



Today's Speaker: Tiffany Narcisse, Justice High School

Tiffany Narcisse was named the new principal of Justice High School on 1 Jul 2021. Ms. Narcisse was principal of Fondren Middle School in Houston, TX since 2018. Before her stint as a middle school teacher, Ms. Narcisse was the high school dean at the Young Women's College Preparatory Academy in Houston (Nov 2016-Jul 2018). Before that, she was a teacher specialist at Foerster Elementary School in Houston (Jul 2013-16), teacher trainer (2004-07), and special education teacher (2002-04). Narcisse earned a bachelor's and Master's of Education degrees from Prairie View A&M University in Texas.

Upcoming Speaker: 10 Dec, Tom Davis

Former Congressman and BXRC member Tom Davis will be speaking on 2022 Midterm politics as well as providing some analysis on the 2021 election. Davis is a partner at the Holland & Knight law firm, focusing his practice on handling a variety of congressional and regulatory affairs, including congressional investigations, land use and legislative strategy. He served 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the 11th Congressional District of Virginia.



Calendar Call: 3 Dec, Vintage Virginian Gift Cards

Today is the last day to donate. BXRC will once again partner with the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging with the assistance of Fairfax County Volunteer Solutions to donate and purchase gift cards for 350 needy older adults in the County. This year, we ask to only purchase \$20 gift cards from either Giant or Safeway. You can buy more than one gift card but keep it at \$20 each. Please do not buy other amounts, gift cards from other stores or Visa/MC/Discover/AMEX gift cards. The deadline to bring your gift card(s) to the meeting is Friday, 3 Dec. If your cards are late, someone will not have a happy holiday. If you cannot bring your gift card to the meeting, email or call me to arrange pick-up before the 3 Dec deadline. You can also drop them by my home and leave through the mail slot on the front door. Please include your name as the donor. Thank you for your support in making this holiday season brighter for the Vintage Virginians of Fairfax County! (POC: Juanita)

Calendar Call: 11 Dec, Holiday Toy Shopping

Again this year, we are collecting funds and taking donations of new, unwrapped toys, in conjunction with the local police department, to give to children in the local hospitals. Dave is "in receive mode" for your money and toys. On Saturday, 11 Dec, Dave and his "elves" will meet at Target to buy the toys. Please consider donating or helping to shop. Checks can be made payable to the BXRC Foundation with Toys in memo line for tax purposes. (POC: Dave)

Calendar Call: 9 Dec, Community Blood Drive

Our friends at The Moose Lodge will be hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, 9 Dec between 10 and 3:30. Sign up for appointments at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>. Search on Zip Code 22041, scroll down and keep loading results until you get to 9 Dec for available slots. (POC: Sarah)

Calendar Call: 14 Jan, BXRC Party

Our holiday party will be Friday 14 Jan 2022 at 5 PM. Ava will host at her home, 8832 Lewinsville Rd. in McLean. Please carpool if possible. Parking is in front of her house and behind her house. The main meat course will be provided by chef Rob. Guest wills bring additional food. We will use your first name initial: A-F brings appetizers, G-L brings a side dish and M-Z brings desert. (POC: Neesa)

Banns for Bonny Truong

The BoD received and acted upon an application from Bonny Truong. Bonny was an active participant in Stuart High School Interact Club, serving as club president. She was a teaching assistant and was selected to attend the Chesapeake Bay Summer Marine Biology Camp sponsored by BXRC our Rotary Club. Bonny graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University and works in finance. Per our club bylaws, these banns will be published and if no one objects, will become a member of the club.

<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Kevin S., 3 Dec	None
Invocation	Program / Speaker	Vilma, 5 Dec	
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

3 Dec	Tiffany Narcisse, Justice High School Principal
10 Dec	Tom Davis
17 Dec	Justin and Shona Introduction Presentations (2)
24 Dec	No Meeting
31 Dec	No Meeting
7 Jan	Club Forum
14 Jan	Julie Strandlie, Governor's Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism
21 Jan	Kevin Introduction Presentation
28 Jan	Georgie Introduction Presentation

BXRC-Foundation News

The BXRC-Foundation forwarded Curtis and Paul as candidates to fill the two BXRC-Foundations seats that will become vacant on 1 Jul 2022. Also, the next foundation meetings will be 4 Jan and 5 Apr at 7 PM via Zoom.

White House Christmas Ornament for Sale

Both Pam and Alice are selling the 2021 White House Ornaments as a fundraiser for their separate organizations. This year's ornament celebrates President Lyndon Johnson and shows the Christmas tree in the Blue Room in 1967. The ornaments are \$21 each. Go to https://shop.whitehousehistory.org/collections/ornaments/products/official-2021-white-house-christmas-ornament?gclid=CjwKCAjw-ZCKBhBkEiwAM4qfF-EliTYCKv4uEPRujfANpt4MbEc-3mUNi7quU2b1oSPzxr4uWZuGhoCHJYQAvD_BwE to view the ornament. (POCs: Pam and Alice)

Editor's Prerogative: Black Thursday

In case you missed it, Thursday morning the world woke up to a work stoppage and lockout in Major League Baseball. The collective bargaining agreement between the owners and players expired, causing the first stoppage since the end of the 1994 season when the World Series was cancelled. Basically, everything in baseball is frozen. There can be no trades, no free agent signings, the players are not be allowed to work out in team facilities, player photos can't be shown on team websites or MLB Network (I hope the photos on my baseball cards didn't suddenly disappear), as well as many other legal things. MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred stated "We worked hard to find compromise while making the system even better for players, by addressing concerns raised by the Players Association. We offered to establish a minimum payroll for all clubs to meet for the first time in baseball history; to allow the majority of players to reach free agency earlier through an age-based system that would eliminate any claims of service time manipulation; and to increase compensation for all young players, including increases in the minimum salary. When negotiations lacked momentum, we tried to create some by offering to accept the universal Designated Hitter, to create a new draft system using a lottery similar to other leagues, and to increase the Competitive Balance Tax threshold that affects only a small number of teams." Players Association Executive Director (and former player) Tony Clark stated "This drastic and unnecessary measure will not affect the Players' resolve to reach a fair contract. We remain committed to negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement that enhances competition, improves the product for our fans, and advances the rights and benefits of our membership." Both men are pictured below and I have both their autographs, acquired during better days. Based on today's events, I think I will be changing what I am asking Santa for Christmas to a new agreement between the owners and players. This week's question: Is it fair to all concerned? In this case, the all would include players, owners, and FANS! As to last week's trivia question: Who was the pitcher the Nationals got back in the deal that sent Robbie Ray to the Tigers? Thank you to Pam for knowing the answer was Doug Pfister.

