



The New Warbler

Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads

2 April 2021



Today's Speaker: Shannon Bryant

Shannon Bryant, Development Director of Britepaths will be our speaker. Britepaths is a dedicated leader in developing sustainable solutions that stabilize low-income working families, build resilience through financial literacy and workforce development, and provide supports for children. BXRC has supported Britepaths previously.

Upcoming Program: 9 Apr, Club Forum

The quarterly club forum will be on 9 Apr. This is your opportunity to find out what the club is doing and for you to ask our club directors any questions you have.

Upcoming Speaker: 16 Apr, Dr. Tim Jorgensen

Dr. Timothy J. Jorgensen is a Professor in the Department of Radiation Medicine at the Georgetown University School of Medicine, and Director of Georgetown's Health Physics Graduate Program. This presentation will explore what we know about the health risks and benefits of radiation and electricity -- two related technologies that affect the daily lives of everyone. Dr. Jorgensen will discuss what radiation and electricity are, how they related to each other, and how we can make best use of them while at the same time minimizing their health risks. The presentation may "spark" some interest.

Thank You BXRC

Last week, International Service Chair Sarah sent out an urgent request for non-perishable food items to support a local food pantry. We would like to thank all the Rotarians that donated to this cause. Knox Presbyterian Church on Rt. 50 was very appreciative and your support helped them restock their shelves as they support the community through our efforts. Great job Sarah.



Calendar Call, 1 May: Rotary Club of West Springfield \$5,000 Raffle

Our sister club in West Springfield has kicked off their fundraiser. Their raffle will help replenish the \$18,000 the Foundation spent last year in our community and enable them to keep providing the same level of support in 2021. You can purchase 10 tickets for \$25; 25 tickets for \$50 or 50 tickets for \$100 online at <https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/wsrotary21>. The winning ticket will be drawn online event at 7:30 PM on Saturday, 1 May at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/783612309> and you do not have to be present to win. Many of their members have purchased Mustang tickets in the past.

Be Our Guest!

Teddy Wasko joined us for our meeting. We have some great speakers coming up and there may be friends who would be interested. 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. This is a great opportunity to find potential members and Zoom makes it an easy commute.

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<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	None	Johnetta, 3 Apr 2020
Invocation	Program / Speaker		
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

2 Apr	Christian Introductory Talk
9 Apr	Club Forum
16 Apr	Tim Jorgensen, "Spark: The Life of Electricity and the Electricity of Life"
30 Apr	Kathryn Krenn from Northern Virginia Beekeepers Association, "The Secret Life of Bees"

AAC Donation Challenge

A few weeks ago, Meesh made a presentation and spoke about an initiative that she and Tijani started, Aspire African Communities (AAC). Meesh has spoken to several Rotary Clubs about AAC. McLean Rotarian Pam Danner has issued the challenge to personally match, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000, donations made by BXRC members to AAC. Please mail donations made out to The McLean Rotary Foundation, PO Box 561, McLean, VA 22101. Please include a note acknowledging BXRC membership. Note: an online payment option is not currently available. Let's accept the challenge.

Editor's Prerogative: Baseball is Back! Not Quite!

This morning, Commissioner of Baseball Rob Manfred sent me an e-mail. Before you say, "he sent it everyone," I want to state that I have met the man and got his autograph at the World Series. So that must mean the e-mail was only meant for me, right? At any rate, below is a portion of his letter: "On behalf of our Clubs, players and all of us at Major League Baseball, welcome to a very special Opening Day. This spring provides a moment to celebrate hope - not just for our favorite teams, but for our society as we emerge from a difficult year full of hardships and pain. We extend our gratitude for the sacrifices of the countless heroes who helped get us here. We are excited to embark on the 2021 season, with new rivalries and the young superstars who are making a significant impact on our game. But, most important of all, we are thrilled to welcome fans back to all 30 of our ballparks. Baseball fans bring so much energy to the park, and our game is so much better with that passion in the stands. We are hopeful that hearing the sounds of a ballgame in-person represents important progress towards a 2021 that looks and feels closer to normalcy."

Because the DC government is only allowing the Nationals to have 5,000 fans for their April games, I was told that the four games I had tickets for would be cancelled and I would need to find alternate seats in a COVID safe pod. Finding one seat for any game in April was difficult as many sections only have a few seats available, due to the sections being broken into pods that have six feet of distance from any other seats. It was easier finding World Series tickets. Other things put in place "in an abundance of caution" include color coding tickets regarding which gate to enter and exit through, ordering food and drinks, keeping our distance and not allowing fans to bring bags into the stadium. In looking at the Nats website, one other change that hits me where I live states that fans will not be allowed to get autographs. The screens they put up in 2019 made that difficult before, but now there will be no interaction between fans and players.

As I was writing this, I was pumped for the Nats game tonight. Unfortunately, I just found out that tonight's game is postponed due to the fact that one of the Nats players has tested positive for COVID and four others are quarantined as a precaution. No make up date has been announced. The next game is Saturday but may be in jeopardy as well. As we walked into the stadium, we thought we would start the season clapping and cheering as the World Series pennant was raised but now we are crossing our fingers, hoping our players are healthy and that they get back on the field soon. Will 2020 ever end?