















## Birthdays

-  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

## RCGF: Week of April 1, 2024 Announcements

**DACdb IGNITE - Mobile App!**  
You can download it now.

**Sign up NOW- April 7, 2024**  
**Noon to 4 PM**

**Lift Me UP! Work Day -**  
**Questions - Stephen Clark**  
**gunship1a@gmail.com**

1051 Kelso Road, Great Falls. Go past the big house on the left at 1051 Kelso Road to Ramey Lane and turn left. Veer left on the lane to get to the barn. Come within a foot of the automatic gate to have it open.

**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 nice orange vests, pickers and bags.

Please RSVP to Dan Lundeen dan.lundeen2@gmail.com

RSVP "Yes" or "No"

### This Week & beyond

**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**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3948180500?pwd=dmNNS08zV00ycms3cWlmOFhqUkJadz.09>

Meeting ID: 394 818 0500  
Passcode: Czd1TN

**April 11, 2024 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at River Bend Golf & County Club**

**Speaker: James McDonald**  
**Topic: Talk to an Architect: How to Start Your New Home or Renovation**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3948180500?pwd=dmNNS08zV00ycms3cWlmOFhqUkJadz.09>

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**April 18 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



[Rod Murchison](#)  
Webmaster



[Michael Broyles](#)  
Public Relations  
Chair  
iPast President



[Natasha Sodhi](#)  
Club Youth  
Protection  
Officer  
Interact Club  
Sponsor



[Anil Bhatia](#)  
International  
Service Chair

reilowship.

**Please RSVP Yes or No.**

RSVP

**April 25, 2024 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at River Bend Golf & County Club**

**Speaker: DACdb Team -**

**Topic: How to Use Rotary App. IGNITE**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**District Grant Training- DACdb system**

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Link to sign up

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**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 Center on Georgetown Pike, right here in Great Falls!

This is a fun event at the Lift Me Up location on May 19th between 4-6 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(s) for the derby races. \$100/horse, multiple horses can be purchased for multiple races.**

**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 your horse(s) name(s) or just type sponsor in the note field).

<https://rotarygreatfallsva.org>

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

**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 May 8, 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://rotarygreatfallsva.org/>

**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

Sign Up

**Last Word from Connie**

**Big Thank You to Neddal Abu-Taa** and the 24-25 Speaker Team-

**Liz Buchard, Tricia Boland & Scott Knight**

**There are speakers arranged for 99% of the meetings.  
From April 4 until June 27!**

PLEASE, check out the list and put it on your schedule.  
You are welcome to invite a Friend or two to join you at the meetings.  
Some Speakers will draw a bigger crowd which we have moved  
the venue and request RSVP on some meeting dates.  
*(want to make sure there is enough food, drink and chairs)*

Here is the list of speakers - check out their Bio's & topic  
Senator Bill Carrico, Sr., James McDonald, Doug Hengel  
Tentative Supervisor Jimmy Bierman, A. Scott Wood,  
James Wallen, Sharon Wasserman and Steve Flannery

**RSVP Now to reserve your seat at the next 3 months**

**Speakers' Bios & Topics - 2 places to look for them**

1. RCGF's Website - "Club Links" - "Speakers" - Click on Speaker
2. Club's Calendar - Meeting info

New Club App (DACdb) **"IGNITE"**  
I got it already and it's Very Easy!  
Please load it now because I can only messenger Michael right now.  
Send me a Selfie! Give me a smile for the day!  
Learning Session - April 25th's Meeting  
Plus another Zoom session.

**Save the Date - June 20, 2024,  
6 until 9 PM  
End of Year and  
Officers' Installation Celebration!  
The Main Grange Building**

**Donations Needed - Books**

The Friends of Great Falls Library. They are short donations for the  
Book Sale - April 26 & April 27

**Please drop off at the Library!**

***(important to RCGF because there is something in the works  
But not official yet!)***

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

Do you realize RCGF Rotarians have logged approximately

1,200 Volunteer Hours ?

We set a goal of 1,500 and there are 3 months to go!

Check your Service Log - some of your hours might have been logged for you.

Check it out on IGNITE ! "My Service Hours" - "View History"  
If your hours aren't logged, log them. There is a list of club ones and towards the bottom are

"Rotarians' Personal Service Project" and "Rotary Education"

**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](#)

## Upcoming Community Events:

Thursday, January 4, 2024

- **April 5, The Arts of Great Falls School & Gallery -**

- **1st Friday Art Walk 6 to 8 PM -**

More info <https://www.artsofgreatfalls.org/art-events>

Check out the other events on May 18, May 22 and May 24

- **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 - <https://amadeusconcerts.com/concerts-events/tickets/>

- **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 !

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

<https://amadeusconcerts.com/concerts-events/tickets/>

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