



Today's Program: Nasrine's Kabultec Update

BXRC's Nasrine will talk about what the pandemic has done to Afghanistan, how Kabultec's staff and students have been affected and the generosity of Rotary.

Upcoming Speaker: 11 Dec, DG Harry

BXRC is scheduled for its annual visit from the District Governor. However, this year's appearance by the DG has two new wrinkles. First, there will not be a DG dinner prior to the meeting (bummer, because I understand the DG is a Foodie) and second, the DG is a member of BXRC. Harry will give us a State of the District and provide the vision for the rest of his year as DG. This is a meeting you should attend.

Calendar Call, 5 Dec, Toy Shopping and Delivery

Thanks to the large amount of funds we raised during the 2019 Mustang Raffle and the forethought of last year's Board, BXRC will still be able to continue our support of the community with our annual toy drive. Dave will be shopping at Target starting at 0800 on Saturday, 5 Dec. Donations of new toys previously purchased by members will be collected in the Target parking lot at that time before additional toys and books are purchased. Monetary donations can be made out to the BXRC Foundation and mailed to Dave or the Club's PO box address. Upon completion of the shopping, the toys will be distributed to St. Anthony's and the Mason District Police Station. (POC: Dave M)

Calendar Call, 5 Dec, BXRC Holidays Celebrations

Since COVID will not allow us to gather together for our annual holiday party, the Club Service Director has decided to continue the tradition with a twist. Join us on 5 Dec at 1900 for a celebration via Zoom. Several club members have been lined up to give a brief presentation about their family or cultural celebrations, especially as it is related to food. So far, we have members who will speak about holiday food traditions in Cuba, Ireland, and Kenya. BXRC is a culturally diverse club, so I am looking for other presenters. If you would like to be one of our "celebration" presenters, please let Steven know.

Calendar Call, 11 Dec, Gift Cards for Vintage Virginians

This holiday season, BXRC is working with the Fairfax County Community Services Board (CSB) through ACCA to distribute gift cards for older adults in Annandale and Falls Church who have a disability or are in need. If you wish to purchase a gift card for \$30 from either Giant or Safeway, please contact Juanita at jbalenger@mindspring.com or call 703.731.1032. These are the only stores that have been requested by CSB from our club. Gift cards are due to Juanita by Friday, 11 Dec. (POC: Juanita)

A Plea and a Thank You

Elaine Lydick is a Public Health Nurse at the Alexandria Health Department and a member of the Field Nursing Team. She loves working with low-income pregnant women, and children ages 0-2 years. Services provided range from supporting women through pregnancy and applying for health insurance, to nutrition education and breastfeeding support. During COVID-19, many families have lost work or have reduced hours. Many parents also have older children attending school from home, and cannot afford childcare. To lessen financial burdens, a local diaper bank has graciously been providing monthly diaper allotments to families. However, this month over 500 people requested diapers, and many families expecting diapers will not receive them this month. Diapers are expensive, and providing diapers allows families to spend their limited income on food and rent. Any financial donations would go a long way to help these families in need! Checks can be made out to Elaine Lydick and mailed to: Elaine Lydick 21790 Findon Ct, Ashburn, VA 20147.

2021-22 BXRC Board of Directors

The slate for the next Rotary Year's Board of Directors will be announced at today's meeting. The names will be published in the newsletter starting next week. After today, there will be a two-week period for the club to think about the makeup of the incoming board and make nominations if so desired. The slate will be voted on by the entire club at the 18 Dec meeting. Thank you to the committee of Kimberly, Dave, and Kevin for their hard work.



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Carl, 10 Dec	None
Invocation	Program / Speaker		
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

4 Dec	Nasrine, Kabultec Update
11 Dec	DG Harry Club Visit
18 Dec	Kathryn Madigan, Principal of Glasgow Middle School
25 Dec	No Meeting
1 Jan	No Meeting
8 Jan	Club Forum
15 Jan	Meesh, eSwatini Projects
22 Jan	Sally Lawton Author of The Nurse Who Found Herself in 1916

2020 White House Christmas Ornament Now Available

This year's White House Christmas Ornament features President John F. Kennedy's portrait and a quote from First Lady Jacqueline. It is beautiful and priced \$21.00 each. BXRC now has two contacts to get your ornament. Contact Alice at baileyaw@aol.com Phone 703-220-6904 or Pam at pammartinov@gmail.com Phone 703-887-4411 to purchase yours.

Community Service Update

This time of the year is our Community Service committee's busy season. While we were unable to provide the Thanksgiving boxes to our community as we have done in the past, we are able to provide 80 families \$25 gift cards to use. These will be mailed to the recipients. Additional activities include coordinating a pajama drive for local children and the sponsorship of 2 families in cooperation with the local Lions and Moose Clubs. In January, there will be food packaging done in separate homes for ACCA, Dar El Hijrah and Knox Presbyterian. If you are interested in donating resources or helping in any way, please contact Kate.

Here's Our Guest!

Do you remember when we would meet at Goodwin House and every so often, we would welcome a guest or two to our breakfast? Just because we are meeting via Zoom doesn't mean we can't invite some guests. How did you become a Rotarian? Probably because someone invited you to a meeting. Why not extend the same invitation you got to someone you know? Every present member knows someone that might be interested.

Editor's Prerogative—Throwback Thursday

Did you know that Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers? The event was 15 September 2015 at Arlington National Cemetery and attended by many BXRC Rotarians. The photo at the right is the actual wreath we laid. As you can see, it has flowers in the Rotary International colors of blue and gold and written on the white ribbon is "Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club." Four of our club members had the honor and privilege to participate in the ceremony with members of the Tomb Guard. The four represented the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps with service in Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Bahrain. For today's contest, the first person to correctly guess the names of the four club members who presented this wreath will win a free subscription to this newsletter. We had no winner last week. In case you are wondering, my brother Teddy was featured in the photo from Niagara Falls. I threw you a curve ball (or maybe it was a change up) as many of you who know my love for baseball thought I was wearing a Baltimore Orioles sweatshirt. If you looked closely, I was in the background playing the part of the U-Boat commander (I had my hat turned backwards) as I was preparing to look through the large binoculars.

