



**Today's Program: Michele Update**

About a year ago, two of our BXRC members went to eSwatini to deliver a cow (yes, that is correct) to the king. The reason for the cow delivery was as a "downpayment" for land the king was giving to Meesh to build a school. Since the cow exchange, things have been moving forward on the project with land being cleared and walls built. Today Meesh will go more in depth about the project. The Michele project has been one of our club's signature projects for many years and we look forward to the update.

**Upcoming Speaker: 5 Feb, Mark Little**

Mark Little is a Founding Member of the Rotary Club of Norwich St Edmund, England, is a Paul Harris Fellow and was Club President in 1999/2000. He was appointed an Assistant Governor in District 1080 in 2002 and in the same year led a GSE team to the USA. In 2003 he received the "Rotary Service Above Self Award" from the Board of Directors of Rotary International for his humanitarian work abroad. After completing his three year term as an Assistant Governor, he served for another three years as the Chair of his Rotary District's International Service Committee. In 2001 Mark made his first visits to two

Child Slave Rehabilitation Centres in India and has been active in his support of anti-slavery organizations ever since, visiting several other rehabilitation centres and safe houses in other countries and initiating many anti-slavery projects abroad. In 2009, he formed an Action Group of Rotarians against Slavery which received approval from the Board of Rotary International as a Rotarian Action Group in January 2013. He was Chairman of the Action Group for 10 years until he stepped down in July 2019. He is still on the Board of the Action Group. Mark Little will speak about Human Trafficking.

**Volunteer Opportunity: Food Packaging for ALIVE, Inc**

BXRC received a request to use our trained home food packaging network to package 20,000 meals for ALIVE, Inc. in Alexandria. This effort is fully funded by ALIVE – they just need our helping hands. While you are watching the NFL Playoffs this weekend (or next), why not help those dealing with food insecurity at the same time? What does it take to be a home packager? Ava created a video of the home packaging event she sponsored, which gives a great feel for the process. Other BXRC Rotarians who hosted a home event include Carl, Kari, Kate, Pam and Sam – any one of them would be glad to give you feedback! 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.

**Calendar Call: 29 Jan, Club Bylaws Discussion**

Recently the Board proposed some new Bylaws. All of you should have received a copy of the proposed bylaws and key issues for discussion from Curtis. Please take an opportunity to review these documents and contact Curtis with any questions or comments. These bylaws will be presented to the membership at our regularly scheduled meeting on 29 Jan. During this meeting we plan to discuss the key points and possibly adopt, or at least amend, the proposed bylaws. This is YOUR club and you HAVE a say in how it is run.

**Calendar Call: 20 Feb, International Presentation**

International Director Sarah informs me that she has confirmation that Alif and Jim will be doing a presentation on Malasia. Date will be Saturday, 20 Feb at 1900. Event will be presented via Zoom. Looking forward on information about a country many of us may not know much about.

**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. This is a great opportunity to find potential members and Zoom makes it an easy commute.

Today's Program  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Invocation  
 Birthdays / Songs  
 Guests

Rotary Birthdays  
 Bob S., 18 Jan

Rotary Anniversaries  
 Meesh, 18 Jan 2008

Announcements  
 Program / Speaker  
 4-Way Test

**Speaker Schedule**

15 Jan	Meesh, eSwatini Projects
22 Jan	Sally Lawton Author of The Nurse Who Found Herself in 1916
29 Jan	Bylaws Discussion
5 Feb	Mark Little, Human Trafficking

**Editor's Prerogative**



Last week and this week, our country went through some rough times. I am a strong believer that Rotary is a safe place and should never be political. With that in mind, I will not speak about recent events but turn the clock back to a much simpler and happier time when Rotarians and guests could sit at Nats Park and watch a game. Notice

that these are real fans, not cardboard cutouts and the notion of social distancing is not a part of our lexicon. Look at this crowd of happy fans enjoying the Rotary Night game of 2 Jul 2016. It was Rat Pack Night and everyone received a poster (ask Juanita if she still has hers). I like this photo because it includes some members we have lost and brings back some happy memories. The game against the Cincinnati Reds went into extra innings as Bryce Harper tied the score in the bottom of the 8<sup>th</sup> with an RBI single scoring Anthony Rendon. The game went to extra innings (free baseball) with the Reds unfortunately winning the game. This week's question: Who was the losing Nationals pitcher and what is his connection to BXRC?