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Ms. Comstock is currently a candidate seeking to represent Virginia’s 10th Congressional district in the U.S. Congress.  Ms. Comstock thanked the club for the opportunity to speak, and expressed her appreciation to Rotary for the services it provides and the sense of community it fosters locally and internationally. She focused her remarks on key issues and accomplishments during this past year in the Virginia House of Delegates and the General Assembly.  Under a new governor and administration, a major task was to pass a budget and create new jobs.  Comstock authored legislation on a Research and Development Tax Credit to promote technology jobs in Virginia. She stressed the importance of job creation and innovation as a means of building the economy and investing in the future. She is a major supporter of tax incentives to promote and expand data centers and technology both in Northern Virginia and throughout the Commonwealth.  She emphasized that such data centers can be the source of good jobs and increased property tax revenues that benefit schools and communities in rural areas as well as along the Loudon County/Tysons tech corridor.  Ms. Comstock succeeded in getting the House of Delegates to pass a bill that streamlines the process by which funding is allocated to victims of child abuse. She supported a bill that requires screenings of newborns for critical congenital heart defects. A new pulse oximetry test is now commonplace in Virginia hospitals and in most states. Comstock also sponsored Virginia’s Lyme Disease Testing Information Disclosure Act. She noted that George Mason University scientists are working on a new blood test for Lyme disease that would allow for earlier detection, and may have application for detection of some cancers.  Comstock explained why she opposed the expansion of Virginia’s Medicaid program through acceptance of Federal funds under the Affordable Care Act. She wants to reform the Medicaid program before expanding it. This would involve better control of current Virginia budget allocations for Medicaid. She also expressed concern over what she views as the unintended consequences of “ObamaCare,” such as premium increases and negative impact on small businesses and physicians. Her alternative to the Affordable Care Act would allow people to buy into private plans, ensure portability of insurance, and assure that physicians are adequately compensated.  She concluded by referring to her Young Women’s Leadershjp Program, which offers career assistance to college and high school girls by connecting them with professional women who are leaders in their fields.  More information about Comstock’s accomplishments and congressional campaign priorities can be found at barbaracomstockforcongress.com. | | |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [October 14, 2014 - Announcements](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/october-14-2014-announcements)  *Posted by Eva Sereghy on Oct 10, 2014* | | |  | | --- | | **Todd Dempsey** announced that the Fall Church Rotary Club will hold its October 30 business meeting at the Harvest Moon Restaurant in Falls Church. All are welcome and encouraged to bring business cards to the meeting.  **Michael Arietti** reminded members to place their orders with him for polo shirts with Rotary insignia.  **Carol Stone** is coordinating the club’s gift card fundraiser. Gift card orders will be placed quarterly, with the next deadline on October 31. Checks should accompany orders and be given to Carol or Lynn Heinrichs.  **Vance Zavela** announced that 1) grocery cards purchased through our gift card fundraiser can be donated to SHARE during the January/February Stuff the Bus event; 2) he will send an e-mail about ordering tickets for the March 7 End Polio Now Night game with the Washington Capitals; 3) the new Fairfax County Alerts system will be discussed at the McLean Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on October 16; 4) Monte Carlo Night sponsorships and program ads are due by October 24, more tickets need to be sold, and Bob Rosenbaum is to be commended for bringing in several restaurant sponsors. and 5) the Giant in McLean has donated 25 cases of water for the Stop Hunger Now event on November 1.  **Dana Sippel**  asked for donations of sports tickets, restaurant gift certificates, use of vacation homes, and other items for the Monte Carlo Night Silent Auction.  **Todd Dempsey** thanked **Michael Holleran** for doing a great job in interviewing the field hockey team captains and coaches from Langley and McLean High Schools.  **Todd Dempsey** participated in the exchange of club banners with Hema Kumari Adhikari, of Kathmandu, Nepal. Ms. Adhikari thanked **Dr. Bish Poudel** for his support, expressed how glad she was to be at our meeting, invited visits to her country, and brought attention to the need for help in combatting Nepal’s 40 percent illiteracy rate. Improving literacy is a major concern for Nepal’s 90 Rotary clubs. | | |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Happy Talk - October 14, 2014](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/happy-talk-october-14-2014)  *Posted by Eva Sereghy on Oct 10, 2014* | | |  | | --- | | **Bish Poudel** was happy and privileged to see Barbara Comstock.  **Lynn Heinrichs** was happy to meet visiting Rotarian **Hema Adhikari** since her brother-in-law is also from Nepal.  **Tom Mangan** and his wife spent the weekend in Dover where they visited two wildlife refuges.  They were happy to see and photograph a fox by the road.  **Carol Stone** was happy she could come to our Rotary meeting while her husband attended to business in the midst of their weeklong vacation.  **George Sachs** arrived late and was mandatorily happy.  **John McEvilly** was happy to be celebrating his 42nd wedding anniversary.  **Barbara Comstock**  was happy to be at our club meeting. She is thrilled that her daughter is expecting a baby, who will be grandchild #2. | | |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Visiting Rotarians and Guests - October 14, 2014](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/visiting-rotarians-and-guests-october-14-2014)  *Posted by Eva Sereghy on Oct 10, 2014* | | |  | | --- | | **Visiting Rotarians:**  **Cherry Baumbusch**, Washington, DC  Past District Governor **Dr. Bish Poudel**  **Hema Kumari Adhikari**, Kathmandu, Nepal    **Kate Millman**, Stop Hunger Now, guest of Bob Hahne | | |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Make Up Meetings Locations](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/make-up-meetings-locations)  *Posted by Jan Auerbach* | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Make Up Meetings at Local Clubs:**  **Annandale**  Juke Box Diner, 7039 Columbia Pike, Annandale  Wednesday at12:15 PM  **Arlington**  Gates of Ballston Community Center  4108 North 4th Street  Arlington, VA  **Ashburn**  1757 Golf Club, 45120 Waxpool Rd, Dulles  Thursday from12:00 PM - 1:15 PM  **Bailey's Crossroads**  Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads,3440 South Jefferson, Falls Church  Friday at7:30 AM  **Burke**  Brion's Grille,10621 Braddock Rd, Burke  Tuesday at7:30 AM  **Crystal City-Pentagon**  Crystal City Sports Pub, 529 23 St. Arlington  Wednesday at7:30 AM  **Dulles International Airport**  Hilton Washington Dulles in the Cardinal Lounge, 13869 Park Center Rd, Herndon  Friday at7:30 AM  **Dunn Loring-Merrifield**  Shula’s in the Tysons Marriottt, Leesburg Pike  Friday from12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | **Fairfax**  American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax  Monday at12:15 PM  **Falls Church**  Harvest Moon Restaurant,7620 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church  Thursday at6:30 PM  **Great Falls**  River Bend Golf and Country Club,375 Walker Road, Great Falls  Thursday from7:30 AM - 8:30 AM  **Herndon**  Amphora Diner Deluxe,1151 Elden Street, Herndon  Wednesday at7:30 AM  **Reston**  Hidden Creek Country Club,1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston  Wednesday at 12:15 PM  **Sterling**  Bungalow Lakehouse  46116 Lake Center PlazaSterling  Monday at 12:15  **Tysons Corner**  Tower Club,8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Vienna  Thursday at7:30 AM  **Vienna**  Westwood Country Club  Wednesday at 12:15 PM | | | | | | | | |