



VIENNA ROTARY SERVICE & FUN DISPATCH:
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear {%FName%},

In our garden, there's a remarkable flower called the Evening Primrose. With its lemon-scented, yellow blooms, it captivates many with its beauty. This plant has a unique characteristic: its flowers open in the evening, just before nightfall, attracting a different set of pollinators like moths and bats. Watching the blooms unfurl at dusk is a simple yet profound pleasure.

As Rotarians, we are much like gardeners, entrusted with the opportunity to cultivate positive change in our community and beyond. We achieve this through service projects, camaraderie, and building meaningful relationships with the nonprofits that ignite our passions.



This August, we will focus on deepening our understanding and appreciation of our Annual Giving Process. As the grant application process officially kicks off on September 1st, we'll dedicate the last two meetings of the month to reviewing this process and addressing any questions you might have.

Whether you've been part of our club for just a few weeks or many years, I invite you to join us and discover something new. Like a garden, our Rotary endeavors require careful tending, planning, and nurturing to truly flourish. Our distinctive grant process enables you to nominate your cherished charities for funding consideration. This privilege carries both great honor and responsibility.

By investing our time to fully comprehend this process, we cultivate our potential to create meaningful impacts both locally and globally. Just as the Evening Primrose opens to reveal its beauty and purpose in the twilight, let us embrace this opportunity to open our hearts and minds, nurturing the seeds of change that will bloom into a brighter future for all.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Sonia Patterson
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THIS MONTH'S MEETINGS

GUEST SPEAKER: Ashley Morris, CEO/President of Celebrate Fairfax

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On August 7th we will welcome Ashley Morris, the CEO of Celebrate Fairfax, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to community building in Fairfax County. Celebrate Fairfax collaborates with various partners to highlight the rich tapestry of people, art, recreation, and culture that make our community vibrant. We look forward to hearing from Ashley how Celebrate Fairfax enhances community spirit fostering a sense of belonging. As Rotarians, we share the same goal of making Fairfax County a special place for all. Join us!

CLASSIFICATION TALK: Lisa Gibb

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Join us as Lisa Gibb presents her Classification Talk, a Vienna Rotary tradition where newer members share their personal stories and professional backgrounds. Lisa will give us a glimpse into her life, career, and the passions that drive her. This is a great opportunity to learn more about one of our amazing fellow Rotarians and connect with her on a deeper level. Don't miss it!

PATHWAY TO IMPACT: Understanding the RCV's Annual Giving Process, Part 1/2

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Get ready for an engaging session with Past President Kelvin Pierce as he takes us through the ins and outs of our Annual Giving Process, set to kick off on September 1st. Kelvin will offer a thorough overview of how our grant process works, shedding light on the criteria that shape our impactful contributions to Vienna, neighboring communities, and beyond. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding and get inspired!

PATHWAY TO IMPACT: Understanding the RCV's Annual Giving Process, Part 2/2

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Join us for a lively and informative panel discussion as we continue exploring our grant process. A diverse group of Vienna Rotarians will share their insights and experiences, offering their own unique perspective on the giving process. While we dive into this important topic, there will also be plenty of opportunities for laughter and camaraderie. Come ready to learn, engage, and have a great time!

GET YOUR CHARITY SCHEDULED

First, check [THIS LIST](#) to see if the charity you sponsored needs to be scheduled.



1. Sign into [DACdb](#).
2. Click on the [Club Calendar](#).
3. Scroll to find a date with open slots for check presentations (max of 3 per meeting).
4. Email Sonia and Brian to inform them of the scheduled presentation.
5. Invite your charity. **That's it!**

LOOKING FORWARD



CLUB SOCIAL

POOL PARTY AT GUNNAR AND JOY'S HOUSE

ADDRESS: 9733 Sunrise Road in Vienna

Get ready for a splash of fun at our upcoming end of summer pool party hosted by Gunnar and Joy! Keep an eye on WhatsApp and listen during Club Announcements for more details coming soon!

VIENNA TOWN EVENT

CHILLIN' ON CHURCH

September 20th, 2024

6:30 - 9:30 PM.

Vienna Town Green

Volunteer with our Rotary Club at the last "Chillin' on Church" of the summer season scheduled for September 20th! Held on historic Church Street, the event includes food, local beer and wine, music, and family-friendly activities. Admission is free. [Learn More](#)



SEPTEMBER 20

CLUB NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Holly Seibold, August 12
- Lynn O'Connell, August 31



ROTARY VOICES PODCAST

The [Rotary Voices podcast](#) features in-depth interviews with thought leaders, Rotary news updates, and immersive stories from Rotary magazine. [Learn more](#)



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WE VALUE YOUR VOICE AND VISION!

Reach out to Sonia to share your ideas and help shape our vibrant community!

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