



# THE WHEEL

## October Program Calendar

- ♦ **October 3**—Leslie Kingslow, MD AHEAD
- ♦ **October 10**— Jessica Wu. McLean Central Park Project.
- ♦ **October 17**— Glenn Harris, MCC Local Transportation Issues.
- ♦ **October 24**— Christie Gordon, Pres. 1000 Dreams
- ♦ **October 31**— McLean/Langley Football & Hockey Teams

## Up Coming Events

- ♦ **October 2-8** — Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week
- ♦ **October 4**— Reception at Bull Run Winery by the Virginia Medical Brigade in honor of Barry Byer.
- ♦ **October 24**— World Polio Day
- ♦ **December 16th** Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk. McLean Square Balducci's Parking lot 8:30AM

## Club Leadership

- ◆ Carmen Wu, President
- ◆ Savendra (Sam) Agarwal  
Immediate Past President
- ◆ Vance Zavala, 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 Golden, Webmaster



### October is Economic and Community Development Month By Karen Hendrixson

Economic and community development is one of Rotary's key areas of focus. According to Rotary International (RI), "unemployment, underemployment, lack of economic opportunity, lack of appropriate training, and the absence of social safety nets lie at the core of poverty. Creating productive employment opportunities is essential for reducing poverty and achieving sustainable economic and social development, and for providing income security and empowerment especially for women, people with disabilities, youth, and the extremely poor."

The RI website also notes that nearly 800 million people still live on less than \$1.90 a day. Sixty percent of the hungriest people in the world are women and girls, caught in the cycle of poverty. Last year, the Rotary Foundation distributed \$9.2 million in grants to help grow local economies and to reduce poverty. Such grants help to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community

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leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities. Rotary projects worldwide provide training and access to well-paying jobs and financial management institutions. They create opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially.

Grants from the McLean Rotary Club Foundation support these economic and community development goals, both internationally and locally. Here are just a few examples of projects we have supported in this year's Spring Grants' Cycle: Partner for Surgery serves on the front lines of medical and surgical care in rural Guatemala, focusing on bringing quality health care and surgical solutions to where most impoverished Guatemalans live. Aspire African Communities builds communities by inspiring and educating children to be strong and thoughtful future leaders and members of society. They build schools, clinics, and clean water access wells that provide quality educational opportunities for children, thereby improving their future economic possibilities.

Support to the Brigade of Mercy for Turkey/Syria earthquake relief provided aid in the form of food, clothing, medicine, toiletries, toys, educational materials and other items as needed to rebuild communities in these two countries. Indigo Africa fosters the economic independence of women artisans in Rwanda, including refugee women from other countries, through educational and vocational training programs, thereby improving

their earning potential. Finally, the Better Universe and Citizens Foundation combats erosion in Haiti, thereby protecting agricultural productivity and farmers' livelihoods. Locally, our grants to Homestretch help families experiencing homelessness in Virginia to become self-sufficient by giving them the skills, knowledge and hope they need to become productive participants in the community.



**Lori Carbonneau**  
**McLean Project for the Arts**  
**September 12, 2023**

MPA is a visual arts organization established in 1962. They partnered with McLean Community Center organization in 1989

Mission: exhibit the work of emerging and established artists from the mid-Atlantic region, promote public awareness & understanding the concepts of contemporary art, and offer instruction and education in the visual arts.





- Since their inception, the MPA has Exhibited the work of 3500+ artists
- Educated 1000 students & 2500 ArtReach participants annually
- Inspires ~25,000 annually through our programming in the galleries and beyond
- Board of 39 - Pamela Danner is chair
- Advisory of 42 - Vance Zavela was past chair
- Staff of 11 employees

Money from Rotary goes to events such as their upcoming exhibition, and is used for marketing and educational materials.

MPA's Plan for the Future:  
MPA does not have their own identity  
Feels like they are a government funded event  
Very important to have a business model that supports sustainability

Continue the mission of Exhibiting, Educating, and Inspiring. Carry on a partnership with the McLean Community Center.

Looking to create new Arts & Education Center with:  
World class galleries  
Integrated arts instruction  
In the heart of the community.

MPA's hopes for the future:  
To purchase a 5500 sq ft in commercial unity at The Signet. Two galleries, in addition to galleries at MCC Classroom and plein air program, in addition to DuVal Studio at McLean Community Center,

They are considering ceramics enhanced ArtReach learning space Opportunity for on-site programming and events along with welcoming hospitality. In the heart of the McLean Business District. This will cost approximately 5 ¼ million dollars. They are hoping to find individuals donars to achieve this goal.



**Patrick O'Neill**  
**Battle of the White House**  
**September 19, 20203**

Courtesy of Archaeologist/Historian Patrick O'Neill, here in his words is an excerpt and summary of his presentation:

"To annoy or destroy the enemy"  
The Battle of the White House after the burning of Washington.

