



**Today's Speaker: Supervisor Penny Gross**

Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross will make a return engagement to speak to our club. She was first elected to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in November 1995, and was re-elected to her 7th term on November 5, 2019. Supervisor Gross plans to cover COVID updates, land use, maybe the results of the election, especially as it pertains to the bonds and constitutional questions, maybe some general impressions of how mail in and absentee in-person voting worked from a process standpoint. Please join us and be prepared to ask Ms. Gross about issues you feel are impacting the area.

**Upcoming Speaker: 20 November, George English**

Rotarian George English (an interesting surname for a resident of Scotland) will speak to BXRC live from the U.K. 2020 is the 400th Anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower. In costume, using video and PowerPoint, George will describe the political and religious background of the period running up to 1620. Normally politics and religion are not discussed at Rotary Clubs, but given that we were talking about more than 300 years before Rotary started, we will make an exception. George had an ancestor on the original Mayflower voyage, Richard Warren. During a visit to the Plymouth Plantation near Boston, MA, he had the delight of meeting a re-enactor playing the part of his ancestor! This is an exceptional talk with echoes back to our present time and sounds like something others would like to hear, so tell your friends.

**A Plea and a Thank You**

Elaine Lydick spoke to us last week about the need for diapers for low income families. She 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. The picture at right is from the donations Elaine already received from BXRC members.



**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 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, 21 Nov, District 7610 Summit of Champions**

Below is a special message from Stephanie Urchick and Peter Kyle, two of Rotary International's Directors. They would like to extend a special invitation to Rotary International District 7610 to attend The Summit of Champions Leadership Summit. The two stated, "Leadership Summits are normally reserved for Past District Governors, sitting District Governors as well as DGE's, DGN's and a handful of Emerging Leaders. By 'going virtual' we have the opportunity to share this amazing experience with you. And what an experience it will be!" Several BXRC members have already registered and you can use <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77468141&NoCaptcha> to sign up and register. Because this is virtual, there is no cost! It is an great opportunity for every Rotarian and Rotaractor to get a new perspective on Rotary above the club level. You can even sign up to learn how to make pierogis. (POC: Harry)



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Kathleen M., 17 Nov	Tina, 17 Nov 1989
Invocation	Program / Speaker		Kevin, 16 Nov 2007
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		Karen, 18 Nov 2010
Guests			

**Speaker Schedule**

13 Nov	Penny Gross, Mason District Supervisor
20 Nov	George English, 400 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the <i>Mayflower</i> Voyage
27 Nov	Rob and Roger
4 Dec	Nasrine, Kabultec Update
11 Dec	DG Harry Club Visit

**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](mailto:baileyaw@aol.com) Phone 703-220-6904 or Pam at [pammartinov@gmail.com](mailto:pammartinov@gmail.com) Phone 703-887-4411 to purchase yours.

**Here's Our Guest!**

Hey, did you know we had a visiting Rotarian as a guest last week? Elaine joined us last week. She said she enjoyed it. 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.

**Rotary Magazine Review**

Check out the November Rotary Magazine. There is a marvelous article about a young Rotary member from Chicago worth a read during this period of increased awareness about privilege and racial concerns. Otto says the boy has a unique outlook. The enlightening and challenging article is called "We The People."

**Fundraising Update**

With BXRC's decision not to hold a Mustang Raffle this year, the BoD searched for an alternate fundraiser. It was agreed upon to send an appeal letter to selected e-mail addresses in our Mustang database (these are people who had bought tickets in the past) asking them to make a contribution to the BXRC Foundation. Last month, the e-mail was sent to almost 4,500 addresses. The email allows checks to be sent directly to the Foundation and a button enables contributions using Paypal or a credit card. As of 11 Nov, we have raised \$1,985.15 from 14 individuals through this appeal. While we don't expect to meet the same lofty plateaus we did from carside sales, at least this allows us to raise some funds.

**Editor's Prerogative—Fall Entrepreneur**

I saw this cartoon and thought it was great. The table is currently set up in front of my house if any BXRC members would like to partake of this one time a year event. Rakes and bags will be provided. Funds will be donated to the Rotary Foundation.

