



### RCGF: Week of May 20, 2024 Announcements

**Happy 13th Anniversary  
Rotary Club of Great Falls, VA  
Today, May 20, 2011 was our Charter Day!**

#### 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



Cory Clarke  
June 16th



TJ Shea  
June 17th

#### 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

#### Big Thank You to Dan Lundeen and Everyone Whom supported the Lift Me Up Derby

5 Rotarian horses won their races and competed in the Championship Derby! It was a close championship race - and one of the key Derby sponsors won - the Residence at Colvin Run. We were very fortunate to have raised \$12,500 + to help fund the children's therapeutic riding programs at Lift Me Up with \$2,500+ for our club's foundation. The event had over 40+ fans watching the race action!

#### Thank You to All Rotarians who Supported Great Falls Grange Foundation on Sat. May 18 - Funds raised passed their Goal!

#### 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 -

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

**RSVP Now to reserve your seat!**

**This Week & until June 27, 2024**

**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)**

**June 6, 2024 from 6 to 8 PM at River Bend Golf & County Club**

**Speaker: James Wallen, President of Friends of Colvin Run Mill**



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



Rod Murchison  
Webmaster



Michael Broyles  
Public Relations  
Chair  
iPast President



Natasha Sodhi  
Club Youth  
Protection  
Officer  
Interact Club  
Sponsor



Anil Bhatia  
International  
Service Chair

**Speaker: James Warren, President of Friends of Colvin Run Mill**

**Topic: About Friends of Colvin Run Mill and Current Projects**

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**June 13 , 2024 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at River Bend Golf & County Club**

**Speaker: : Sharon M. Wasserman, Branch Manager, Great Falls Library**

**Topic: Sharon will talk about library resources that would be of interest to the RCGF Rotarians**

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

**End of Year and Officers' Installation Celebration!**

**The Main Grange Building**

*9818 Georgetown Pike*

The RCGF will honor our **Citizens of the Year, Bill Canis and Richard Ashton** plus who will be the "Rotarian of the Year"? The Year in Review, Install 24-25 RCGF Board, and lots of fun fellowship.

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

**June 27, 2024 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at River Bend Golf & County Club**

**Speaker: Steve Flannery**

**Topic: AI and Rotary**

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**Summer Vacation Schedule:**

**July 18 TTT 6-8 PM, July 25 7:30 AM, Aug. 8 7:30 AM, Aug. 15 TTT 6-8 PM -**

**No Meetings 7-4, 7-11, 8-1, 8-22.**

**Possible Social TBD on August 29**

**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**

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

GFC - 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.)

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

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

Volunteers - Sign Up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFA723A2FC1-48442773-2024#/>

or contact John Burke  
[johnfburke@mac.com](mailto:johnfburke@mac.com)

**RCGF is a sponsor of this event -  
Needed - a Rotarian to get parking passes & VIP passes to  
Rotarians**

**Who wants to go view the Fireworks under RCGF tent.  
Let me know if you can do this - [Conniepurple1@gmail.com](mailto:Conniepurple1@gmail.com)**

**Oktoberfest is back in Fall 2024!**

Under the direction of **John Burke** and **IB Barghout**, The RCGF will partner with the **Great Falls Grange Foundation** for Great Falls' Oktoberfest at the Grange.

This will be a service project with club financial benefits.

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

**Thank You again for all your support for  
the LMU Derby's Success!**

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## Rotary Events

Please check out the calender in case something is missed

### Embry Rucker Shelter Meals Volunteer

June 12

See announcements

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Community Events:

Thursday, January 4, 2024

- **May 22 and May 24 The Arts of Great Falls School & Gallery -**  
More info <https://www.artsofgreatfalls.org/art-events>

- **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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