



### RCGF: Week of May 13, 2024 Announcements

**This Sunday - Help the club cross the Finish Line (financial goal)  
We're on the back stretch right NOW! The Lift Me Up Derby  
May 19th, 4-6 PM  
9700 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls**

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 includes list on Website \* Jewel = \$500 and \* Shimmy = \$250  
All include a horse or horses

**2.) Buy and name your horse(s) for the derby races. \$100/horse, multiple horses can be purchased for multiple races.**

**3.) Make a donation**

**4.) Attend the event or volunteer to help. Contact [dan.lundeen2@gmail.com](mailto:dan.lundeen2@gmail.com)**

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!**

Bring a folding chair if you want to sit during the races, and we'll be at the dirt inside riding barn

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](#)

#### Birthdays



[Mary Kelleher](#)  
May 22nd



[Teresa Yurt](#)  
May 24th



[June Melloni](#)  
Kelly  
May 27th



[Scott Knight](#)  
May 29th



[Margery Wedderburn](#)  
June 1st



[Saveeta Pillai](#)  
June 12th

#### Club Leaders



[Connie Jacob Sawtell](#)  
President



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Kelly  
President-Elect  
Service Projects  
Chair



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Chair



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iPast President



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Club Youth  
Protection  
Officer  
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Sponsor



[Anil Bhatia](#)  
International  
Service Chair

Here is the list of speakers -

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

**RSVP Now to reserve your seat!**

**This Week & beyond**

**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

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

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 - June 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM**

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

**Need 3 volunteers**

**Questions Contact Bob Dinkel bob.dinkel@gmail.com**

**Sign Up for June 12, 2024**

**RSVP**

**Last Word from Connie**

**Get on Supervisor Jimmy Bierman, Fairfax County Board of  
Supervisors email newsletter list, email  
Natalie.Bennett@fairfaxcounty.gov**

**Big Thank You to Debbie van Opstal**

From her vision to being operational -

**R/C of Great Falls' - "Food for the Brain"**

Free books for youth at the Cornerstones'

Reston Food Pantry

Want to donate books or volunteer,

Please contact dvanopstal@cox.net

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

**TICKETS still available!**

<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

**Volunteers Needed - This Friday, May 17, 2024 from 10 AM to 5 PM to help set-up.**

Questions - [Conniepurple1@gmail.com](mailto:Conniepurple1@gmail.com)

**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. Thank You to those Rotarians already supporting this event.**

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

GFCFA - The Grange Oak Grove

Please bring work groves

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)

If you are interested in being the Chair of a **July 4 - Rotary Entry in the Great Falls Parade,**

Please contact [Conniepurple1@gmail.com](mailto:Conniepurple1@gmail.com)

The main parade will take place at 10:00am around the Village Centre and typically ends by 10:45am. Please line up at 9:00am on Lunenburg facing the Columbine intersection. (Note that advance registration is not required for the Little Patriots Parade at the Village Green at 9am.)



## Upcoming Community Events:

Thursday, January 4, 2024

- **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

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- Silent Auction
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- 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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