



Today's Speaker: Chris Elzey

Chris Elzey holds a PhD in American Studies from Purdue University. He received an M.A. in American Studies from the University of Alabama, and a B.A. in English from the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from Penn, he lived several years in Europe and Australia, where he played professional basketball. His major areas of academic interest are sport history, and post-WWII American history and culture. He has written on the Cold War and sport, basketball history, ethnicity and Olympic history. He is the co-editor of DC Sports: The Nation's Capital at Play (2015). He oversees the Sport and American Culture minor at George Mason.

11 September Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Schwartz

Dr. Benjamin Schwartz is Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Global and Community Health. Dr. Schwartz's research interests are communicable disease epidemiology and documenting effective strategies to improve population health outcomes and reduce disparities. He is an expert in the public health aspects of acute communicable diseases and the investigation and prevention of disease outbreaks. Before coming to Mason, Dr. Schwartz was the Deputy Director of Acute Communicable Disease Control at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; the Director of the Global Health Program at CARE; the Senior Science Advisor at the National Vaccine Program Office, Department of Health and Human Services; and he served in multiple positions at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including as an Associate Director for Science in the National Immunization Program.

18 September Speaker: Perry Ditch, "The Cheery Music Project"

Music teacher and Rotarian Perry Ditch set up a connection between Jacksonville, NC's White Oak High School and those at Cheery Education Center, in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. Ditch said his students performed a concert live over Skype for the CEC students and found the Kenyans had no music program or instruments. The students undertook a multi-phased project, starting with upgrading the wi-fi at CEC so that their Kenyan counterparts could have joint lessons with them via Skype. Then they began teaching scales and how to read music. The students helped secure 100 recorders for the CEC students, allowing them to begin putting into practice what they are hearing and seeing. Ditch said the experience is opening the eyes of his students.

Calendar Call – Food for Others 5K and Fun Run

Last year, some of us ran in the annual Food for Others 5K. This year's run will be different due to COVID and social distancing. It will take place on Friday, 25 September through Sunday, 27 September 2020 and will be anywhere you'd like it to be! It could be a trail, your neighborhood, or your treadmill. Just be sure to record your time and take photos to share. Post your race photos on social media using the hashtag #Foodforothers5K. Prizes will be awarded for photos of the best race costume, most creative route, best pet photo, and more! All participants who register before September 10 will receive a Food for Others 5K t-shirt mailed to their home. Your \$30 registration fee provides rice and beans to 25 families. If you would like to be part of the BXRC "team", contact POC Kate

Polio Eradicated From Africa!

The World Health Organization announced that Nigeria has been certified free of wild polio, which means the virus has been eradicated from the entire continent. Among those groups helping to achieve this milestone was Rotary International. BXRC is proud of what we have helped accomplish. Now Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries with polio.

Here's Our Guest!

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. I did not notice any guests last week.

5 September, 0900-1200, Get Shredded!

Bring your PII documents to the ReMax Office, 5501 Backlick Road in Springfield to be destroyed. Paint, computers, and TVs will also be accepted. (POC: Alice and Don)



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Christian, 7 Sep	None
Invocation	Program / Speaker		
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

4 Sep	Dr. Chris Elzey, GMU Professor, Sports
11 Sep	Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, Covid-19 in Fairfax County
18 Sep	Rotarian Perry Ditch, "The Cheery Music Project"
25 Sep	PDG Dr. Mary Berge "Coping Strategies in Our New Covid-19 Environment"
4 Oct	Johnetta, Introduction Talk

New Member Banns

Elizabeth has applied for membership in BXRC. She is an alum of the University of Minnesota with a BA in Political and Global Sciences. She studied in Austria and China and considers herself a world traveler. Professionally she is a federal employee as the Northeast Outreach Manager for the US, building support for the International Affairs Budget and is an advocate for the federal delegation. She interned with advocates of human rights on rules and laws dealing with standards. She was impressed by our members' energy and wants to be involved with several of our projects.

Zoom Facilitation

Do you want to mute other people? If you would like to learn how to host our Zoom club meetings, please let Bob know. Training is very quick and easy. Having a Zoom account is not necessary. This will give you credit toward your blue badge.

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.

Nationals Update – Let's Get Some Runs!

This week was not very good for the Nationals. In the past 10 games, the Nats are 1-9 with a six-game losing streak. Last year, the Nationals always seemed to score late in games, but this year they can't buy a run, with a record of only 3-5 in one run games. They are 9.5 games behind Atlanta and 5 games behind of getting chance for a wildcard post season chance. There are only 25 games left in the season, so as Yogi Berra once said, "it's getting late early." Do you know what team is really hot? The Tampa Bay Rays! Tampa Bay is 26-12, the complete opposite of the Nationals 12-23 season mark. The Rays are in first place, 5 games ahead of the Yankees and possess the best winning percentage in the American League (and second in all of baseball). My mother-in-law lives near Tampa and the Rays are her team. She watches every game and every week I can expect the newspaper clippings she mails to me about the Rays marvelous season. Now I'm not changing my allegiance, but I am happy someone in my family is having a good season. Hey Ducky, the Nats and Rays face off on 7-8 and 15-16 September. I know I'm looking forward to those games.

