



### **Today's Speaker: 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.

### **Upcoming Speakers: 27 Nov, Rob and Roger**

Members Rob and Roger will take over for our day after Thanksgiving meeting. I don't know what they plan to do, but I'm sure it will be interesting!

### **Upcoming Speaker: 4 Dec, 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.

### **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.

### **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, 5 Dec, BXRC Holidays Celebrations**

Since COVID will not allow us to gather together for our annual Christmas 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.

<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Glad, 22 Nov	Glad, 20 Nov 2014
Invocation	Program / Speaker		
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

**Speaker Schedule**

20 Nov	George English, 400 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the <i>Mayflower</i> Voyage
27 Nov	Rob and Roger, Fellowship Meeting
4 Dec	Nasrine, Kabultec Update
11 Dec	DG Harry Club Visit
18 Dec	Kathryn Madigan, Principal of Glasgow Middle School
8 Jan	Club Forum
15 Jan	Meesh, eSwatini Projects
22 Jan	Sally Lawton Author of <i>The Nurse Who Found Herself in 1916</i>

**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? There were no guests 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.

**Editor's Prerogative—Throwback Thursday**

I have recently gotten around to cataloging the photos I had digitized several years ago. These are photos that were taken before the time of digital cameras, on the go editing, and post it right now sites. For many summers, my brother's college roommate and I would go around the country to take in some baseball games, both Major and Minor League. This week I was cataloging one of those trips from 2005 when we went to Seattle to see the Los Angeles of Anaheim Angels take on the Mariners (who are the only current MLB team never to have made a World Series appearance). It was a beautiful day to watch Vladimir Guerrero (whose son is now a Major Leaguer) slug it out against Ichiro Suzuki. The Angels won by a run. They say Seattle is rainy, but on this day, it wasn't and when we mentioned that to the usher who showed us to our seats, he said, "Shhh. Don't tell anyone we have great weather out here. We like to keep that secret." Boy did I look younger. So I was wearing Cubs gear; they didn't care. I didn't get any autographs that day but it was a great game.

