



### RCGF: Week of March 18, 2024 Announcements

#### Toastmaster & Rotary International Alliance

**Sukumar Nayak, Toastmaster's Club Growth Director and Linda Walker, Rotarian, Area 12 District Governor, and Toastmaster, made a great Speech.**

#### Rotary-Toastmasters Alliance FAQ Link

<http://file:///C:/Users/user/Downloads/toastmasters-and-rotary-frequently-asked-questions-en.pdf>

#### Cornerstones' Herndon After School Program

##### Family Day

**March 22, 2024 - 4:30 till 8:30 PM**

**Set Up Shift - 3:30/4:00 to 6:00**

**Serving Shift - 6:00 to 8:30**

**Clean Up Shift - 8:00 to 9:30**

**Please Email [ConniePurple1@gmail.com](mailto:ConniePurple1@gmail.com) if you can help or have questions**

**Sign up NOW- April 7, 2024**

**Noon to 4 PM**

**Lift Me UP! Work Day -**

**Questions - [Stephen Clark](mailto:Stephen Clark)**

**[gunship1a@gmail.com](mailto:gunship1a@gmail.com)**

**Please respond Yes or NO**

**RSVP**

#### Volunteers are needed for Georgetown Pike Beautification!

Our next opportunity to beautify is now scheduled for **Sunday (4/28/24) @ 8:00am** (we meet in front of Broadway Gallery and BRX).

We need a crew of 4-8 abled-bodied members to help beautify (pick up trash on) our stretch of Georgetown Pike (Seneca to Springvale). We supply the nice orange vests, pickers and bags.

Please RSVP to Dan Lundeen [dan.lundeen2@gmail.com](mailto:dan.lundeen2@gmail.com)

#### **This Week & beyond**

**March 21 from 6 - 8 PM Third Thirsty Thursday (TTT) at Arts of Great Fall Art School and Gallery - 756 Walker Road, Great Falls**

Please come out, check out art work and have a great fellowship

**Please RSVP Yes or No.**

RSVP

**March 28 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at River Bend Golf & County Club**

**Speaker: Charlie Colligan**

**Topic: NoVA, VBC, and Me! VBC- Value Based Care-**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87475359489?pwd=Zm5ORXB3YTFTFDbVB3ZnZHQkp6ZEcxUT09>

Meeting ID: 874 7535 9489

Passcode: 100000

### Birthdays



[Ibrahim N Barghout](#)  
March 18th



[Wilbert T Wilkinson](#)  
March 23rd



[Marc Andersen](#)  
March 24th



[Teresa A Rutledge](#)  
March 26th



[Maninder Singh Sethi](#)  
March 27th



[Patrick Nugent](#)  
April 6th



[George Wade Lodge](#)  
April 9th

### Club Leaders



[Connie Jacob Sawtell](#)  
President



[June Melloni Kelly](#)  
President-Elect  
Service Projects Chair



[Steve Flannery](#)  
Club Admin Chair  
Vice President



[Teresa A Rutledge](#)  
Treasurer



Raf Traboulsi  
Secretary



Elizabeth Bouchard  
Membership Chair  
Club Director



Stephen A. Clark  
Past President  
Club Director



Daniel Cardenas  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Dan Lundeen  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Neddal Abu-Taa  
Club Programs Chair



Rod Murchison  
Webmaster



Michael Broyles  
Public Relations Chair  
iPast President



Natasha Sodhi  
Club Youth Protection Officer  
Interact Club Sponsor



Anil Bhatia  
International Service Chair

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**April 4, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 PM at River Bend Golf & County Club**

**Speaker: Senator Bill Carrico, Sr, Executive Director & Government Relations, VA State Police**

**Topic: His choice**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87475359489?pwd=Zm5ORXB3YTFDbVB3ZnZHQkp6ZEcxUT09>  
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**April 11, 2024 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at River Bend Golf & County Club**

**Speaker: James McDonald**

**Topic: Mystery - What will it be!**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87475359489?pwd=Zm5ORXB3YTFDbVB3ZnZHQkp6ZEcxUT09>  
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**March 21 from 6 - 8 PM Third Thirsty Thursday (TTT) at The Turner Farm**

10609 Georgetown Pike, *Great Falls*

Please come out, have a tour of the farm & improvements and have a great fellowship.

**Please RSVP Yes or No.**

RSVP

**District Grant Training- DACdb system**

District 7610 are changing the application process by using DACdb.  
April 2, April 3 or April 4 at 7 PM by zoon

Link to sign up

[https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/wp\\_api\\_1-2/R\\_Event.cfm?EventID=77735235&fixTables=0&fixImages=0](https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/wp_api_1-2/R_Event.cfm?EventID=77735235&fixTables=0&fixImages=0)

Get your horse names ready! The **Lift Me Up Derby** is coming up on May 19th (Derby Month).

. We are starting to sell horses for this year's derby to help fund the children's therapeutic programs at the Lift Me Up Therapeutic Horse Riding Facility on Georgetown Pike, right here in Great Falls!

This is a fun event at the Lift Me Up location on May 19th between 2-5 pm.

How can you help make this unique fundraiser a success?

**1.) Be a financial sponsor (or find sponsors):**

**Levels:**

- \* Titan = \$1,000
- \* Jewel = \$500
- \* Shimmy = \$250

**2.) Buy and name your horse for the derby races. \$100/horse.**

**3.) Attend the event or volunteer to help.**

There are prizes for winning horses and you do not need to be present to win.

