

**Meeting Reminder: Hybrid**

We are now able to meet again at Goodwin House. Come join us in person and enjoy breakfast. You can still join us on Zoom [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77153119272?pwd=0r6ro3oy3Qt\\_MApSdHmUoEVB69LB5p.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77153119272?pwd=0r6ro3oy3Qt_MApSdHmUoEVB69LB5p.1) Meeting ID: 77153119272, Passcode: xrt4TN if you are not comfortable meeting in person (or just want to sleep in).



**Today's Speaker: Eddy's Introduction Talk**

Eddy was born and raised by immigrant parents in the Bailey's Crossroads area. He graduated from Bishop O'Connell High School and enlisted in the Navy. He graduated from Old Dominion University and served in the Marine Corps, rising to the rank of Major. He is married and raised his four children a mile from his childhood home. Eddy retired from the Fairfax County Police Department in April 2022 after 23 years. He served in the Fairfax City Police Department for two years prior. He is currently working for Secure Community Network and is the Deputy Regional Security Advisor for the National Capital Region.

**Upcoming Speaker: 19 Aug, Sean Connaughton, 911 Memorial**

Join us to hear Sean Connaughton speak about the 911 Memorial. Connaughton has served as Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association President and CEO since 2014. Prior to joining VHHA, he served as Virginia's Transportation Secretary from 2010-2014 in the Cabinet of Governor Robert F. McDonnell. In that role, he led efforts to pass a major transportation funding package for the Commonwealth in 2013. Connaughton served in a Presidentially-appointed, U.S. Senate-confirmed position as Administrator of the United States Maritime Administration from 2006-2009, and was Corporate Vice President of Government Affairs for the American Bureau of Shipping. Connaughton's public service also extends to elected office – from 2000-2006, he was Chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, which is the chief elected position in Virginia's second largest county – and the armed forces. Connaughton served as a commissioned officer on active duty with the United States Coast Guard, and later joined the United States Naval Reserve, retiring from that service with the rank of Commander. Connaughton is a licensed attorney admitted to practice in Virginia and the District of Columbia.



**Mustang Sales**

As of 4 August, we have raised about \$75,950. Our stated goal is \$141,000. Be on the lookout for future sales events. Remember to sell your tickets. (POC: Jim)

**Mustang Raffle Planning Meetings**

All club members are invited to our Mustang Raffle planning meetings. The next meeting will be on 19 Aug after the regular meeting. Future meetings will be every two weeks or as needed. If you want to join via Zoom, it will be the same link as the regular meeting.



**Wrap Up: The Great Assembly**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual Great Assembly this past weekend a success. Over 60 Rotarians, Lions, Moose, and other

members of the community packed 2,000 drawstring bags of school supplies for the students in the Justice High School pyramid who will be heading back to school soon. The bags were delivered to various schools this week and will be given to the students by their counselors when they get to school. This effort was made possible by funds raised by our Mustang raffle. Great job by all.



**Banns for Potential Members**

The Board voted to extend membership to the following individuals: Reem Awad, Mark Massey, Diane Bender, and Ginger Hayes as individual members. Donna Carter and Aidan Jones were extended membership through the Business Entity Program. This announcement will serve as their second of two published banns. If there is no objection during the banns period, these people will be our newest members.

<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Chris, 15 Aug	Ben, 16 Aug 1985
Invocation	Program / Speaker		Kathleen, 16 Aug 2019
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

### Speaker Schedule

12 Aug	Eddy, Introductory Talk
19 Aug	Sean Connaughton, 911 Memorial
26 Aug	Meesh, Eswanti Update
2 Sep	Pres Jim, Annual Youth Protection Training
9 Sep	DGE Rene', How I defeated the Trifecta of Death - My Journey to Health
16 Sep	Dr. George P. Banks, "The Link Between Racism and Human Effectiveness
23 Sep	Serena Moncion, Potomac Riverkeeper Network
30 Sep	Gerarda Culipher, Chief Deputy Clerk, Court for Fairfax County, "Trends in Consumer Fraud and Title Fraud"
7 Oct	Club Forum #2
14 Oct	Maria Spetalnik, Conquer the Clutter, LLC
4 Nov	DG Shelia

### Polio Update

Polio used to be one of the most feared childhood diseases. It can attack the nervous system and in just a few hours leave someone paralyzed. But all this feels like a long-forgotten era, and for good reason. The disease has almost been wiped off the face of the planet. But recently the BBC reported news that polio has paralyzed a young man in the US and, in London, a million children are being urgently immunized. Since they were developed, in the early 1950s, vaccines have completely transformed polio. Without them, 20 million people who can walk today would have been paralyzed, the World Health Organization estimates. The disease has been beaten back from a global problem in the 1980s to enclaves in just a couple of countries now. But although Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries where polio continues to circulate, this endemic disease remains a threat to the rest of the world. These countries can seed outbreaks elsewhere. The first case of wild polio in Africa for more than five years was reported in a three-year-old girl in Malawi. It was the same strain found in Pakistan, although nobody is sure how it travelled. Polio feels like a disease of the past, but the virus being found in London and the case of paralysis in the US are a particularly loud wake-up call to each of us and to our governments that we cannot be complacent about polio. The progress we have made can be undone. We are so close to the end of polio, but we have been close for a long time. The disease is a diminished threat, but it will not be over here until it is over everywhere.

### Editor's Prerogative

This week, I want to take a step away from baseball. On Monday, 8 Aug, I received a text from PDG Harry. We are good friends and he knows me well. Attached was a link to a breaking news alert that he knew I would want to know about. When I opened the link, my heart broke. Olivia Newton-John had passed away. I couldn't believe it. I was deeply saddened. She had been battling cancer over the past 30 years. I had one of my first crushes on Olivia Newton-John and am still a big fan. Some crushes come and go, but this one was ongoing. I had her albums, the posters, T-shirt, and all that. I watched her on TV whenever she was on anyone's show. I have seen Grease and Xanadu (which was a great movie, regardless of what the so-called critics say) more times than I can count. My brother got me her autobiography for Christmas last year; that is how long this crush has been. Many of you know that I mail baseball cards to former players to get autographed. Well, in 2018, I found an address and I sent three cards I had from the Grease trading card set to Olivia, hoping to get them signed. Two years later, I got them back. I was over the moon to see that signature. One of the three is featured to the right. So, in honor of Olivia Newton-John, I have some trivia questions for you, because I know some of you have missed my trivia. **How many movies did Olivia Newton-John make with John Travolta? What song do Olivia Newton-John, Dolly Parton, Miley Cyrus, and The White Stripes have in common? How many weeks was Physical at #1 on the Billboard Chart? What two '70s and '80s rockers were first offered Physical to record before it was recorded by Olivia? Which muse did Olivia play in Xanadu?** The news of Olivia's passing from cancer came on the heels of news that a good friend of mine also died of cancer the day before. Cancer is a terrible disease and I urge all of you to try to do something to either stop the disease or help someone in their battle.

