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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

### Gerald Gordon, Ph.D. Fairfax County Economic Development Authority

Today we welcome back Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA). He has been with the FCEDA since late 1983.

Dr. Gordon has taught at the Catholic University of America,

University of Maryland, George Mason University, and Virginia Commonwealth University. He has also worked for Arlington County and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Dr. Gordon holds a bachelor's degree from The Citadel, a master's degree from George Washington University, and a doctorate in international economics from the Catholic University of America.

He is the author of 13 books and numerous articles on management topics.

### Giving Back:

In his Jan. 30 talk, Captain Will Bailey tells an inspiring story of joining the Army to support six siblings, serving almost 23 years as a Fairfax County firefighter, raising two children by himself, and helping thousands more by organizing annual backpack, winter coat, and toy drives.



## Changing of the Guard at Tower Talk

This day would come eventually, I knew, but I wasn't expecting it yet: the day Hunter Herron and I would produce our last issue of TOWER TALK together. Surely we'd go out the same way we had always worked, as a team. But it wasn't meant to be. Today is Hunter's final issue – but what a run he's had.

Working with the Club's communications chairman, Hunter created the TOWER TALK format in 2006. He rolled out the inaugural issue on March 9, 2006.

Hunter went on to write and design TOWER TALK every week by himself until the end of June 2008. By that time Hunter had published 106 issues, and was ready to let me take over in July. But he saw me struggling, and soon agreed to come back as the "typesetter" if I would do the writing. And thus our collaboration was born.

Of course "typesetter" didn't begin to describe the many hats he wore: photographer, designer, editor, ally. He was an engineer by training, but words were his play-

things. He mastered the temperamental "Publisher" software and found ways to work around its quirks.

From Aug. 14, 2008, through today we produced 264 issues of TOWER TALK. We never missed a week – even if a meeting was canceled. No one was more dependable than Hunter. Between our output and his initial solo stint, Hunter produced a remarkable 370 issues of TOWER TALK – and won three first-place and one third-place District awards for "best bulletin" in the five years before the District dropped the contest.

This weekly journal has been his baby, and he's put his heart – and countless hours – into it.

Dave Young will carry on as Hunter's successor. But those 370 issues will stand as a testament to a Rotarian who has always cared deeply about this Club. I have loved working with Hunter and I'm going to miss our weekly forays. Thanks for a terrific run, my friend. You do good work. – *Rick Kaplar*

### Future Speakers

Feb 13	Dan Buuck	Home Builders' Outlook
Feb 20	Tom Azcona	Plan Ahead Events
Feb 27	President Tim Long	Club Assembly

## Ronnie To Be New AG

Ronnie Chantker will serve as an Assistant Governor of District 7610 beginning July 1, 2014.

Ronnie was appointed by District Governor Elect Rich Storey for a one-year term. She will cover Area 10, N.E. Fairfax County, which includes the Tysons Corner, McLean, Great Falls, Falls Church, and Dunn Loring-Merrifield clubs.

"I look forward to supporting incoming DG Rich Storey and the Area 10 Rotary clubs to further advance Rotary International's goals and objectives," Ronnie said. "I am very honored to have been appointed as an Assistant Governor."

Ronnie has served as the Area 10 Membership Coordinator for the past two years. She was our Club President in Rotary Year 2009-10 and again from April to June in 2011. Currently she is our Club's liaison to The Rotary Foundation.

Congratulations on this honor, Past President Ronnie!

### SAVE THE DATE...

**Saturday, Feb. 8:** Help pack 25,000 oral rehydration packets, Central United Methodist Church, 4201 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington. Shifts at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m. See Michael San Juan for details.

**Tuesday, Feb. 11:** "Happy Hearts" Happy Hour, Harth Bar at McLean Hilton, 5-7 p.m.

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

### Thursday Thought:

Dare to be boring.

### Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

Feb 12	Marshal Hyman	Mar 19	Ronnie Chantker
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

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 dinner.