



Service and Fellowship  
in McLean

## Rotary Club of McLean eWheel

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Club #5817

### Editor:

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

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/04 - Chet Gray  
08/16 - Dale Lazar  
08/17 - Carmen Wu  
08/18 - Robert Nath  
08/28 - Bob Frank

### Future Speakers

#### Aug 26 2014

John Foust  
2014!

#### Sep 02 2014

Dominic Alexander  
Stop Hunger Now

#### Sep 09 2014

Richard B. Storey  
Annual Governor's Visit  
To Our Club

#### Sep 16 2014

Vance Zavela  
Member Classification Talk

### Guests

**Kay Olive** (guest of Lynn  
Heinrichs)

### Visiting Rotarians

There were no visiting  
Rotarians.

### Agenda - August 26, 2014

#### Noon - Meeting Call to Order

Greeter - TBA  
Song - Dominic Alexander  
Pledge - Thamir Al'Hashimi  
Invocation - George Winters  
Happy Talk - Bob Rosenbaum  
50/50 Raffle - Dominic Alexander  
4-Way Test - Tom Mangan

#### 12:20 Begin Program

Welcome guests and visiting Rotarians - Sergeant At Arms  
Happy Talk

#### 12:40 pm - Speaker

#### 1:15 pm - Adjourn

### Program - August 19, 2014

**Lynn Heinrichs** introduced Dale "Bio" Baranek, a former Topgun instructor and author of *Topgun Days*. Mr. Baranek provided an overview of his successful, fascinating, and often exciting 20-year career with the U.S. Navy, including assignments to F-14 Tomcat squadrons, the elite Topgun training program, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

When less than 20/20 vision kept Baranek from fulfilling his lifelong dream of becoming a fighter pilot, he trained as a radar intercept officer on F-14 Tomcat fighter jets. In this capacity, he operated the plane's radar weapons system, served as co-pilot, and handled communications and navigation. The F-14s had a dual mission: a traditional fighting mission (during peacetime roaming through potential enemy airspace) and a mission to protect the air space around our aircraft carriers.

After completing his training, Baranek was asked to serve as an instructor at the Topgun training program, teaching the Navy's and Marine Corps' best fighter pilots. In reflecting on his experience as a Topgun instructor, he indicated that hard work, teamwork and cooperation, training and preparation, commitment, and respect were the key to success in Topgun school and in a naval career. He noted that these are life lessons applicable to any career. He attributes his survival in the crash of one of his planes to superb training and preparation.

Baranak also regaled us with stories of the making of the 1986 movie "Top Gun," starring Tom Cruise. While serving as a Topgun instructor, Baranak flew some of the aerial sequences used in the film and also served as a technical adviser on the script. When asked how realistic was the storyline, he said "it was not a documentary." More information can be found at [www.topgunbio.com](http://www.topgunbio.com).

## **50/50 Raffle**

**Paul Sawtell** won the small pot of \$21. The large pot still awaits a winner with \$256.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Monte Carlo Night**

**Nov 07, 2014**

06:00 PM - Nov 08, 2014

**Holiday Party**

**Dec 05, 2014**

06:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**McLean Rotary Chocolate Festival**

**Jan 25, 2015**

11:00 AM - 05:00 PM

## **Announcements - August 19, 2014**

**Michael Arietti** is updating the club directory, which will be printed as a pocket-sized booklet. He will also circulate a list of items with the Rotary logo that can be purchased.

**Bob Rosenbaum** reported that the memorial service for **Stan Richards** will be held on September 20 at 10 a.m. at the Unitarian Church in Oakton.

**Vance Zavela** reminded interested members to register online at [www.rotary7610.org](http://www.rotary7610.org) to attend the Rotary Foundation Seminar on September 13 in Fredericksburg, VA. Vance will also forward an invitation from the German Armed Forces Command to attend German Beer Night on September 18. A portion of the proceeds will benefit projects of the Dulles Rotary Club.

**Thamir Al'Hashimi** announced he will need a replacement for his duties on September 2. **Todd Dempsey** indicated he may be able to help.

