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# IMAGINE ROTARY

## THE WHEEL

### July Program Calendar

- ♦ **July 4**—No Meeting—Holiday
- ♦ **July 11**— Carmen Wu Strategic Plan for MRC.
- ♦ **July 18**—Stephon Hill Classification Talk
- ♦ **July 25**- Chris Groton, CEO of "1000 Dreams"



**President Sam Agarwal welcomes new members Karen Hendrixson and Nicki Birch with their sponsors, Eva Sereghy and Deb Jackson**

## Club Leadership

- ◆ Carmen Wu,  
President
- ◆ Savendra (Sam) Agarwal  
Immediate Past President
- ◆ Vance Zavela,  
Vice President,
- ◆ Cecilia Duran Closs,  
President-Elect
- ◆ Janine Frank,  
President-Nominee/Secretary
- ◆ Michael Arietti,  
Treasurer
- ◆ Michael Falcone,  
Club Services Director
- ◆ Deborah R Jackson,  
Membership Director
- ◆ Robert F Jansen,  
Youth & New Generation
- ◆ Carol A King,  
Club Admin Director
- ◆ Matthew Melton,  
Rotary Foundation Director
- ◆ Courtney Nuzzo & Cecilia Closs  
Grants
- ◆ Lois Wilson,  
International Service Director
- ◆ Barry Byer,  
Club Committee Director
- ◆ Joann G Berkson,  
Public Relations Director
- ◆ Paul M Sawtell, Paul  
Kohlenberger, Paul Ward,  
Sergeants-at-Arms
- ◆ Eugene Durman,  
Club Program Chair
- ◆ Richard A Golden,  
Webmaster



## July is Transition Month

Each year Rotary Clubs and Districts across the globe induct new leaders. Our leaders exemplify all of the qualities that make our members extraordinary: integrity, expertise, and commitment to service.

Serving as a Club or District officer or committee member provides an opportunity to enrich your leadership skills by sharing experiences and ideas with other Rotarians throughout the region.

July is also 'Bring a Friend to Rotary' Month.



President Sarvendra (Sam) Agarwal thanked the club officers, directors and members for all that was accomplished this Rotary year.



**Nuclear Energy Glenn White  
June 6, 2023**

Nationally and internationally, the sources of the energy to power our future is a recurring issue. One controversial yet prominent contender is nuclear. Our speaker today is Glenn White, chief engineer for Dominion Engineering Inc. He is a specialist in aging systems. He has led several investigations involving high profile nuclear safety assessments. His talk is about developments in nuclear power including advanced reactor designs.

Challenges in nuclear power include waste, cost and safety, as well as the public image issue. Mr. White described a pressurized water nuclear reactor. The trick is not to raise the temperature of the water in the nearby lakes. Sometimes there are cooling towers.

In 1979, there was a stuck valve that leaked water from the reactor. That was bad. Another bad day is when a 20 million dollar rotor fell into the ocean. The salt water compromised its life expectancy.

The business community now believes nuclear energy is key to weaning ourselves off of carbon fuels. Electric cars are at 15%. Nuclear is well-suited to be a dedicated power source. It's available more than 90% of the time. The Inflation reduction act provide tax credits for existing reactors and new plants. The plant can also produce and store electricity with its use of hydrogen. Costs of nuclear power plants were low, but after Three mile Island the cost went way up. It has now come down and we are working on making it even cheaper.

There is not a lot of waste produced by nuclear reactors. Our plan is to bury the waste disposal system very far underground where the rock is stable.

There are several different designs that make reactors smaller, safer, less expensive and have an improved capacity to produce electricity.

Southwest Virginia, among other sites, has been identified as potential placement for nuclear sites.



**Megan Ling & Hallye Smith  
Falls Church Mclean Childrens  
Center June 13, 2023**

Director Hallye Smith has over 18 years of early childhood experience, joined by Megan Ling, who is the assistant director of FCMCC, with over 14 years herself in early childhood development.

