



**Today's Speaker: Suzanne Holland**

Today's speaker is no stranger to BXRC. Suzanne Holland, Visitor Services Manager at Hidden Oaks Nature Center for the Fairfax County Park Authority will be speaking about a subject that comes around only once every 17 years. Her presentation on cicadas is very timely as the so called "Brood X" will be making their debut in the coming days. Don't wait another 17 years to hear her presentation. If you get the opportunity, please visit Hidden Oaks Nature Center; BXRC has supported their work in the past and there is a BXRC lasting presence at the center. Thank you Suzanne for adjusting your schedule for us. By the way, Suzanne is known to BXRCers as Lady Fairfax.

**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.

**Upcoming Speaker: 14 May, Ajashu Thomas, Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity**

Ajashu Thomas, Outreach and Communications Specialist at Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs will speak. The county Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs (OHREP) investigates complaints filed by any person who believes they have been discriminated against in Fairfax County. Details at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/humanrights>

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

This is your last chance. 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.

**Welcome New Members**

Last week, saw us welcome our two newest members. Congratulations to Christine and Justin for taking the step and officially joining BXRC. Please take the opportunity to welcome them. Remember, we have some excellent 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.

**Mustang News**

The annual Mustang Raffle is up and running. I hope you took the opportunity to pick up your tickets from Otto. It was a bright sunny day when I met Joe and Otto showing the car at Goodwin House. As you can see, Joe is sporting his award winning legs. The car is featured online at the club website and Facebook. Many tickets have already been sold online. Please see the recent e-mail from Curtis regarding how to get your tickets. Current online sales are \$2,850 as of 28 Apr and our overall total is \$3,400. If you have your tickets, let's get out there and sell. See more pictures of the car on our website.



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Joe, 1 May	Roger, 2 May 2003
Invocation	Program / Speaker	Curtis, 5 May	
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test	Donna, 6 May	
Guests			

**Speaker Schedule**

30 Apr	Suzanne Holland, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Cicadas
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)
4 Jun	Kathryn Krenn from Northern Virginia Beekeepers Association, "The Secret Life of Bees"

**BXRC Budget Matters**

As we are getting close to the end of the Rotary year, I thought it would be beneficial for our members be updated on the club's charitable expenditures. At the beginning of this Rotary year (1 Jul 2020), BXRC budgeted \$43,350 across the organization to cover expenditures during the year. Within the Mustang (charitable giving) account, \$30,741 was budgeted for use within the community. To date, \$15,811 has been given to support our charitable giving. That leaves about \$14,930 still to be given out. Much of that money will be given out in the remaining two months toward projects that our directors have committed to. Our goal is to give away all the money we raise from our Mustang Raffle.

**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: Nationals Update**

This week saw the Nationals on the road playing the Toronto Blue Jays. Due to COVID restrictions keeping the Blue Jays from playing their normal home games in Canada, the games were played at the Blue Jay's spring training location in Dunedin, FL. The Jays beat the Nats in the first game 9-5. Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. hit three homers, accounting for 7 of the Jays 9 runs. Max Scherzer became one of two pitchers to give up home runs to both Guerreros (senior and junior). Trea Turner hit two home runs that night, but it was not enough. The next night Nats took the second game of the series 8-2. Erick Fedde pitched a great game and Josh Harrison hit two homers. With the win, the Nationals have a record of 9 wins against 12 losses, putting them at the bottom of the NL East. While that sounds bad and many would say the season is over after only a month, there is only a game and a half between the last place Nationals and the first place Braves. Both Stephen Strasburg and Juan Soto went on the injured list but are working their way back. Other players have been inconsistent, but overall the team has potential. This weekend, the Nationals return home to face the Miami Marlins. I have tickets for the game on Sunday. The picture at the right might be what the Nationals need. Thank you to Neesa for sending it to me.