## **Happy Talk - August 19, 2014**

**Paul Sawtell** noted that Happy Talk contributions during August and September will be sent to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in memory of Stan Richards, through **Doug Megill's** Carz Cruizin to Cure Cancer fundraiser.

**Tom Mangan** went to a Retail Jewelers Organization Buying Show in Minnesota where he attended seminars to keep up his skills and to learn about social media.

**Chet Gray** reflected on the gift of good health and the special opportunity we have to spread happiness and good will in the community through Rotary. He also said how very proud he is of Lois Wilson and her Michelo project and of the other international projects we are supporting.

**Vance Zavela**, sporting a Finnish tie with trolls, will soon be happily traveling to Finland on vacation. He is also happy that he will again be managing his daughter Diana's Little League team of 13-16 year olds.

**Dana Sippel** was happy to attend a national swim meet for Master's Athletes (18 and older) at the University of Maryland, where his daughter won awards. He was inspired by a 98 year old woman who won the 50 meter freestyle in her age category.

**Bob Koenig** is exhausted from watching baseball but very happy about the outstanding Nats' game on August 16 to which we sold 46 tickets. The End Polio Now! Night was a great success.

**Paul Sawtell** thanked **Bob Koenig** for his participation and focus on every pitch at the August 16 Nats game. He commented that Baltimore fans are really into the game while DC fans often seem more interested in socializing.

**Michael DeRose** was dressed casually to accommodate a cardiac halter monitor.

**Bob Rosenbaum** was happy to celebrate his 47th wedding anniversary and noted that **Bob Koenig's** 48th anniversary was on the same day.

**Obie O'Bryon** was mandatorily happy and also happy at **Bob Koenig's** success at the Nats game.

**Vance Zavela** also thanked Bob Koenig and noted there were 400 Rotarians at the Nats game—100 more than last year. The Nats have really supported End Polio Now.

**Bob Jansen** was happy to be back in the U.S. after experiencing the beauty of two

countries and cultures coming together through Rotary for a common good. He brought flags and greetings from two Rotary clubs in Zambia.

**Paul Sawtell** was happy to celebrate his 24th wedding anniversary this week. He is unhappy about missing German Beer Night in Dulles, but looks forward to Oktoberfest in Canada, the second largest after Munich.

## Make Up Meetings at Local Clubs

### **Annandale**

Juke Box Diner, 7039 Columbia Pike, Annandale  
Wednesday at 12:15 PM

### **Arlington**

Washington Golf & Country Club  
3017 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207  
Thursday at 12:15 PM

### **Ashburn**

1757 Golf Club, 45120 Waxpool Rd, Dulles  
Thursday from 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

### **Bailey's Crossroads**

Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 South Jefferson,  
Falls Church  
Friday at 7:30 AM

### **Burke**

Brion's Grille, 10621 Braddock Rd, Burke  
Tuesday at 7:30 AM

### **Crystal City-Pentagon**

Crystal City Sports Pub, 529 23 St. Arlington  
Wednesday at 7:30 AM

### **Dulles International Airport**

Hilton Washington Dulles in the Cardinal Lounge, 13869  
Park Center Rd, Herndon  
Friday at 7:30 AM

### **Dunn Loring-Merrifield**

Shula's in the Tysons Marriott, Leesburg Pike  
Friday from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

### **Fairfax**

American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax  
Monday at 12:15 PM

### **Falls Church**

Harvest Moon Restaurant, 7620 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church  
Thursday at 6:30 PM

### **Great Falls**

River Bend Golf and Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls  
Thursday from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

### **Herndon**

Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon  
Wednesday at 7:30 AM

### **Reston**

Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston  
Wednesday at 12:15 PM

### **Sterling**

Bungalow Lakehouse  
46116 Lake Center Plaza Sterling  
Monday at 12:15

### **Tysons Corner**

Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Vienna  
Thursday at 7:30 AM

### **Vienna**

Westwood Country Club  
Wednesday at 12:15 PM