

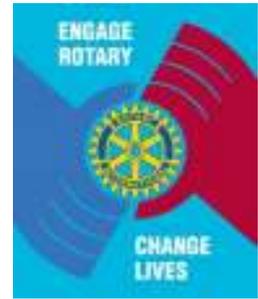


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The Weekly Members' Bulletin of the
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For the Location of This Week's Meeting.
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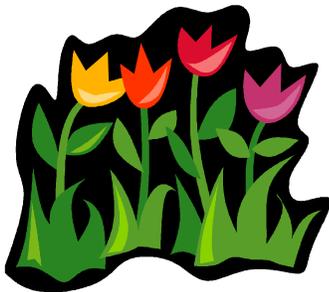
March 24 - 30, 2014

Fellow Arlington Rotarians,

Good News!! Last Thursday was our last “trial meeting.” The search for a new venue is over, and the Board has decided our new home for the foreseeable future will be Sorry! I’m going to keep that under my hat for a little while longer, not so much to heighten the suspense, but because we still need to finalize details of our arrangement before we can really say it’s a done deal. I think we can get that done early this coming week, so that we can announce our result this week (March 27). First meeting at the new location: April 3.

This week’s meeting, as you know, is our annual [Spring Luncheon](#), at [Willow Restaurant, 4301 N. Fairfax Dr.](#), in the Ballston area. Discounted parking is available in the garage under the building with restaurant validation. [Enter the garage from N. Taylor Street](#). I’m pleased to say that nearly everyone who isn’t out of town is planning to come. If you haven’t yet responded, please let me know today (Sunday). And for those of you who did, keep in mind that we have guaranteed the restaurant a certain number based on your attendance.

Our Program This Week – Thursday, March 27



Our program this week is to welcome spring and have an enjoyable lunch with your fellow Rotarians and their guests. But, we will still mix in a little Rotary business. As noted above, we expect to be able to announce our final decision on our future meeting place; we will hear briefly from AFAC Executive Director Charles Meng about latest developments, and we’ll give him the club’s annual donation; we hope to be inducting a new member; and there may be other surprises.

Club Business/Announcements

Just in case you might not have heard the announcement (“say WHAT?!”) at last week’s meeting at Rustico, the Club is co-sponsoring INOVA’s blood drive at Arlington Central Library, March 29, 11:00 – 3:00. We need a couple more volunteers to help with registration of the blood donors; please check with Project Leader Bill Cox. Of course we also encourage members who are so inclined (and eligible) to donate blood themselves on this occasion – drop in or sign up in advance at inova.org/donateblood.

Next on our radar: Make plans now to attend the **Second Annual AREF Fundraiser, beginning 6:00 PM at the China Garden Restaurant in Rosslyn**. There is no regular lunch meeting on this date, the fundraiser IS our meeting for the week. Last year this event was a lot of fun, and raised \$3,000 for our scholarship foundation. Come and bring your guests for a great Chinese dinner, our speaker, raffle and prizes, and a chance to learn mahjongg.

For The Record

Last week's speaker was Lewis E. Forrest II, Executive Director of George Mason University's Early Identification Program (EIP), on the topic of college access programs aimed at readying pre-college young people for the university experience.

Also on March 20, we had quite a few visitors and guests: Visiting Rotarian Karen Levine (RC Djakarta, Indonesia); our AREF 2013 Scholarship winner Victor Gomez and his mother, Ana; Robert Martinson of Wells Fargo Bank; our old friend Chris Applegate; Stephen Holbrook, FBI retired and candidate for Arlington County Board; and Toni Andrews, Associate Director for Community and Local Government Relations at GMU.



Photo Above: AREF Pres Joe Lott presents AREF scholarship winner Victor Gomez with a check for his second semester; mother Ana looks on; Lower left, our speaker Lewis E. Forrest II.

On the Horizon (all locations TBD if not specified)

20 Mar – Board meeting follows the regular meeting.

27 Mar – **ARC Special Event**: Spring luncheon at Willow Restaurant.

29 Mar – **iSERVICE OPPORTUNITY!** INOVA blood drive, Arlington Central Library, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. See John Becker to volunteer.

31 Mar – Applications due for Global Grants (scholarships)

3 Apr – ARC Meeting: Liz Nohra, Chief Operations Officer, Leadership Arlington

10 Apr – ARC Meeting: Elaine Jean – “Carpe Weekend”

17 Apr – ARC Meeting: Carl Middleton (former ARC member) “Great Quotations, Great Thoughts”

24 Apr – **ARC Special Event** -- Fundraising dinner for AREF, China Garden Restaurant (Rosslyn) 6:00 PM. Speaker: David Foster, former chairman, Virginia Board of Education. There is no regular lunchtime club meeting this date.

24-27 Apr – District 7610 “Reunion” – Virginia Crossings Resort, Glen Allen VA - Also includes a **iSERVICE OPPORTUNITY!** - Rotarians will pack food on Saturday 26 April for the District “Stop Hunger Now” project.

