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**Today's Program: Club Forum**

The quarterly club forum will be today. 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.

**Upcoming Speaker: 23 Apr, 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.

**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.

**Banns for Christine and Justin**

Recent guests Christine and Justin have applied for membership in BXRC. Christine is a retired US Navy Admiral having over 35 years of leadership experience. She proudly serves as an independent board director for WPS Health Solutions and Navy Mutual Aid Association. She has a long history of distinguished service in Federal health programs. Christine was a member of the Rotary Clubs of Silverdale, WA and Pearle City in the early 2000s. Justin is the Executive Director of Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads. Before that he was Dining Services Manager at GHBC. He has lived in the area 9 years and now lives in Fairfax Station. As a leader in our community, he wants to increase his contacts and service to our area. He has no prediction on when we can have breakfast again.

**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**

Last year, there was no Mustang Raffle. This year, we expect to resume our raffle. Last week, the car was officially put on the website and the first tickets were sold (including 5 to a Rotarian in Sitka, Alaska). This year's car is Wimbledon White with red pony interior. Looks great. See more photos on the club website.

<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Lloyd, 13 Apr	Dave M., 12 Apr 1985
Invocation	Program / Speaker		JoAnne, 15 Apr 1994
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

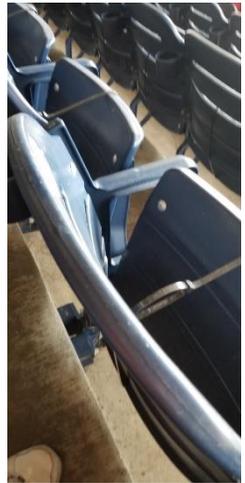
**Speaker Schedule**

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

**Editor's Prerogative: Nationals Update: Baseball is Back!**



This week, I got the chance to knock something off of my bucket list. Because the Nationals first four games were postponed due to COVID, the game on Tuesday, 6 Apr became Opening Day. Because I had to change my tickets due to DC only allowing 5,000 fans in the park, I happened to pick this game as one of my choices. It was sort of a bittersweet experience. The Opening Day festivities and atmosphere was muted because of the limited number of fans allowed to attend. The Nationals did raise their World Series Champion pennant in front of their fans, as they wanted. Because many Nationals players were sidelined due to COVID, some players who would not have made an Opening Day roster found themselves being introduced to the fans. I think I knew how they felt; I never expected to experience an Opening Day, but there I was. As you can see by the photo, fans



were required to wear masks, except when "actively" eating or drinking (I put this in quotation marks because I saw several who were unmasked and I don't think they were eating or drinking at the time). In



an effort to keep fans socially distanced, seats that were not in use were zip-tied so they could not be used. If you look at the picture of the stands, you would not think this was Opening Day; normally every seat would be occupied (like every base is in the photo). As you can see, some sections have no fans.

In my opinion, the first pitch of the season can portend what the season will be like. In this case, I hope not as Max Scherzer gave up a home run on the first pitch. Then two batters later, another pitch went out of the park. It looked pretty bad as the Nationals started to fall behind, but they clawed back to tie the game. In the bottom of the ninth, the Nationals got two men on with Juan Soto at the plate. Ryan Zimmerman has been called "Mr. Walkoff" but perhaps that title has been passed to Soto. As Soto lined a 3-1 pitch into center field, the speedy Victor Robles was able to score the winning run from second base. The announced crowd of 4,801 (I was the 1) began jumping and cheering, watching Soto being mobbed by his teammates (no social distancing there, I suppose). I was very glad to be there to see it. At 7:24 that night, I texted Teddy that the headline in the Washington Post would be "Worth the Wait." The next morning, I saw the headline read, "Worth Waiting For." Guess I predicted that one correctly. As Post columnist Tom Boswell put it, "Were you there the day they raised the championship banner before live fans and a Washington team with nine replacement players walked off the Braves?" I was and am looking forward to the next games I go to.

