jan 15 | Burt Heacock | Feb 19 | Richard Lanier |

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 www.thealternativehouse.org