



Today's Speaker: Jamie Carroll, Behind the Scenes at the White House

Jamie served in two Presidential administrations, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, at both the White House and State Department. She worked on three U.S. presidential campaigns, most recently as senior staff for Governor Jeb Bush in his 2016 presidential run. Prior to the campaign trail, Jamie served at the U.S. Department of State and served a multi-year deployment to the U.S. Embassy Islamabad for the Pakistan Afghanistan Operations Office in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs. Jamie received the U.S. Department of State Superior Honor Award for outstanding contributions to the mission.

Wrap Up: Club Bylaws

Curtis led the review and discussion of our current bylaws. At our meeting on Friday, 19 Feb, the final vote was held and the bylaws as they have been amended were approved. Thanks to all of our members who took part to dissect the bylaws and bring them in line with RI.

Wrap Up: A Night in Malaysia

Thank you to International Director Sarah for coordinating the presentation on Malaysia. Thanks to Alif and Jim for their presentation and insight. A special thank you is extended to Alif's mother Nooranin Noor, who served as "honored guest presenter." There were about 20 participants including guests (some from the Alexandria West Rotary Club). I think we all learned something. Alif mentioned a Malaysian restaurant in Centreville that he recommends. Perhaps we can try some of their delicacies soon.

Calendar Call: 3 Mar, Speech Contest

The annual Rotary sponsored speech contest will be held 3 Mar from 3-4 PM. It will be held via Zoom with the Justice High School students. President Bob will lead the group and needs people to volunteer for the following positions: proctor, timekeeper, scorekeeper, and four judges. (POC: Bob)

Upcoming Speaker: 5 Mar, Tom Davis

Former US Congressman and BXRC President Tom Davis makes a return appearance to speak with our club. Tom's presentations of recent political climate have been interesting and thought provoking. His annual appearance is one we always look forward to. This would be a good presentation to invite guests to.

Upcoming Speaker: 12 Mar, Michael Mahrer, Northern Virginia Literacy Council

Michael Mahrer, Director of Development and Public Relations, has over 25 years of experience in the fundraising and marketing field, managing fund development and strategy, donor relations, direct marketing, organizational communications, and administrative operations. He has spent the last 18 years working in the educational nonprofit sector, creating and managing multi-million-dollar fundraising campaigns that have won national awards and recognition. Michael currently serves as the Chair of the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB), which advises the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on the needs, concerns and aspirations of low-income persons; and recommends policies that promote meaningful change. Michael is a graduate of Virginia Tech and has lived in Northern Virginia for the majority of his life.

Food Security Community Partnership with Parkwood Apartments

District 7610 awarded BXRC a grant, "Expanding Community Partnerships: Building Food Security as a First Step," to design a sustainable community infrastructure for addressing the challenges of food security in Bailey's Crossroads. Specifically, the \$3,000 grant with 10% matching from BXRC will enable us to form a partnership with the leasing office at Parkwood Apartments in order to provide residents of 40 households with groceries, as well as community education on grocery and nutrition. BXRC already has an existing relationship with the families of Parkwood and the organizations which support them through delivery of groceries at Thanksgiving and through support of schools in their neighborhood. Do you want to get involved? We are looking for BXRC members to help by leading "Neighborhood Conversations" on grocery and nutrition or provide technical support for remote community education meetings. (POC: Johnetta)



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Max, 1 Mar	Jaunita, 26 Feb 1999
Invocation	Program / Speaker	Judy, 4 Mar	Goodwin House, 5 Mar 2010
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

26 Feb	Jamie Carroll, US State Department and White House Staff Memories
5 Mar	Tom Davis, Former BXRC President and Honorary Member, Former US Congressman and GMU Rector
12 Mar	Mike Maher, Northern Virginia Literacy Council
19 Mar	Elizabeth Introductory Talk
26 Mar	Walter Cronkite, IV with memories of his grandfather
2 Apr	Christian Introductory Talk
9 Apr	Club Forum
16 Apr	Tim Jorgensen, "Spark: The Life of Electricity and the Electricity of Life"

AAC Donation Challenge

A few weeks ago, Meesh made a presentation and spoke about an initiative that she and Tijani have started, Aspire African Communities (AAC). Meesh has spoken to several Rotary Clubs about AAC. McLean Rotarian Pam Danner has issued the challenge to personally match, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000, donations made by BXRC members to AAC. Please mail donations made out to The McLean Rotary Foundation, PO Box 561, McLean, VA 22101. Please include a note acknowledging BXRC membership. Note: an online payment option is not currently available. Let's accept the challenge.

Packaging Meals at Home

Last month we postponed our annual BXRC food packaging event so we could support ALIVE in packaging 20,000 meals. Now it is time to package our 13,800 meals for local students and pantries. But wait – because we were able to help ALIVE on short notice, Outreach Program directed their January donations to BXRC, so we have 20,000 meals now for our community! If you would like to package meals in your home, please contact Kate ASAP at ktwalter@cox.net to make arrangements. Supplies are ready to be delivered immediately. Packaging to be completed any time in next three weeks. Please request 1,000 or 2,000 meals depending upon your time availability. (POC: Kate)

Be Our Guest!

We have some great speakers coming up and there may be friends who would be interested. 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. This is a great opportunity to find potential members and Zoom makes it an easy commute.

Editor's Prerogative

Last week's snow is gone and gives optimism that warmer weather is returning. This weekend is the Nationals first spring training game. I have been looking forward to this for a while, as it means that baseball season will soon follow. The Nats have been busy in the off season improving their team, looking to compete in a division that has gotten much stronger as well. There are still some question marks as to what this new season will look like. I received an e-mail from the Nationals saying spring training tickets are available for the games. With Nationals spring training is in Florida, COVID protocols are a little more relaxed than here. I have not heard what the plan for fan attendance might be with the Nationals home opener on 1 Apr against the New York Mets. We may still be locked out, or attendance will be greatly reduced. We will see. Will be glad to hear those words "Play Ball!"