



# Rotary Club of McLean eWheel

## Club #5817

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Service and Fellowship in McLean

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If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

### Future Speakers

**Jan 13, 2015**

Terry Irving

Courier: Whitehouse to Watergate

**Jan 20, 2015**

Delphine Halgand

Reporters without Borders and  
"How does Freedom of the Press  
Survive in the post 9/11 age?"

**Jan 27, 2015**

Armand Weiss

Double Agent man?

**Feb 03, 2015**

Jan Auerbach

McLean, Virginia: A community for  
all ages.

**Feb 10, 2015**

Washington Nationals

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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**01/01 - Maqsood Chaudhry**

**01/12 - Kenneth Yang**

**01/14 - Bob Rosenbaum**

**01/17 - Eva Sereghy**

**01/19 - Angela Lee**

**01/30 - Bob Koenig**

### Upcoming Events

**McLean Rotary Chocolate Festival**

**Jan 25, 2015**

11:00 AM - 05:00 PM

### Visiting Rotarians:

No visiting Rotarians

### Guests:

**David Danner** (guest of Pam  
Danner)

**Ken Bradford** (Homestretch)

## Welcome to Rotary Club of McLean's Meeting.....

### Agenda - January 13, 2015

#### Noon - Meeting Call to Order

Greeter - TBA

Song - TBA

Pledge - TBA

Invocation - TBA

Happy Talk - TBA

50/50 Raffle - TBA

4-Way Test - TBA

#### 12:20 Begin Program

Welcome guests and visiting Rotarians - Sergeant At Arms

Announcements

Happy Talk

#### 12:40 pm - Speaker

#### 1:15 pm - Adjourn

### Program - January 6, 2015

Our speaker for the day was Amina Amisi, a naturalized United States citizen from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who was awarded the first-ever District Scholarship of \$3,000 to continue pursuing vocational studies at Northern Virginia Community College to achieve her Registered Nurse license. The Rotary Club of McLean sponsored Amina for this award and contributed an additional 10% of the funding. The scholarship covers tuition, fees, and books for this college term.

District Scholars are new to Rotary (a Future Vision innovation). Whereas Global Scholarships (formerly Ambassadorial Scholarships) must be used at a foreign college, are for at least \$30,000, run typically for one year, and are academic in nature, District Scholarships can be local, can be for a much smaller amount, run for a shorter period, and may be vocational in nature. District Scholarships are not designed to augment a typical club's academic scholarships, but rather to be a shorter, vocational, special circumstances opportunity. The Rotary Club of McLean proposed Amina for exactly that.

Amina is a 42 year old single mother with a 13-year old sickle-cell-afflicted daughter. Born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, she was rejected by her parents as a "girl-child" and abused by Congolese rebel soldiers. She was granted asylum by the U.S. Government in 2006. She was fortunate to find Homestretch early in her journey in this country. They helped her get a new start and taught her many of the skills of life. It was through Homestretch, which our club also supports, that she became connected with Rotary and ultimately received the first District Scholarship. Amina has taught herself English,

**50/50 Raffle:**

**Dana Sippel** won \$13 small pot, but didn't win the \$316 big pot.

obtained her GED, became a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) by her "bootstrap" efforts, and became a United States citizen. She now works half-time, cares for her afflicted daughter, and goes to NVCC to pursue her RN license.

**Announcements - January 6, 2015**

**President Paul Sawtell** announced a Board meeting before next Tuesday's club meeting.

**Tin Lay Raschid** meeting. To discuss a new Rotary eClub for our District.

**John McEvilly** said Chocolate Festival Program sponsors names are due by January 10. We also presently have 10 of 18 wall sponsors for the Festival.

**Dale Lazar** announced that we were halfway there for volunteers for Chocolate Festival.

**Michael Arietti** passed out rack cards, posters and yard signs for the Festival.

**Dana Sippel** said we need to get out 100 yard signs out this week 100 next week.

**Dana Sippel** also announced at trip to Antigua left over from Monte Carlo night will be auctioned off in 2 weeks.

**Happy Talk - January 6, 2015**

**Chet Gray** said this is his favorite time of year with its focus on family, and hoped it went well for all.

**Carmen Wu** Been in California, where it was cooler than here thru Sunday.

Tom Mangan was happy speaker Amina was on hand. He also announced a great year in business.

**Bob Rosenbaum** told us about a McLean Patch article featuring McLean's Jason Johnson, a TV advertisement entered into a Doritos ad competition for the Super Bowl; out of thousands of entries, Jason's ad is in the top 10 in the competition. Bob's trying to get him to our club to do the popular voting for the ad.

**Richard Golden** was happy that after remodeling his home, the building inspector found no violations.

**Pam Danner** reminded us that today is the day to vote.

**Lynn Heinrichs** was just glad to have gotten out of her driveway.

**Paul Sawtell** was delighted to be heading to Key West Friday to Sunday.