



The New Warbler

Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads

30 October 2020



Today's Speakers: Dr. Bernard Cole and Dr. Cynthia Watson

Coming back for a return engagement are Dr. Bernard Cole and his wife Dr. Cynthia Watson. The pair previously spoke to BXRC twice (once at a regular meeting and again at an evening dinner event) about the United States relationship with China. Dr. Watson will begin with a presentation with a focus on China in COVID/post-COVID Asia; Dr. Cole will follow with a discussion of current US-China relations, with a focus on military issues. Their presentations last time brought up excellent points and with the election less than a week away, I'm sure they will have some insight about the political relationship between the two countries.

Upcoming Speaker: 6 November, 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.

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.

Calendar Call: 31 October, Walk for Water

BXRC has supported the Strategic Water Alliance "Walk for Water" since its inception in 2012. This year's route begins at Jones Point Park in Alexandria. Participants may register at www.swa7610.org. The Registration fee is \$35. As in previous years club members will wear colored badges of people who contribute to the SWA program. Giving levels are Gold \$25 or more, Blue \$10 - \$24, and Grey \$1 - \$9. Donation checks should be made out to either the "Rotary Club of Alexandria Foundation" or the Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads Foundation with a notation "2020 SWA Walk for Water." (POC: David)



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.

Member Update

Many of you may know John as our Mustang winner during David's year. He has been a big supporter of BXRC and was named BXRC Citizen of the Year last year. Recently he was teaching his daughter skateboard safety and fell off the skateboard (as he was trying to do a trick). He broke his ankle. Surgery followed to repair the ankle. He is resting at home. Thank you Neesa for sending a card. Perhaps John should stick to Mustangs rather than skateboards.

Fire Prevention

When we turn back the clocks this weekend, it is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Did you know that smoke detectors over 10 years old (even with a fresh battery) may not work in the event of a fire. If your smoke detectors are older, replacing them is best. There are detectors now that last 10 years and you don't need to change the battery. They are a little more expensive, however. Now is the time to keep your home and family safe.

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<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, 5 Nov 2010
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

30 Oct	Dr. Bernard Cole and Dr. Cynthia Cole, Update on China
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
11 Dec	DG Harry Club Visit

Here's Our Guest!

Last week we had no guests. 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. We have had several guests for our International Zoom Series, so why not our regular meetings? 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.

World Series Wrap Up

This week, the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Tampa Bay Rays to bring a close to this truncated and bizarre 2020 baseball season. The Rays put up a valiant effort to take two games, including a wild bottom of the 9th win on Saturday night that saw a light-hitting cast-off player become a hero, a runner stumbling around third, lying on the ground a few feet from the plate, and two errors (three if you count a mental error) by the Dodgers that left everyone watching both excited and stunned at the same time. All this was on the same play that Sports Illustrated called "a cascade of catastrophe and cacophony." It is a scenario played out in the backyard by every child who picks up a bat, the hero extended his arms and "flew" around the outfield, turning him and his teammates into little boys again playing the game they love. Game 4 gave Tampa some momentum (if not a Ray of hope) but the Dodgers were just too much. The final game will be debated for years as to whether the Rays should or should not have pulled their pitcher who was untouchable to that point. The decision was made to go to the bullpen and Tampa's dreams of victory squirted past the catcher on a wild pitch. At the end, with a called third strike, there was no joy in Mudville (or Tampa or Port Charlotte for that matter) and Los Angeles won the series. As soon as the last out was made, I got a text from my brother that simply said, "And now the long winter begins." But for one moment, the world looked a little less scary and maybe a little more normal.



4 Wins



2 Wins