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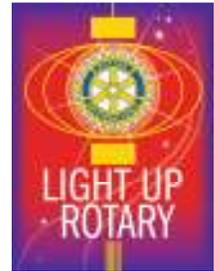
The Weekly Members' Bulletin of the  
**ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB**

**Feb 15 - 21, 2014**

<http://www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org>

Meetings: Thursday, 12:15 pm  
Washington Golf & Country Club  
3017 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22207  
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## **This week Mike Matthai will be speaking about his recent experience building a home in the Dominican Republic with Cambiando Vidas**



Cambiando Vidas is a U.S.-based, 501(c)(3) organization building international partnerships through the construction of houses for financially troubled families in the Dominican Republic.

Cambiando Vidas is dedicated to the belief that every human being should have access to all of life's essentials – shelter, food, clothing, education, and the opportunity to realize one's full potential and ambitions. The organization builds small, safe, affordable, concrete-block homes that are strong enough to survive hurricane-force storms. In addition to providing capital and labor, international build teams work hand in hand with the recipient families and community volunteers who provide much of the "sweat equity". By the end of the week-long build this unique mixing of concrete, people, and cultures

reveals that people are more alike than different, and that a house is much more than a collection of concrete, metal, and wood. Cambiando Vidas is not a charity. Every house remains the property of Cambiando Vidas until the new homeowner pays the mortgage in full. The houses remain affordable because they are made primarily with volunteer labor and the mortgages are interest free. Cambiando Vidas encourages sustainable economic development to work toward community self-sufficiency.

### **Last Week**

**Emily Cassell** of the Arlington Convention and Visitors Service, shared some information about tourism in Arlington including the fact that Arlington visitors generated more than \$2.8 billion in spending in 2013 with tourism. **Lorna Daniels** won the 50/50 raffle. **Guests included:** Will Alteneder, Virginia Perry, Donna Vaughn, Gordon Peyton, Barbara Barton and Charles Heberle.

### **Take Note**

Arlington Rotary Educational Foundation Treasurer Steve Klemp has issued statements of members' deductible donations to AREF for the period July-December 2014 – in person, by email, or by snail mail (latter should arrive Tuesday Feb. 17). If you haven't received yours, or if you find that your report needs correction, please let Steve know – [steve@yclept.com](mailto:steve@yclept.com).

## Important upcoming Arlington Rotary Club dates are

- 26 Feb - **Dr. Sandra Romano**, Doctor of Audiology at Sonus Arlington Hearing Center
- 28 Feb - **Blood drive** at Arlington Central Library
- 5 March - **Kyung Pak**, director of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project
- 8 March - **Bessie's Blues at Metro Stage** matinee performance & brunch
- 26 Mar - **Spring Luncheon** (location to be announced)
- 23 Apr - **AREF Banquet Fundraiser** at China Garden (in lieu of regular lunch)
- 25 Jun - **Installation dinner** (location to be announced)

### ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB

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### The Rosslyn-Ft. Myer Rotary Club

is hosting

#### A Rock n' Roll/Doo Wop Evening

A benefit to provide clean drinking water to 8 schools in Kanoni Village, Uganda.

It will feature 2 bands - *Like Water & The Tritones+1* and also includes complimentary refreshments.

**February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 7:30 p.m.**

(the doors open at 7pm)

@ Barcroft Community House  
800 S. Buchanan St, Arlington, VA  
22204

Tickets are \$20 & available online at

<http://www.rosslynrotary.org>

### Upcoming Chamber Event that we'd love to have some Rotary participation with:

Business after Business Event - Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm at the A-Town Bar and Grill. The link to sign up is <http://www.arlingtonchamber.org/events/Business-After-Business-1624/details>

**The Tysons' Rotary Club** is raffling off a week's stay between now and March 2016 at a beautiful home that sleeps 6 on the coast of Spain overlooking the Mediterranean as well as \$1,000 toward roundtrip airfare for two to Madrid. Tickets are still only \$25, and this year's drawing will be held Saturday, **March 14<sup>th</sup> at their Rotary on the Vine wine tasting event** for which the tickets are \$75.

This villa sometimes goes up for silent auction at Rotary charity events and routinely goes for \$2,000 to \$4,000 without airfare. For more information about the villa, the raffle or the wine tasting event, or to buy tickets please go to [www.rotaryonthevine.com](http://www.rotaryonthevine.com).

If you have any questions feel free to contact Burt Heacock at 703-442-0500 x225 or [burt@paul-tittle.com](mailto:burt@paul-tittle.com).