



### Birthdays



Michael Broyles  
May 10th



Mary Kelleher  
May 22nd



Teresa Yurt  
May 24th



June Melloni  
Kelly  
May 27th



Scott Knight  
May 29th



Margery  
Wedderburn  
June 1st

### 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

## RCGF: Week of May 6, 2024 Announcements

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

#### [Speakers Bios & Topics](#)

Here is the list of speakers -

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



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

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

**RSVP Now to reserve your seat!**

**This Week & beyond**

**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?**

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 394 818 0500

Passcode: Czd1TN

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

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

Please RSVP Yes, No or Maybe

**May 22, 2024 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at River Bend Golf & County Club**

**Speaker: A. Scott Wood, Music Director and Conductor**

**Topic: Amadeus Concerts: their history and concert series**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 394 818 0500

Passcode: Czd1TN

**May 30, 2024 - NO MEETING (Fifth Thursday)**

**End of Year and**

**Officers' Installation Celebration!**

**June 20, 2024, 6 until 9 PM**

**The Main Grange Building**

*9818 Georgetown Pike*

Yes, NO or Maybe - sponsor/partner/children welcome

**Cornerstones' Embry Shelter -**

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

**Next Date - Mqy 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**

**Last Word from Connie**

Please support GFGF which RCGF is a charter supporter & member of GFGF's Board.

**Purchase your tickets and/or sponsorship today and join Paul & I at this fun event.**

**If you cannot make it, you can bid online for the silent auction items or make a donation.**

**Big Thank You - We have to help GFGF to be successful so that we have a reasonable price and large location to meet in Great Falls.**

**May 18, 2024, 6- 10 PM**  
**Great Falls Grange Foundation Fundraiser Event**  
at 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA -

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

**All that Jazz - we are stepping back into the Roaring Twenties!**

**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, Online Silent Auction, Live Auction, and Raise the Paddle

**Donations - Home Estate Items**

(no clothing)

Great Finds Market & Estate Sale

Drop Off - Wed. **May 8 from Noon to 5 PM**

GF Grange Schoolhouse benefit GFGF

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

**Actual Event - Saturday, May 11 from 10 AM to 4 PM**

Lots of Vendors! Inside & Outside

**Volunteers needed, Sat. May 11 & June 9 from 9 - 11:30 AM**

GFCFA - The Grange Oak Grove

Please bring work gloves

To sign up click here: [Volunteer signup](#). On the site, click on "Volunteer Search", then on "Great Falls Grange Park Habitat Restoration" and sign up for your desired dates.

Please make sure to log your volunteer hours in at DACdb mobile App or IGNITE (app - have you downloaded it YET?)

**Volunteers Needed -**

**Cornerstones' Herndon After-School Program Family Day -Sat.**

**June 1, 2024- 2 Shifts**

*Herndon Community Center*

**11:00am to 1:00pm SHIFT**

Event Set Up

Set up lunch buffet

Serve lunch

Package left over food into take-away containers for families

**1:30pm to 4:30pm SHIFT**

Finish lunch clean up

Set up for Family Bingo

Set up Parent Surprise Birthday Party

Event Clean Up

Questions & Sign Up - [ConniePurple1@gmail.com](mailto:ConniePurple1@gmail.com)

**July 4 - Great Falls Fireworks! Volunteers Needed**

**John Burk**, our fellow Rotarian, is heading it up again!

Volunteers - contact John Burk

**[johnfburke@mac.com](mailto:johnfburke@mac.com)**

**THANK YOU for all the "Service Above Self"  
You Do!**

[Read More](#)

## Rotary Events

**Please check out the calender in case something is missed**

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

May 8 and June 12  
See announcements

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Community 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>

- **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 !

**Celebrate Great Falls - Concerts Series - Starting in May until September**

<https://celebrategreatfalls.org/concert>

- **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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