

***The Forecaster***  
**Rotary Club of Alexandria**  
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*AlexandriaRotary.org*  
*Club #5785*

**Belle Haven Country Club**  
**Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.**  
**Theme: Service above Self**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

**Presiding Today**

*President, Jim Carmalt*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*Marsha Dupree*

**Invocation**

*Patrick O'Brien*

**Introduction of**

**Visitors & Guests**

*Denny Kuhns*

*Sergeant at Arms*

**March Programs**

*Maria Alabaster*

**March Birthdays**

*Connie Hammell*

**President's Time**

Announcements, Raffles

**Today's Program**

*Dave Walker*

*Accountability at the UN and in the Global  
Accountability Community.*

**Next Meeting**

*Kate Comfort*

*"A conversation with former Ukraine Ambassador  
Marie Yavanovitch"*

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Presentation March 11, 2025

*Dave Walker*

*Accountability at the UN and  
in the Global Accountability Community.*

"My wife and I have been fortunate to travel to all seven continents, 100 plus countries. And we're still adding to the West. But in addition to that, as Control Joe in the United States, I was on the board for all of the generals around the world. 192 countries. And I was there strategic planning for Auditor Generals around the world. And then subsequently being controllers of the United States, I was chairman of the United Nations internalized advisory committee at the request of Paul Volker and the State Department. And so I have a little bit of experience with international issues, and I'll just share a few comments about these things and then a few current events. If you have any questions, happy to answer. You know, the United Nations, as we know it, was started in 1945 in San Francisco, started out with 50 countries It's now up to 193 member countries. Its mission is to find peace in the world and development of the relations among nations. To help nations work together and try to help poor people to conquer hunger, disease, and our literacy and encourage respect for others rights and freedoms and create harmonization among nations. The UN is run by diplomats. Which is a challenge when you're talking about economy efficiency, effectiveness, etc. The UN also try to operate and it's different warnings based on consensus, meaning they want agreement which is almost totally impossible to get. I'll come back to that. The UN has a number of different organs, one of which is the World Health Organization and the International Court of Justice. Fyi, the US, China, Russia, India, and Israel do not recognize the International Court of Justice and therefore may ignore any rules that they may have. As I said, there's 193 member countries, two observers, the Holy See, for those of us that are Catholic. And Palestine. Taiwan is not a member of the United Nations. In fact, Taiwan is not recognized as a country by the United States, the United Nations. Or most other nations around the world. That's relevant with regard to current and emerging events. The UN divides the world into five regions. And everything that it does, you've got to have representatives for each of the regions I was the representative for what's called REIAD. Which is western Europe and other countries. I watched New York with other countries, which includes the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel. As well as Western Europe. ..."

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**Dan Blaine's Quote for the Day:**

*"Don't be pushed around by the fears of your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."*

*Roy T. Bennett*

**Announcements:**

- ◆ It'll be the coldest on Friday. And then just when we're off and ready for some downtime. Saturday and Sunday, we got showers and thunderstorm
- ◆ The stock market well if you really want to know, we can just skip this and have a better last time.
- ◆ Ukraine attacked Moscow this morning with a drone attack and trying to strengthen their position ahead of talks, which are happening right now in uh over in the Middle East.
- ◆ Pope Francis is out in imminent heat, and so he's doing better. So that's a gift.
- ◆ If you're a 20-something, you get a Botox injection. So a comedy club, the largest comedy club in the UK, has outlined botox Participants because the comedians stand up and tell a joke and no one can Thank you.
- ◆ March Service Project is the Campagne Center Gift Card Collection.
- ◆ Kara Hoffson to include Meals on Wheels delivery as part of the orientation for new Rotary Club members.
- ◆ Rotary Club leaders to consider attending the Chesapeake Potomac District Conference and Rotary Leadership Institute.

**Calendar:**

**Special are always welcome.** Today we welcome: Ali Ali, Carrie Garland, Gene Kilby, Anna Light,, and Patti Torner.

**Raffles: 50/50:** A Big \$27 won by Paul Anderson

**Queen of Hearts:** with 34 cards and \$519, however, Teresa Miller was unable to draw the Queen

**Perfect Attendance:**