You may donate through our website (choose Lift Me Up Derby and put a horse name or just type sponsor in the note field). Checks are also accepted and can be sent to our Foundation address:

Rotary Club of Great Falls VA Foundation  
917 Winstead St  
Great Falls, VA 22066  
Att: Dan Lundeen

**Cornerstones' Embry Shelter -**

**Volunteering - Serving Meals Needed - 5 Volunteers  
2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**Next Date - March 13 from 4:30 to 6 PM Need 3 more volunteers**

**Future dates - April 10, May 8 and June 12  
Questions Contact Bob Dinkel bob.dinkel@gmail.com**

**Sign Up for April 10, 2024**

**2nd Annual Sean Plunkett Memorial Bocce Tournament**

April 13 from 2 to 6 PM (Rain Date April 27)  
Village Green Centre

Benefit - Veterans Moving Forward  
<https://vetsfwd.org/>

Players are encouraged to donate \$50 per player or \$200 per team.  
Donations will be taken the day of the event or online.

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?  
token=s2IEfS0fZnbq2AhhRtZmBTHtOWL5UCyZzQxyyI45b0bgqYTqyWujbqI9N0JSkZAMGUBz-  
D4kYD2X2gEX](https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=s2IEfS0fZnbq2AhhRtZmBTHtOWL5UCyZzQxyyI45b0bgqYTqyWujbqI9N0JSkZAMGUBz-D4kYD2X2gEX)

### **Sponsorships**

- **"Woody"** Level Sponsorship - \$500
  - Includes Team of Four for the Bocce Tournament
  - Signage at the Bocce Tournament
  - Special mention at the Bocce Tournament
  - Press mention
- **"Paco"** Level Sponsorship - \$1000
  - Includes Team of Four for the Bocce Tournament
  - Signage at the Bocce Tournament
  - Special mention at the Bocce Tournament
  - Press mention
  - Special 2nd Annual Sean Plunkett Memorial Bocce Tournament Gift Bag (\$250 Value)
- **"Small"** Level Sponsorship - \$1500
  - Includes Team of Four for the Bocce Tournament
  - Prime signage at the Bocce Tournament
  - Prime mention at the Bocce Tournament
  - Prime press mention
  - Special 2nd Annual Sean Plunkett Memorial Bocce Tournament Gift Bag (\$250 Value)

- Special 2nd Annual Sean Plunkett Memorial Bocce Tournament Wine Box (\$250 Value)

For more information or questions, please contact Steve Flannery  
**steve.flannery@verizon.net**

**April 27, 2024 - 8:30 to 3 PM District 7610 Leadership Training Assembly**

Laurel Ridge Community College  
Addr: 6480 College St. Warrenton, VA 20186 in Hazel Hall (new building on the right side of the parking lot) is registered on the District 7610 Website's Calendar

**Last Word from Connie**

The 15,000 package meals on February 16  
With Rise Against Hunger  
Are headed to the Philippines!

**Donations Needed - Puzzles & Books**

The Friends of Great Falls Library

They are short donations for the  
Puzzle Sale - March 23 and  
Book Sale - April 26 & April 27

**Please drop off at the Library!**

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at 6 PM to 8 PM!**

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## Rotary Events

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### **April 7, 2024 Rain Date April 21 Life Me Up District Grant Work Day**

More information to come - Contact  
Stepehn Clark gunship1a@gmail.com

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### **Have You recorded your Personal Volunteer Hours?**

#### **NEW SERVICE PROJECT: Rotarian's Personal Service Project - What's that?**

The DACdb app will change & improve our lives. YOU can log your own service hours on the app. Since Rotarians are People of Action, we all have our own service we do outside of Rotary. So let's track that service. That's what "Rotarian's Personal Service Project" is all about. E.G. - You decide to take a walk in Great Falls in pick up trash - Log the date and # of hours, You go and donate blood - Log that day & time. Also, you can log money, like kind money amount and mileage. If you have questions, please ask Connie Sawtell or June Kelley.

#### **Rotary Education - Log those hours Too!**

If you take a RI website course, RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute), any other Rotary Education or any Rotary District event - log the date and # of hours, etc.

#### **Rotary Club Service/Committee Meetings - Log those hours too!**

If you attend a committee meeting or do service for the club, you can log those hours too.

[Read More](#)

## R/C of Great Falls VA Speakers' Bios

### **Rotary Club of Great Falls Upcoming Speakers' Bios**

No Speaker this week - look at "Read More" for future speakers

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Community Events:

Thursday, January 4, 2024

- **March 23, Friends of Great Falls Libray Puzzle Sale -**

Donation of puzzles needed and volunteers to work the sale

- **April 14, Amedues - Baumgarten Tioi 4 PM**

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA -  
<https://amadeusconcerts.com/concerts-events/tickets/>

- **April 26 & 27, Frieds of Great Falls Library Book Sale**

They need donations of books and volunteers will be needed to work the sale.

- **May 12, Amedeus - Strings 4 PM**

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA -  
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- **May 18, 2024 Great Falls Grange Foundation Fundraiser Event**

*9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA -*

Theme: " All the Jazz "

Date: Saturday, May 18

Time : 6:00 PM- 10:00 PM

Place: The Great Falls Grange

Tickets : \$150.00 each

Sponsorship Levels: The Great Gatsby, The Flapper, The Charleston, The Speak Easy #738

A evening of Dinner, dancing and amazing auction items. During the Gala we will have the following fundraising options:

- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle
- Live Auction
- Raise the Paddle

The Gala committee has been meeting and is working hard , but we still need help from the board to make this happen. This is our major fundraising event and we hope that we can count on each of you to participate/help in the following ways:

- Promote this event to each of your groups /friends /family / business associates
- Sell Tickets to the event
- Secure an item for either the silent or live auction
- Donate a gift card from a local Great Falls Restaurant
- Start planning your attire - we are stepping back to the Roaring Twenties !

- **June 4, Amedues - Special Event End Gala Garden Party 4 PM**

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