

## 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
	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

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

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### Today's Speaker:

#### Dan Buuck National Association Of Home Builders

This morning we welcome Dan Buuck, building codes specialist and program manager for the National Association of Home Builders. He will give us an overview of today's housing market and where it's heading.

Dan tracks and analyzes building codes and industry standards. His areas of expertise are accessibility, plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, and related green codes. He has worked in the area of building codes for 10 years, beginning as a building inspector.

Dan has a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College in Minnesota and an engineer's degree in architecture from Germany. He has earned various certifications through the International Code Council.



**Founding Father:** Hunter Herron (center), founder of TOWER TALK, visits with Tony Rounds and Richard Lanier after our Feb. 6 meeting. Hunter stepped down as co-editor last week after producing a record-setting 370 issues and winning four District "best bulletin" awards. More on page 2.



**Time To Relax:** Hunter and Fran Herron pause for a moment on Feb. 6. The TOWER TALK founder published his first issue on March 9, 2006 – and for the next eight years was usually found on the other side of the lens.

### SNOW POLICY

**MEETING CANCELED** if Fairfax County schools are closed.

**MEETING HELD** if school openings are only delayed.

### Future Speakers

Feb 20	Tom Azcona	Plan Ahead Events
Feb 27	President Tim Long	Club Assembly
Mar 6	Morgan Danner	Sacred Architecture
Mar 13	Robert Enholm	Woodrow Wilson House

### Monte Carlo Night Shows Revenue Gain

The Club's major fall fundraiser posted a significant gain in 2013 over the previous year – good news for local groups supported by the RCTC Foundation.

The 2013 Monte Carlo Night, a multi-club effort of the Tysons Corner, McLean, Arlington, and Dunn Loring-Merrifield Rotary clubs, showed overall net revenue of \$52,382 compared to \$31,952 in 2012, according to figures released by event treasurer David Danner.

Of that amount, Tysons Corner netted \$15,033 compared to \$8,524 in 2012.

Tysons Corner revenue jumped sharply by 76 percent, outperforming the other three clubs. In contrast, the event showed an overall gain of 64 percent from the prior year.

Chairman Burt Heacock announced that the next Monte Carlo Night will take place on Nov. 7, 2014, at the Fairview Park Marriott once again.

### Future Is Looking Up



With 117 million square feet of commercial space, Fairfax County continues to subsidize the rest of Virginia's growth, according to Dr. Gerald Gordon, who spoke on Feb. 6. The head of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority said construction is brisk despite 17 million square feet of vacant space – a robust sign of the county's economic strength and its ability to attract corporate headquarters.

### SAVE THE DATE...

**Saturday, Feb. 22:** Washington Wizards "End Polio Now Night" vs. New Orleans Pelicans, Verizon Center, 7 p.m. See Ronnie Chantker for tickets.

**April 24-27:** D7610 "Spring Reunion" Conference at Wyndham Virginia Crossings Resort, Glen Allen, Va. Early bird registration until Feb. 15 at [rotary7610.org](http://rotary7610.org).

### Thursday Thought:

"If the grass is always greener on the other side of your fence, all it *really* reveals is you have a dog and the people next door don't."

–Tom Thaves  
"Frank & Ernest"  
cartoonist

### Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Feb 19	Richard Lanier	Mar 26	James Maloney
Feb 26	Katherine Barnett	Apr 2	Campbell Maloney
Mar 5	Sam Roudebush	Apr 9	Gray Mosby
Mar 12	Tony Rounds	Apr 16	Brian Mansir
Mar 19	Ronnie Chantker	Apr 23	Huong Van

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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