



# THE WHEEL

## November Program Calendar

- ◆ **November 1**—Happy Hour—membership initiative. At the Mclean Community Center, MPA
- ◆ **November 7**—Club Assembly
- ◆ **November 14**—. District governor Rene Wild Laws presents her vision for the year
- ◆ **November 21**—No Meeting
- ◆ **November 28**— Rose Risley classification talk

## Up Coming Events

- ◆ **November 4**— Rise Against Hunger. Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym
- ◆ **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

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The following information is excerpted from the Rotary Foundation website and annual report.

The Rotary Foundation transforms donations into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Rotary Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. These projects help change lives both close to home in our communities and around the world.

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to help Rotarians advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. Through the extraordinary generosity of Rotarians and others, the Foundation has become one of the world's leading humanitarian foundations. It is well managed, effective, and a powerful force for good. Charity Navigator has given the Foundation its highest four-star rating, with 91% of funds spent on program awards and operations.

The Foundation's most recent reports indicate program awards of 478 District grants (\$27 million); 207 disaster grants (\$8 million); 1,199 global grants (more than \$73 million), and 1 program-of-scale grant (\$2 million). Global grants have been awarded by area of focus for Basic Education and Literacy (\$6.2 million), Community Economic Development (\$8.3 million), Disease Prevention and Treatment (\$38 million), Maternal and Child Health (\$5.4 million), Peace Building and Conflict Prevention (\$3.4 million), Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (\$13.7 million), and Environment (\$1.9 million).

McLean Rotarians have been successful in applying for and receiving several Rotary Foundation global grants that have supported much-needed water, sanitation, and health projects in Honduras and Zambia, and special education, dental services, and teacher and health practitioner trainings in eSwatini (formerly Swaziland). Through District grants our Club has also supported the global grant applications and programs of other Rotary Clubs in our District. Our Club has also received District grants that benefit local non-profit organizations.

In 2020, the Rotary Foundation created "Program of Scale" grants to provide longer-term, major resources to implement Rotary-led, large-scale, evidence-based, high impact programs in Rotary's areas of focus. Scaling up proven programs will benefit more people and foster policy development and sustainable programs. Each year, through a competitive process, the Foundation awards a \$2 million grant

to be used over a three- to five-year period.

For guidance on giving to the Rotary Foundation, contact Matt Melton, MRC Foundation Chair. As successful recipients of prior Global Grants, MRC Rotarians Barry Byer, Bob Jansen, and Lois Wilson can advise on the application process for these.



**Dr. Leslie Kingslow, MD**  
**Project AHEAD**  
**October 3, 2023**

Dr. Leslie Kingslow, a board-certified physician specializing in pulmonary medicine, sits on the board of Adventures in Health, Education, and Agricultural Development, Inc. (AHEAD), which was founded about 40 years ago by Dr. Irving Williams and his wife Elvira Williams. Dr. Kingslow explained that the history of this non-profit was a "love story" about this pediatrician and his wife who moved to Tanzania and developed a life-long commitment to helping those in poverty. AHEAD operates in Tanzania and Gambia. Its' goals are to prevent disease and premature death, to





cultivate healthy living choices, and to foster sustainable environmental activities through the provision of maternal and child health care services, immunizations, HIV/AIDS prevention, and dental education. Although AHEAD has operated in 6-7 regions in Tanzania, it has focused primarily on Maruku, Tanzania, where a key achievement was the construction of a hospital including a surgical center, housing for doctors, dental clinic, operating theater, pharmacy, and a laboratory. The impact of this facility is considerable; for example, 50-60 deliveries take place each month and 900-1200 patients are treated each year.

AHEAD's educational projects focus primarily on the Teen Action Program which teaches teen life skills with a focus on empowering young women. In addition, the Maruku secondary school has been equipped with a computer lab, computers, and broadband.



### **McLean Central Park Playground Initiative October 10, 2023**

Rebecca Antzoulatos, Angie Golder, and Jenny Gregory.

Jessica Wu spoke to us about a local group of volunteer Moms raising money for a wonderful initiative. McLean Central Park Playground. This was started by Angie Golder in 2021 with Cara Schantz; she reached out in one of her groups to see if there were any additional playgrounds or parks to take her kids. She was always going to Arlington because there were not many public parks in our community.

Fairfax County has a master plan which included very modest plans for renovations. This is why fundraising was so important; they wanted to give the McLean Park Playground what it deserves. This initiative maximizes the current playground footprint; the county will not remove any existing trees! The new playground includes: Slightly larger footprint, more seating, an enclosed totlot poured safety rubber surfacing and updated sensory toys

Some communicable benefits are

- Inclusivity - true accessibility and inclusivity
- Togetherness - combined tot lot and school-aged playground
- Revenue - overall amenities and increased gazebo rentals
- Health & Emotional Wellbeing imaginative play, physical play, and building development skills
- Community Bond - stronger, deeper bond in the community.

The fund raising goal for this project is \$400,000. As of October '23; they had raised \$273, 000. (68% of the goal raised to date). They have until the end of December to reach goal;

Sponsorship Opportunities are available. Local Playground Sponsors were showcased; .

We are teaming up with Fairfax County Park Foundation; if you write a check to the "McLean Central Park Playground Initiative" it will go directly the the project (not the Park Authority). This has been deemed as a special project



**Transportation Issues in the McLean/Tysons Corner Area**  
**Glenn Harris**  
**October 17, 2023**

Mr. Harris is chair of the McLean Community Association Transportation committee. His topic is current and future plans to relieve road congestion in the Tyson's and McLean areas.

