



Today's Speakers: Captain Brooke Wright, FCPD

Mason District Police Station Commander Captain Brooke Wright will provide the annual "State of the District" talk. As a returning speaker, CPT Wright provides our club an excellent and informative briefing and this year should be no exception. Thank you, CPT Wright for taking time away from your duties for this community presentation.

Upcoming Speaker: 13 November, 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. In her 8 elections, she has been opposed by at least 3 different BXRC members (can you name them, as well as the BXRC member who was Mason District Supervisor immediately before Penny?) Supervisor Gross is vice-chair of the Board, and chairs the Personnel Committee. 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.

Wrap Up: Walk for Water

This past weekend, Gloria, Jim, and David (with his best Superman pose) as well as several of the Justice Interactors, participated in the annual "Walk for Water." BXRC has supported the Strategic Water Alliance "Walk for Water" since its inception in 2012. As the walkers have done in previous years, they walked with "badges" to denote donations made by other. This year saw something different, However (at least something I had not heard done). Many of the Justice students carried a bottle of water that they deemed as "undrinkable" to symbolize the lack of potable water in some countries, a physical reminder to them (and us) as to why this is such an important event and why we, even in the US, should not take water for granted. Well done to all who participated.



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 Phone 703-220-6904 or Pam at pammartinov@gmail.com Phone 703-887-4411 to purchase yours.

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	None	None
Invocation	Program / Speaker		
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

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

Here's Our Guest!

Hey, did you know we had a visiting Rotarian as a guest last week? Paula, our area's AG joined us during both our meeting and board meeting 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—Veterans Day

Usually this space is reserved for an update on the Nationals or baseball in general. However, with the 2020 season over and the "Hot Stove Season" beginning, I wanted to take this time to step aside and address something going on this week. On Wednesday, we will observe Veterans Day. This is a special day set aside to honor those who have defended this country and fought for your rights. Veterans Day should not be confused with Memorial Day, which honors those veterans who made "the ultimate sacrifice" (those many veterans consider the true heroes). BXRC supports many veterans organizations through our charitable contributions. BXRC can cite several veterans in its ranks, with service from World War 2 through Afghanistan. Our previous editor did an excellent Veterans Day newsletter every year that highlighted their achievements. We have also lost several of our club's veterans in past years. As a veteran myself, I take great pride in my accomplishments, as well as those of my fellow comrades in arms. I am a living link in the long continuum that connects veterans past, present and future. While our current COVID restrictions do not allow us meet together, please take a moment to contact a veteran (perhaps one from our club or someone else you may know) and thank them. If you feel so inclined, ask them about their experiences. Some may find it difficult to talk about what they did, either from the horrific memories they have tried to repress or their feeling that they didn't do anything special; but some may just be waiting for someone to ask. Perhaps you too can "save a soldier's life or make it better."