The center was founded in October 10th 1968, through a joint effort of 27 churches and synagogues, in order to serve low income children. It is an NAEYC accredited program. The mission statement is to provide a high-quality childhood program for all young children



Former District Governor TinTin Nu Raschid inducted Wu and the Club's new officers. Other Club officers for the coming Rotary year include: PP Vance Zavela (Vice President), Cecilia Duran Closs (President-Elect), Rotarian Janine Frank, Secretary, Sam Agarwal (Immediate Past President), Michael Arietti (Treasurer), and Paul Sawtell (Sergeant-at-Arms).



Club Board Directors include: Rotarian Carol King (Administration), PP Deborah Jackson (Membership), Joann Berkson (Public Image), PP Courtney Nuzzo & Rotarian Cecilia Duran Closs (Service Grants), Rotarian Michael Falcone (Service Projects), Rotarian Matthew Melton (Liaison to McLean

Rotary Club Foundation), Rotarian Bob Jansen and Lynn Heinrichs (Youth Services) and PP Lois Wilson (International Service).

In her address to the Club, Wu commented McLean Rotary provides me with extensive opportunities to help by donating my time, skills, and resources to support our organization and the projects we undertake as a Club. It is also rewarding to work together with my fellow Rotarians, a diverse group of business, professional, and civic leaders in our community. We achieve so much more collectively than we could individually. Our service projects, locally and globally, have been many and wide-ranging—including all the major Rotary areas of focus: maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment, education and literacy, economic and community development, clean water and sanitation, the promotion of peace, and protection of the environment. I am especially passionate about issues related to fighting hunger and food insecurity, among others. It is important to me that McLean Rotary actively supports, through hands-on volunteer service, as well as through its grants program, local and international charities that address these critical issues.

The Rotary Club of McLean is part of a global network of more than 46,000 clubs with over 1.4 million members around the world. Rotary International's mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace



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through fellowship. Rotarians, whose motto is "Service above Self," undertake action and service projects in their local communities and overseas that help promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, save mothers and children, support education, grow local economies, protect the environment, and respond to disasters.

Since March 2020, the Rotary Club of McLean, through its Foundation, has awarded grants, many addressing Covid-19 related issues, to several organizations, including Chesterbrook Residences, EduTutor VA, Every1Can Work, Falls Church-McLean Children's Center, Homestretch, Global Woman P.E.A.C.E., Foundation (Liberia), Indego Africa (Rwanda), Langley Residential Support Services, Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, McLean Cares, McLean Project for the Arts, MicheLo (sSwatini), Rebuilding

Together, Share of McLean, Safe Community Coalition, Strategic Water Alliance (Honduras and Zambia), Timber Lane Elementary School, and Virginia Hospital Center Medical Brigade (Honduras). It has also awards annually college scholarships to local high school students and underserved students in STEM education through the David Lous Daniels Foundation.

In addition to providing financial support through grants and other donations, McLean Rotary's members are usually involved in

volunteering with service projects in the community. McLean Rotary participates in McLean Day and organizes the annual McLean Chocolate Festival, held most recently in January, 2023 at the McLean Community Center. This well-attended and enjoyable community event raises funds to benefit local non-profits and charitable organizations through McLean Rotary's grants program.



**Cecilia Duran Closs & Family**

### **Happy July Birthdays**

Tin Tin Nu Raschid	04 July
Stephon Hill	05 July
Carol King	12 July
Cecilia Duran Closs	14 July
John Tharrington	15 July
Richard Golden	15 July
Lois Wilson	19 July
Barry Byer	28 July

### **July Membership Anniversaries**

Barry Byer	7/07/15	08 yrs
Richard Golden	7/16/10	26 yrs
Kimberly Greer	7/30/19	04 yrs
Edward Holman	7/10/81	42 yrs
Lois Wilson	7/27/02	23 yrs