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Patrick Nugent
 April 6th
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George Wade
 Lodge
 April 9th


Club Leaders


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 President-Elect
 Service Projects
 Chair
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Dan Lundeen
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 Club Programs
 Chair

RCGF: Week of April 8, 2024 Announcements

DACdb IGNITE - Mobile App!
Download the app - RSVP for events from your phone!

Submit your horse/s names! 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

This Week & beyond

The speakers are arranged for 99% of the meetings.

From April 11 until June 27!

PLEASE, check out the list of speakers 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

James McDonald, Doug Hengel

**Tentative Supervisor Jimmy Bierman, A. Scott Wood,
 James Wallen, Sharon Wasserman and Steve Flannery**

**RSVP Now to reserve your seat for the next 3 months
 Speakers' Bios & Topics - 2 places to look for them**



[Rod Murchison](#)
Webmaster



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



[Natasha Sodhi](#)
Club Youth
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[Anil Bhatia](#)
International
Service Chair

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

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=dmNNS08zV00ycms3cWlmOFhqUkJadz09>

Meeting ID: 394 818 0500
Passcode: Czd1TN

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 fellowship.

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
<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

Join Zoom Meeting
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Cornerstones' Embry Shelter -

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

Next Date - April 10 - 1 spot left

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

Sign Up for May 8, 2024

This Weekend!

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/>

Not Playing, Come by and Support your Favorite Team!

<https://rotarygreatfallsva.org/>

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

April 27 Drug Take Back Day

Watch for more information to come

Questions - June Kelly Junemellonikelly@gmail.com

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"

Last Word from Connie

**Save the Date - June 20, 2024,
6 until 9 PM**

**End of Year and
Officers' Installation Celebration!
The Main Grange Building**

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!

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

[Read More](#)

Rotary Events

Please check out the calendar in case something is missed

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Tournament -**

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Upcoming Community Events:

- **April 14, Amedeus - Baumgarten Tioi 4 PM** St. Francis Episcopal
Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA -

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

- **April 26 & 27, Friends 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, May 22 and May 24 The Arts of Great Falls School &
Gallery -**

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

- **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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