



### **Today's Speaker: Christian Introduction Talk**

With the multitude of new members our previous president brought in last year, now is the time when they are making their initial presentations to the club. Christian is coming up. I don't want to steal any of his thunder, but reading his bio, I got a taste of who he is and what he has done so far. Very interesting with lots of different paths.

### **Upcoming Speaker: 30 Apr, Kathryn Krenn, "The Secret Life of Bees"**

This is a presentation we are "buzzing" about. Kathryn Krenn from Northern Virginia Beekeepers Association will speak about "The Secret Life of Bees." Who knows what's going on in that hive? Don't get stung by missing it.

### **Upcoming Speaker: 7 May, Aaron Tolson, Prince William Food Rescue**

By harnessing the power of volunteers and new technology, Prince William Food Rescue is linking food that would be wasted directly with organizations that can quickly get it to those in need. They partner with food retailers, nonprofit organizations, and food rescue heroes to bring healthy food directly to those experiencing food insecurity. Each day, PWFR will pick up fresh produce and cooked food from farms, wholesalers, grocery stores, restaurants, caterers, and other food outlets, to make scheduled and on-demand deliveries to non-profit community partners. They are committed to helping break the link between poverty and poor health by bringing healthy options to the table for families in need.

### **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!**

Last week's meeting had a full slate of guest stars. Among our guests were Dennis's sister Cathleen and a contingent of seven from the Colchester Centurion Rotary Club located in Southeast England. 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.

### **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.

### **Mustang News**

The annual Mustang Raffle is up and running. The car is featured online at the club website and Facebook and already has sold many tickets. Please see the recent e-mail from Curtis regarding how to get your tickets. Current sales are \$2,250 as of 21 Apr. See pictures of the car on our website.



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	None	Pam, 24 Apr 2015
Invocation	Program / Speaker		
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

**Speaker Schedule**

23 Apr	Christian Introduction Talk
30 Apr	Kathryn Krenn from Northern Virginia Beekeepers Association, "The Secret Life of Bees"
7 May	Aaron Tolson, Prince William Food Rescue
14 May	Ms. Ajashu Thomas, Fairfax County Office of Human Rights & Equity
21 May	Bob Martel, Hypnotist, Copywriter, Author (And Hot Air Balloon Pilot)

**Editor's Prerogative: Nationals Update**

Before the Nationals Update, let me answer last week's trivia questions. The first question, "Do you know the Nationals pitchers who have thrown the three no-hitters in club history?" Answer is Jordan Zimmermann and Max Scherzer (he did it twice). The bonus question: "What no-hitter achievement is Johnny Vander Meer remembered for?" Vander Meer threw no-hitters in successive starts. It is a record that may never be broken. Thank you to Pam and Teddy for correct answers.

This past week, I went to the Nationals game Monday evening against the St. Louis Cardinals. The game was a blowout, unfortunately, it was the Nats who got blown out by a score of 12-5. During one of the home runs the Cardinals hit, you can see me trying to wave the ball foul, ala Carlton Fisk. I guess I didn't have enough mojo as the ball hit the foul pole, making it a home run. The photo below was shown on the broadcast and subsequently on the MLB Network. I am famous coast to coast.

In case you are planning to go to a game soon, there are a few changes from previous years you should know about. First, the Racing Presidents are not at the park. Their normal race has been replaced by a "Survivor-style" challenge where the presidents have to do something. Monday, they were throwing rubber ducks into Solo cups. Screech the Eagle is at the stadium, wearing a mask but not interacting with fans. The concession stands have mobile apps for you to order food. I tried using the app to buy a pretzel and it didn't show the stand from which I wanted to buy. I had to go halfway around the stadium just for a pretzel. Eating and drinking while standing on the concourse is prohibited. You must consume your food and drinks at your designated seat. As you can see from my photo, the fans are spread out for social distancing. All of these protocols are in place for the safety of everyone. Over time, I'm sure that the kinks will be worked out, but for now, it was good to sit in the stands, eat overpriced food (hamburger, fries, Coke for \$25), and root, root, root for the home team. If they don't win, its probably because I couldn't get the baseball to go where I wanted it to.

