



Today's Speaker: Cindy Bennett, Ghosts, Goons and a Bunnyman

Happy Halloween, BXRC! Like many in Fairfax County, career choices brought Cindy and her family to Fairfax County. A native of Ohio, Cindy earned a BA in Political Science from the University of Akron, and a MA in the same subject from the University of Colorado. Cindy is the co-owner of Archery Academy in Fairfax Station, a USA Archery Certified instructor, the volunteer treasurer of the Burke Historical Society, and a volunteer leader of her granddaughter's Brownie troop. *Wicked Fairfax County* is her second book.

Upcoming Speaker: 5 Nov, Jeannie Hovland, National Indian Gaming Commission

Jeannie Hovland (Flandreau Santee Sioux) is Vice Chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). She is responsible for regulating and ensuring the integrity of the more than 527 Indian gaming facilities, associated with over 250 tribes across 29 states. Hovland served as Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), a \$58 billion operating division under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Hovland provided expert and culturally appropriate advice to the Assistant Secretary in formulation of policy, positions, and strategies affecting Native Americans. Hovland's extensive knowledge and experience on Indian Affairs includes her many years serving Native American communities in South Dakota and believes in community driven solutions.



Mustang News

As of 28 Oct, the overall total is \$131,275 which is \$11,275 in individual sales, \$45,250 carside, \$7,450 websites, \$16,125 from media advertisements, \$10,525 via Mail Chimp E-mail campaign and \$40,650 via mail. We are getting close to the drawing on 11 Nov at the American Legion in Springfield. Be on the lookout for carside events. (POC: Curtis)

KaThandi Rotary Challenge

Recently, Tijani and Meesh spoke about the school they are building in Africa. For those interested in participating in the KaThandi Rotary Challenge, please mail a check to McLean Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 561, McLean, VA 22101. Put "KaThandi, Swaziland Project" in the memo line. We have raised \$1,800 so far and are close to achieving our goal. Please consider making a donation. (POC: Tijani)

Calendar Call: 6 Nov, Rotary Leadership Institute Training

District 7610 will host a virtual RLI on Saturday, 6 Nov. RLI provides a series of three multi-district, one-day courses that refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge of Rotary. The sessions are fast-paced, interactive and emphasize leadership skills and knowledge of Rotary around the world. Sessions are for Rotarians of all knowledge ranges, from new Rotarians to those with more Rotary experience who want to enhance their Rotary knowledge. Register https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/Click/?_uid=800450122&_ctid=1972759&redirect=http://www.rli33.org/ Cost is \$35 and BXRC will reimburse your cost if you complete the training.

Calendar Call: 6 Nov, Culmore Cleanup

Come out to Woodrow Wilson Library from 10 AM to 12 PM. BXRC and other groups in the Culmore area field teams to make our community shine and foster a sense of pride and community solidarity. (POCs: Clyde, Gloria, and Jim)

Calendar Call: 20 Nov, Thanksgiving Meal Assembly and Delivery

Join us on Saturday, 20 Nov for our annual Thanksgiving Meal Assembly and Delivery project. This year, we will meet at the Giant grocery store in the Seven Corners Shopping Center at 9 AM. We plan to use our organizing skills and assembly line practice to pack 60 bags of Thanksgiving food for needy families Justice High School has identified. In a change from previous years, we will not go to homes to personally deliver the meals to the families. We will transport the food to the Woodrow Wilson Library where the recipients will pick up our donation. This service project is one of our signature community outreach activities and I know many of our club members look forward to participating every year. Take some time to join us for this worthy and heart-warming project. (POC: Gloria)

<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Ian, 1 Nov	Neesa, 31 Oct 2014
Invocation	Program / Speaker	Bern, 3 Nov	Curtis, 31 Oct 2014
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		Bob P., 5 Nov 2010
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

29 Oct	Cindy Bennett, Ghosts, Goons and a Bunnyman
5 Nov	Jeannie Hovland, Native American Heritage Month
12 Nov	Polly, Rotary Foundation
19 Nov	Paul, Medicare Annual Enrollment Update
26 Nov	Santa Claus
3 Dec	Tiffany Narcisse, Justice High School Principal
10 Dec	Tom Davis
17 Dec	Justin and Shona Introduction Presentations (2)
24 Dec	No Meeting
31 Dec	No Meeting

Calendar Call: 30 Nov, Rotary Raffle

The Rotary Club of West Springfield Fall Fundraiser and Holiday Cash Raffle will offer \$3,000 in prizes with net proceeds split between the Red Cross and assistance for Afghan refugees settling in our area. Raffle tickets are 10 for \$25, 25 for \$50, or 60 for \$100. <https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/rotaryhelps/Campaign/Details>. Drawing is 30 Nov.

White House Christmas Ornament for Sale

Both Pam and Alice are selling the 2021 White House Ornaments as a fundraiser for their separate organizations. This year's ornament celebrates President Lyndon Johnson and shows the Christmas tree in the Blue Room in 1967. The ornaments are \$21 each. Go to https://shop.whitehousehistory.org/collections/ornaments/products/official-2021-white-house-christmas-ornament?gclid=CjwKCAjw-ZCKBhBkEiwAM4qfF-EliTYCKv4uEPRujfANpt4MbEc-3mUNi7quU2b1oSPzxr4uWZuGhoCHJYQAvD_BwE to view the ornament. (POCs: Pam and Alice)

Editor's Prerogative: World Series

The 2021 World Series is now being played. The American League Champion Houston Astros are taking on the National League Champion Atlanta Braves. As of this morning, the best of seven series is tied at one game apiece. The next game will be Friday night in Atlanta after the first two were played in Houston. The Astros win on Wednesday night marked the first time they had won a World Series game in their home park since 2017. In case you forgot, the Washington Nationals won all four games the two played in Houston during their World Series championship run in 2019. Speaking of the Nationals, the Astros manager is Dusty Baker. Baker managed the Nationals in the 2016 and 2017 seasons. This photo shows me, Dusty, and our speaker on 26 Nov when we met in 2016. 2021 marks the 11th season Baker has managed in the post season, this year being the second World Series he has managed in. Do you remember the 2002 World Series and Dusty's son Darren? Darren was three years old and serving as the San Francisco Giants batboy when Dusty last managed in the World Series. In the bottom of the seventh inning, the Giants had a rally going, with J.T. Snow and Jeff Kent on base. Kenny Lofton hit a ball that everyone thought would be a homer, but it bounced off the top of the wall. Snow started to hustle to the plate from third base and suddenly, there was Darren Baker about to run across the plate to pick up the bat Lofton dropped when he hit. Snow grabbed Baker's oversized jacket and hefted him into his arms as the two crossed the plate. Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Angels catcher was preparing to receive a throw from the outfield to attempt to tag Kent out at home plate. It was a play that has gone down in World Series history and even forced Major League Baseball to rule that no one under age 14 may serve as a batboy. Check out J.T. Snow's memory of the incident at <https://youtu.be/qCndDx5pR5w>. You can also find additional videos of the play on YouTube. Coming back to 2021, Darren Baker, a baseball standout in college, was selected in the annual MLB draft. **This week's trivia question: What MLB team drafted Darren Baker?** Getting back to this year's World Series, I have made my yearly bet with Ducky on the outcome of the series. She is taking Atlanta. Normally, I would take the NL team, but I want to see Dusty Baker win the World Series. It is about the only thing this "baseball lifer" has not done (although he won a World Series when he was a player with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981). We will see what happens.