Mr Harris went over what the MCA does. Since 2014, it represents the interests of McLean and some Vienna residents. Cost is \$15 per year and we are welcome to join.

The Transportation Committee works closely with county and state transportation departments with the Dranesville District Supervisor to find transportation solutions. Mr Harris reviewed major transportation projects,

which 2 of 17 are complete. Nine others are in study, primary engineering or design. He then reviewed local transportation projects along the Dolley Madison Boulevard Corridor that have been in planning since 2019.

Additional projects understudy are between Route 123 and Route 7 and a connector road from Old Meadow near 123 to Magarity Lincoln Street corridor which would cost \$47 million and addresses future growth in this area. Mr Harris also referenced the American Legion Bridge project which Maryland was supposed to manage but is not. The MCA plays a role in supporting all these projects

Lastly he addressed current concerns included unfunded active projects such as pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure, lack of parking at local Metro stations and the length of time needed for improvements to Old Dominion Drive/ Balls Hill Road intersection. He also referenced the Fairfax County "Parking Reimagine" initiative which we have heard about before.



Foundation check to McLean-Falls Church Children's Center. Halle Smith





**1000 Dreams Fund  
Christie Garton  
October 24, 2023**

Christine Garton graduated from Rollins college with a degree in Political Science. She has a Masters in Business from Columbia University, and a Law Degree as well. She is the founder & CEO of the 1,000 Dreams Fund. She was the recipient of a Rotary Scholarship, without which, she would not have been able to study abroad. Upon graduating she dedicated herself to creating opportunities for other young women.

In law school, She began working on a book about creating opportunities for women to open internships and externships. The book sold well, and in 2015 Christie launched 1,000 Dreams. We support high school, college and graduate-school women as well as recent grads.

We especially support students who are of color, first generation, or searching for a new and diverse area of study. We also support women who are starting their second careers. We give micro grants

\$1,000 or less for people to attend conferences or to visit colleges of their choice. We also offer mentorship programs. The commitment is only 60 minutes at a time. Our goal is to connect people to their dream jobs.

We have partnered with Harman—a prominent tech company. We also have non-profit partnerships, such as Boys & Girls Club.

Our success has been in starting small, meeting our goals, and demonstrating why this matters to our partners. We've raised 2 million. Dollars over the past seven years.

We welcome support from you all. We accept donations, and mentors, and of course, men who support us.



**McLean Football Team Wins The Rotary Bowl**



**David and Pamela Danner**  
**Walk For Water**  
**October 28, 2023**

Rotary District 7610 Strategic Water Alliance (SWA) held its 12th annual Walk for Water in Jones Point Park in Alexandria, Virginia. The SWA is a consortium of 19 clubs in our District that has banded together to address Rotary's Area of Focus of providing Clean Water, Proper Sanitation, and Hygiene Education to parts of the developing world.

The McLean Club has been a proud member of this alliance for the past 10 years, and its support was shown brightly again this past Saturday. Our club President and her husband, Carmen and Art Wu led the way with Pamela Danner, Courtney Nuzzo, Richard Gloden, and Bob Jansen (the long-time Chair of SWA) all coming out that day to support the day's efforts. While these were the members present on Saturday, several other members of the club made financial contributions to the Walk itself.

Club member Carol King, a longtime supporter of SWA, continued her tradition of walking near her neighborhood. And as was the case in the past, the "Danner" contribution was

Huge. Pamela's husband, David, a member of the Tysons Club which is also a part of the alliance, participated in person in Alexandria as well as their daughter's family in Italy. Other members of the Danner family walked in Vint Hill, Virginia. This walk is unique because while the central walk was held in Alexandria, folks from all over the world walked wherever they were in support of SWA efforts.

SWA currently has a Global Grant submitted to provide water to the Kabule Health Center in Kabule, Mityana, Uganda. This water will not only benefit the patients of the Health Center but will also supply clean water to some 15,000 surrounding residents

Over the past 16 years, SWA has completed almost 50 projects in 5 countries totaling some \$800,000 and benefiting tens of thousands of global citizens. For more information, please visit [www.swa7610.org](http://www.swa7610.org).

### Happy November Birthdays

Rajesh Nair	18 November
Robert Jansen	20 November

### November Membership Anniversaries

Todd Dempsey	11/01/97	26 yrs
Michael Falcone	11/29/22	01 yrs
Matthew Melton	11/29/22	01 yrs
Bilal Raschid	11/19/68	55 yrs
Bob Rosenbaum	11/16/71	53 yrs





## McLean & Langley Football and Field Hockey Teams 10-31-23



### Langley Football Coach and Team. McLean Football Team

Today we introduced the Football & Field Hockey teams from both McLean & Langley High School. Pamela Danner interviewed the Field Hockey Teams while John McEvilly quizzed the football teams. John McEvilly said it is an honor to have both teams here, and they have both had successful seasons. John reminded the athletes that they are ambassadors to the McLean community through their discipline, team work, personal responsibility, & leadership. John had both coaches talk about their positions and why they decided to become coaches. Each coach then introduced the players, their positions, a little about them, etc. John then asked each player to reintroduce themselves, share their favorite memory from the season, and their favorite subject. He then went on to hold a trivia quiz based on the student's birth year.

Pamela invited the Field Hockey Coaches to come forward. Each coach introduced players, announced their year and position. Each player then introduced themselves and Pamela asked them some fun questions, their favorite memory, where they want to go to college, if they want to play in college, how to balance with another sport, etc. McLean Field Hockey Team: 7 wins, 8 losses; great season overall. Langley Field Hockey Team: 1st year varsity coach; young team (only one Senior at the table).

### McLean And Langley Field Hockey Teams