In the summer of 1814, it would have been difficult to imagine that seven British warships could sail up the Potomac River to the national capital city of Washington. Yet, in August 1814, two years into the War of 1812, two 36-gun frigates, three bomb vessels, a rocket ship, and a brig, all referred to as the Potomac Squadron, entered the Potomac on their way to the Washington area. As part of the

plans of British Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, they were designed as a feint, assault assistance, and a retreat option for the British Army down the Potomac to their ships after the attack on Washington if the return road was blocked.

Simultaneous to the squadron's ascent, British land forces marched across southern Maryland and clashed with the Americans at Bladensburg, Maryland. After routing the Americans, the British were able to enter Washington and wreak havoc on several the Federal buildings, including the President's mansion. The British Army left three days prior to the arrival of the squadron, who were slowed by sailing 150 miles up the difficult Potomac and encountering Virginia and Maryland militia en route.

After taking Alexandria, Virginia, essentially hostage, and loading 21 prize ships of captured goods, the squadron tried to sail past defenses above a place called the White House in Virginia just south of Mount Vernon, and Indian Head Point in Maryland, in what would become known as the Battle of the White House and Battle of Indian Head, respectively.

This White House was not the President's Mansion burned the week earlier in Washington, but an old customs house on the Potomac just south of Mount Vernon on Belvoir Neck. The setting was the site of a five day battle that helped change the course of the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake Bay and has been largely overlooked by history.

In what became one of the longest battles of the war, British and American forces engaged from September 1-5, 1814, in the first American offense caused by the burning of Washington. The battle involved 2500-3000 Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia militia, over 500 American Navy seamen, three American naval legends, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of State (and Acting Secretary of War), an internationally known inventor, seven British warships, and several hundred seasoned British seamen and marines.

The American attack on the Potomac Squadron caused the entire British fleet in the Chesapeake to change their course. The attack also played a significant role in compelling the British to attack Baltimore more than seven weeks earlier than Vice Admiral Cochrane's intended target date, which ultimately led to the British defeat.

Two hundred years have passed since the Potomac Squadron fought their way past the White House batteries, eclipsed by the burning of Washington and the bombarding of Fort McHenry. This book will reveal what history has forgotten; about America's first response to the attack on the nation's capital and the events that truly led to the penning of the Star Spangled Banner in what British naval historian William James wrote in 1837: Of the many expeditions up the bays and rivers of the United States during the late war, none equaled in brilliancy of execution that of the Potomac to Alexandria.





Lynn Heinrichs with Patrick O'Neill



**Nevin Boll  
Classification Talk  
September 26, 2023**

Nevin Boll, the facilities director at the Lewinsville Center, shared his life and career with the club in his classification talk. Nevin is currently the Facilities Director at the Lewinsville Retirement Residences, which provides 161 units of low-cost housing for seniors. Growing up as

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an only child, he lived in 10 different places as his father, a minister, was transferred to new congregations. Nevin gained experience by spending his summers working as a contractor, and following a stint in banking, he spent the next 40 years working for a large corporation providing support services for facilities such as hospitals. In 2018, he decided that he needed a change in pace and he joined the Lewinsville. At that time, Lewinsville was undergoing major renovations and the onset of Covid made these renovations even more challenging. During a "long three years," Nevin oversaw the replacement of bathrooms and HVAC systems, extensive tree trimming, and improved lighting, as well as the addition of a pavilion, a park and trees, and cellphone extenders.

He concluded that the best part of his job is helping people, and he works hard to provide an attractive and safe environment for residents, while also serving as both a "teacher and a coach" to his employees. Putting his professional skills to personal use, he purchased a beach house in need of renovation and spent 12 years working on his "project house."

-Submitted by Karen Hendrixson



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**McLean Rotary Foundation Director awards another Paul Harris Fellow pin to John McEvilly.**



**New Member, April Fearnley Inducted into McLean Rotary**

**Happy October Birthdays**

Sam Agarwal	02 October
Michael Arietti	25 October
Joann Berkson	24 October
Todd Dempsey	29 October
Michael Falcone	08 October
John McEvilly	22 October
Tom O'Bryon	15 October
Bremda Paredes	30 October
Vance Zavela	24 October



**April Fearnley with sponsor Cecilia Duran Closs**

**October Membership Anniversaries**

Michael Arietti	10/26/13	16 yrs
Cecilia Closs	10/26/21	02 yrs
Lynn Heinrichs	10/15/10	13 yrs
Marshal Hyman	10/01/18	20 yrs
Thomas Mangan	10/05/93	30 yrs
Tom O'Bryon	10/29/85	38 yrs
Glenn Yarborough	10/11/05	18 yrs



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