



### ***Well Done President K!***

With the end of this Rotary year, our current President K steps down as our president. President K did such an outstanding job this year, probably the best president we have had (I may be slightly biased). During her tenure, President K oversaw a "reasonable" Mustang Raffle, which set a record for the most funds raised (glad that this family is in the top two). She brought seven new members into the club, members who are engaged in their community. Through her steady leadership, BXRC was in the Top 6 or better in the district with regard to donations to the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus program. On top of all that, President K led us through the uncharted waters of Rotary during COVID-19, ensuring that we would have a place to meet if Goodwin House closed its doors to visitors, then embracing new technology, she guided us into the new world of meetings via Zoom. With her hands firmly on the wheel during the pandemic, she refocused all of BXRC's resources into combating food insecurities in the area that is our first name—Bailey's Crossroads—one of the most needy areas in the county. BXRC is better for having K as our president this year.

### ***Induction of Bob and the New Board of Directors***

Normally at this time of year, we would be excitedly gathering together to induct our next president and board. However, COVID-19 has thrown a monkey wrench into normal operations. Therefore, our new president Bob will be inducted on Saturday evening at 1900. The induction will take place on DGE Harry's driveway and will be broadcast on Zoom and Facebook Live. Bob's board will be officially installed immediately after. The next morning, DGE Harry will be installed as the new DG. As an honor to one of our club members who takes the reigns of District 7610, BXRC members will parade past DG Harry's house at 1000 on Sunday morning.

### ***Banns for Christian***

The BoD approved the application of Christian to become a member of BXRC. After reaching out to us this spring, he has been attending our meetings virtually. A bit more about him: Christian grew up in the DC area and abroad as his parents were in the Foreign Service. He pulled his undergraduate degree from UVA in Slavic Languages with minors in Slavic Literatures and East Asian Studies. He pulled his MBA from Georgetown. He and his wife recently relocated here from Boston. They settled in Shrlington and expect the birth of their first child soon. He currently works for Accenture in the telecommunications practice. Christian was an officer in the U.S. Army and deployed to Afghanistan. Interestingly, he speaks several languages – including Farsi, Japanese, and Russian. Previously Christian had launched a start-up and his partner in the business is currently a Rotarian in New Jersey. Based on what Christian heard about Rotary + we are the club "in his neighborhood" = he reached out to us. He is interested in hands-on projects and getting to know people in the area – literally "setting down roots" in the community. In speaking with him, he commented multiple times how very welcome we have made him feel. President K replied that if he felt that welcome virtually – wait until he meets us in person! His areas of Rotary interest are local hands-on projects and international due to his extensive international experience. The vote for Christian's application will be held today.



### ***Tackling Food Insecurity in Bailey's Crossroads***

Thank you to Sarah, Dennis and Ben for being People of Action and ordering, picking up, delivering, and / or coordinating with both ACCA and the Islamic Center to ensure food is getting to their food pantries to combat food insecurity. Both locations received another \$2,000 worth of non-perishable food, a total of \$4,000. Great support to these local charities.



26 June 2020

Today's Program  
Pledge of Allegiance      Announcements  
Invocation                  Program / Speaker  
Birthdays / Songs        4-Way Test  
Guests

Rotary Birthdays  
Pam, 28 Jun  
Harry, 30 Jun

Rotary Anniversaries  
Dave B., 27 Jun 07  
Sandy, 30 Jun 97

### **Speaker Schedule**

26 Jun	RY 2019-20 Wrap Up
3 Jul	RY 2020-2021 President's Vision

### **Dues are Due NOW!**

Dues are now due. Please remit your payment no later than 30 Jun 2020. The dues for RY2020-21 remain unchanged from RY2019-20 at \$275.00. As you may know, due to the current pandemic and the financial impact it may have had to members, the Club approved a one-time discount for the dues for RY2020-21. All members are being invoiced the current dues of \$275.00. Any member, without explanation, may opt to pay \$125.00 for their annual RY2020-21 dues instead of \$275.00. As before, all members may opt to pay half of the dues now (i.e., \$137.50) and the second half around 15 Dec 2020. Please remit your payment to: BXRC, P.O. Box 1510, Falls Church, VA 22041 or call the Club Treasurer Dave for credit card payment. NOTE: Fees are added for using a credit card.

### **Nationals Update—Baseball is Coming Back!!**

This week, MLB announced that baseball will return! "Spring" training will begin on 1 July and instead of being in Florida or Arizona, it will take place at each team's home stadium. Then the 60-game "regular" season begins on 23 July with some modifications. In order to mitigate travel, the schedule includes 10 games for each team against its four divisional opponents, along with 20 games against the opposite league's corresponding geographical division (for example, the AL East will play the NL East, and so on). The designated-hitter rule will be used in both leagues in 2020 in order to reduce the chance of injury to pitchers hitting. During extra-inning games in the regular season, each half-inning will begin with a runner on second base. The batter who made the final out in the previous inning (or a pinch-runner for that batter) would be that runner. In addition to COVID-19 testing every other day, some other health precautions are as follows: Team personnel and players not likely to participate in the game (for example, the next day's starting pitcher) will be sitting in the stands or another area designated by the club, at least six feet apart; non-playing personnel will wear masks in dugout and bullpen at all times; no spitting or chewing tobacco or sunflower seeds; no celebratory contact (high-fives, fist bumps, hugs, etc.), no licking of fingers, and the biggest change: **NO FANS IN THE STANDS!!** While it will be great to see live baseball after several additional months of waiting, it will be with a heavy heart that we will not be able to "take me out to the ball game" and get any autographs, even if the players would risk contact. Even with these concessions, the Nationals will be able to take the field and defend their World Series title. And if they win this year's World Series, don't say to me, "Well, they only played 60 games instead of the full 162. Could they have won if it had been a full season?" I guess we will have that conversation in late October if all goes according to plan. If there will be no fans in the stands, guess I have one option: sign a contract with the Nationals. Then I could be in the dugout or walking up to home plate for my turn at bat. **PLAY BALL!**

