



Wrap Up – Stuff the Cruiser

BXRC held the first Community Service Event of the 2020-2021 Rotary year, Stuff the Cruiser Food Drive, on Sunday 9 August at the Annandale Safeway Store. Rotarians helping to Stuff the Cruiser were: Ben, Gloria, Jim, Dave, Kate, Alif, and Pres. Bob. Five Fairfax County Police Officers were also helping. We collected and delivered over 1,000 pounds of food donated by shoppers to the Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA). Well done everyone.



Calendar Call -- 15 Aug 20, Zoom International Speaker Series

Our International programs chair is planning a series of international speakers this year. Normally a dinner would be held in conjunction with the speaker, but with COVID, Sarah plans on making them Zoom presentations. For the first event of this Rotary year, she has arranged to have Joel Kolker speak on Saturday, 15 August at 7:00 pm. Joel is the Program Manager of Global Water Security at the World Bank. He is an expert on water and sanitation for Africa and Asia. He will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation for approximately 45 minutes, followed by the opportunity for folks to ask questions. Be on the lookout for a calendar invite. POC Sarah

Calendar Call – Food for Others 5K and Fun Run

Last year, some of us ran in the annual Food for Others 5K. This year's run will be different due to COVID and social distancing. It will take place on Friday, September 25 through Sunday, September 27, 2020 and will be anywhere you'd like it to be! It could be a trail, your neighborhood, or your treadmill. Just be sure to record your time and take photos to share. Post your race photos on social media using the hashtag #Foodforothers5K. Prizes will be awarded for photos of the best race costume, most creative route, best pet photo, and more! All participants who register before September 10 will receive a Food for Others 5K t-shirt mailed to their home. Your \$30 registration fee provides rice and beans to 25 families. If you would like to be part of the BXRC "team", contact POC Kate.

28 August Speaker: K. Andrew Wroblewski

K. Andrew Wroblewski is a Supervisory Special Agent with the Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) currently serving in Beijing, China as the Minister Counselor for Diplomatic Security for the U.S. Mission to China. Mr. Wroblewski is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. As the senior U.S. law enforcement representative in China, Mr. Wroblewski serves as the principal advisor to the ambassador on all security issues. He also coordinates all U.S. security programs in China which are designed to protect employees from terrorist, criminal, and technical threats. Mr. Wroblewski supervises not only all DSS special agents in China but also other Diplomatic Security personnel including security engineering officers, security technical specialists, Marine Security Guards (MSG), and local security staff.

4 September Speaker: Chris Elzey

Chris Elzey holds a PhD in American Studies from Purdue University. He received an M.A. in American Studies from the University of Alabama, and a B.A. in English from the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from Penn, he lived several years in Europe and Australia, where he played professional basketball. His major areas of academic interest are sport history, and post-WWII American history and culture. He has written on the Cold War and sport, basketball history, ethnicity and Olympic history. He is the co-editor of *DC Sports: The Nation's Capital at Play* (2015). He oversees the Sport and American Culture minor at George Mason.

Are You Reading This?

Last week I held a contest to see who is reading the newsletter. In a club of about 60 people, only two (two!) acknowledged the message I had inserted last week. Thank you to both Pam and Donna. Read your newsletter! You never know what you might read.

<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	None	Ben, 16 Aug 1985
Invocation	Program / Speaker		Kathleen, 16 Aug 2019
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		Max, 19 Aug 2005
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

14 Aug	President Bob Reintroduction Talk
21 Aug	Ed Introduction Talk
28 Aug	Andrew Wroblewsk of the US diplomatic security team at the US Embassy in Beijing.
4 Sep	Dr. Chris Elzey, GMU Professor, Sports

Rotary Sponsors "Movies at the Pfitz"

The Lake Ridge and Woodbridge Rotary Clubs are teaming up to resurrect drive-in movies while also raising money for local nonprofits with "Movies at the Pfitz." The clubs are offering a series of four drive-in movies at the Pfitzner Stadium in Woodbridge. The stadium is the former home of the Minor League Baseball team Potomac Nationals until the team packed up and moved to a new stadium in Fredericksburg this year (although their inaugural season was canceled due to the pandemic). The movie for Saturday, 15 Aug is "Field of Dreams" (perfect for a baseball diamond drive in) with next week's TBD. Car passes cost \$30 and food trucks will be available. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite. Proceeds will benefit Prince William County nonprofits.

Calling all Rotarian Reporters

I need your help filling the newsletter. Please provide me Rotary information you would like to see at SEW17@msn.com or 434-426-4880. Your photos and stories about what Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club is doing in our community could be right here.

Zoom Facilitation

Do you want to mute other people? If you would like to learn how to host our Zoom club meetings, please let Bob know. Training is very quick and easy. Having a Zoom account is not necessary. This will give you credit toward your blue badge.

Nationals Update – Epic Fail

Did you see the fiasco at Nationals Park on Sunday? If you haven't seen the video, go find it. In the top of the 6th inning, with the Nationals down 5-2 to the Baltimore Orioles, it began to rain hard. The umpire called the players off the field and ordered the grounds crew to pull the tarp over the infield to keep the area dry. As the crew does all the time, they started rolling the tarp toward the foul line and that is when this weird 2020 season took the off ramp into "The Twilight Zone." The tarp tangled on the large culver pipe used to roll it out, so it did not come off evenly (have you ever tried to pull foil or tape off a roll and part of it stays on the roll?). They pushed, pulled, grunted, kicked, and tried everything they could to get the tarp on the field correctly. Meanwhile, the rain is pouring down, making the infield look like the Tidal Basin in a matter of minutes. It usually takes about two minutes to get the tarp off the roller and completely cover the infield. By fifteen minutes, the tarp was a balled-up mess in left field and the infield was ready for mud wrestling. To their credit, the grounds crew eventually got the tarp untangled and placed on the field (albeit upside-down). By then, the rain stopped and the sun came out. The grounds crew put the tarp back on the roller (correctly I hope) and started to shovel all the mud off the field, in an effort to get the game restarted. After working for about 90 minutes, they were told to forget it. The game was suspended and would be resumed on Friday, except in Baltimore. The game was suspended instead of called because the field was ruled unplayable because of a "mechanical error," not the weather. The rule book technicality will soon give the Nationals, struggling this season, a fighting chance to steal a win. What is the next curve ball 2020 is going to throw us?

