



## Rotary Club of Nelson County

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The Rotary Club of Nelson County and The Nelson County Chamber of Commerce invite you to participate in an **Open House**. The Open House will be for the citizens of Nelson County to learn how they can prepare and protect themselves for a disaster.

The **Open House** will be held at The Nelson Center 8445 Thomas Nelson Highway Lovington, VA on **Thursday, May 30, 2019** during the hours of **3:30pm thru 6:30pm**. There will be tables available for your organization to set up information for the citizens. **There is no cost. Only your participation is requested. Space is limited. Contact us immediately for a table.** Please help make this a success for citizens. Contact **434-579-1139** to reserve a table.

At 5:30pm Dr. Gary Strong will be speaking on ways citizens can do to prepare themselves for a disaster.

His talk is intended for citizens, who may not be aware of all they can do to better prepare themselves and their community for any disaster.

As you know, disaster is not just the result of human exposure to a physical hazard but also the result of vulnerability generated by social processes that do not take into account emergency preparedness. There are a number of things one can do to improve the latter. Many of these things have to do with communication, citizen training and emergency kits. Being aware of those parts of one's surroundings would affect their safety, such as limited-access roads. Not all citizens are equally able to respond to emergencies. Responders would benefit from advance knowledge of them and their limitations.

Dr. Strong is a retired employee of the Federal Government. While an employee, he established a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency exercise call **"Strong Angel"** that was focused on civil-military integration in humanitarian assistance. Due to the excellent work that he accomplished the project was named after him

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