



## RCGF: Week of April 22, 2024 Announcements

### Birthdays



Michael Broyles  
May 10th



Mary Kelleher  
May 22nd

### 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

**Happy Earth Day!**  
RCGF will be giving about 140 trees to  
GFES' Kindergartners & 1st Graders  
for them to plant in their yards today.  
**Thank You, Dan Cardenas and Bartlett Tree Experts.**

**The Lift Me Up Derby**  
**Submit your horse/s names!**  
**May 19th (Derby Month)**

We are selling 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?**  
***(RCGF plan to raise over \$10,000!)***

#### **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

RSVP if you are going attend on May 19!

RSVP

#### **Who's Talking at the meetings?**

- Check them Out
- Put them on your calendar
- Invite a Friend or two
- RSVP!



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

- (want to make sure there is enough food, drink and chairs)

### Speakers' Bios & Topics

Here is the list of speakers -

**Doug Hengel May 2, 6-8 PM (need to RSVP)**

**Supervisor Jimmy Bierman, May 9 7:30 - 8:30 AM (need to RSVP),**

**A. Scott Wood,  
James Wallen, Sharon Wasserman and Steve Flannery**

**RSVP Now to reserve your seat!**

**This Week & beyond**

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

**Speaker: IGNITE - DACdb Team -  
Topic: Set Your Rotary World on Fire-Learn what you can do with this app to more easily engage with Rotary.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3948180500?pwd=dmNNS08zV00ycms3cWlmOFhqUkJadz09>

Meeting ID: 394 818 0500

Passcode: Czd1TN

**May 2, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 PM at The Grange - Main Building**

**Speaker: Doug Hengel, Retired Sr. U.S. Diplomat; Energy Consultant**

Topic: Energy and National Security - A Global Perspective

This meeting is being catered by Classic Wines of Great Falls.

**RSVP - Yes or NO - Invite a Friend or TWO!**

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**May 9 , 2024 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at River Bend Golf & County Club**

**Speaker: Supervisor Jimmy Bierman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors**

**Topic: Jimmy will discuss his priorities for the Dranesville district. Is this your priority?**

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**May 16, Third Thirsty Thursday 6-8 PM**

**Tentative: The Old Brogue - 760 Walker Road**

Please RSVP Yes or No

**End of Year and  
Officers' Installation Celebration!**  
**June 20, 2024, 6 until 9 PM**  
**The Main Grange Building**  
*9818 Georgetown Pike*

Yes or NO - sponsor/partner/children welcome

RSVP

**Cornerstones' Embry Shelter -**

**Volunteering - Serving Meals Needed - 4 Volunteers**  
**2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**Next Date - May 8 from 4:30 to 6 PM Need 3 more volunteers**

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

**Sign Up for May 8, 2024**

RSVP

**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 Websites'  
Calendar or below:

Sign Up

April 27 Fairfax County Drug Take Back Day  
[Here](#) is a link to the different locations to drop unused drugs.

Fairfax Prevention Coalitions might need volunteers that day.  
Questions - June Kelly Junemellonikelly@gmail.com

**Volunteers are needed for Georgetown Pike Beautification!**  
**Just Need 2 More Volunteers!**

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"

**Last Word from Connie**

Do you know anyone?

### **Great Falls Citizen of the Year**

A non-Rotarian individual (as opposed to pairs or groups) from Great Falls who exemplifies "Serve Above Self". This individual will have contributed significantly to improving the quality of life in their community, whether local, state or national basis or the world.

The nominee must be someone with whom the Rotary Club has engaged in community service work together or with whom the club has had some other firsthand experience. Furthermore, the nominee should include broad support for this individual beyond Rotary.

Let me know, so we can talk about the next step.

### **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!**

**Volunteer at the book Sale:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA9AB2BA4F5C61-48898229-book#/>

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

**Thank You to Liz Bouchard & Debbie van Opstal who met with Sharon Wasserman, the new branch manager at the Great Falls Library, on how the RCGF can support and collaborate with the library.**

**Thank You to Connection Paper, Reporter Mercia Hobson and Rotarian, June Kelly for the information on Page 10 & 11, April 17-23, 2024 , Connection (Great Falls) about The Bocce Tournament.**

### **May 18, 2024 Great Falls Grange Foundation Fundraiser Event**

*9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA -*

<https://www.gfgrange.org/events>

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

This is their major fundraising event and we hope that we can count on each of you to participate/help in the following ways:

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[Read More](#)

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see announcements Contact Dan Lundeen

### **Embry Rucker Shelter Meals Volunteer**

May 8 and June 12

See announcements

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Community Events:

Thursday, January 4, 2024

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

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

Volunateer - Sign Up

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- **May 4, Forestville Historic Schoolhouse, 10 AM to 2 PM**

<https://www.gfgrange.org/events>

- **May 11, Great Finds Market - GF Grange 10 AM to 4 PM**

The GFGF will be accepting item donations ahead of time to sell, but NO clothing. Their portion will be sold in the schoolhouse.

<https://www.gfgrange.org/events>

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

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

- **May 18, May 22 and May 24 The Arts of Great Falls School & Gallery -**

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

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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 1 - Cornerstones Herndon After School Program Family Day - need 8-10 volunteers**

First set of volunteers will start at Herndon Resource Center and then the event and other volunteers will be at Herndon Community Center. More information and questions - contact Connie Sawtell - [ConniePurple1@gmail.com](mailto:ConniePurple1@gmail.com)

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

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

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