

**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: Sean Connaughton, 9/11 Memorial**



Sean Connaughton is Chairman of the Board for the 9/11 Pentagon 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.

**Upcoming Speaker: 26 Aug, Meesh, eSwatini Update**

BXRC member Meesh recently returned from her annual trip to eSwatini. Now she will provide us an update on the efforts being made to the school she started there. Remember when she had to give Bailey the Cow to the King of eSwatini? As her special guest, AG Harry from District 9300 and past president of the Manzini Rotary Club in eSwatini will also provide his perspective as the club with "boots on the ground" for the day-to-day aspects of the project. AG Harry will be in the area for about a week and will be staying with the Waskos. As both of us are working during the day, if there are any Rotarians who would like to invite AG Harry for a day of local color, please contact Meesh to coordinate his schedule. I hear he loves golf; I know we have some golfers in the club. Perhaps a tour of the area or a visit to another Rotary Club? A window tour of DC? A picnic on the Manassas Battlefield? Maybe lunch at a favorite restaurant? A museum tour? Volunteer activity? MGM Casino for a "spin" perhaps? (POC: Meesh)



**Mustang Sales**

As of 18 August, we have raised about \$80,125. Our stated goal is \$141,000. Be on the lookout for future sales events. September is packed with some of our biggest selling events, so let's put the pedal to the metal and drive those sales. 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.

**Calendar Call: 26 Aug, BXRC Mixer**

Our next social gathering will be at Pistone's Italian Inn on Friday, 26 Aug from 5:30-7:30 PM. Pistone's is located at 6320 Arlington Blvd. Invite friends and people who may want to be a Rotarian. Attendees will pay for their own food and drinks. Come out and enjoy good food, drinks, and company. (POCs: Neesa and Gloria)



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	None	Max, 19 Aug 2005
Invocation	Program / Speaker		Kathleen, 16 Aug 2019
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

### Speaker Schedule

19 Aug	Sean Connaughton, 9/11 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	Bob Corolla, Arlington Rotary, Peace Corps experience in Bolivia
14 Oct	Maria Spetalnik, Conquer the Clutter, LLC
4 Nov	DG Shelia

### Polio Update

Last week, I sounded the alarm of an uptick in reported polio cases, including one in the United States. Like a small brushfire that could become a flaming inferno, we will all be at risk until this disease is eradicated from the world. This week, I was reminded that 16 Aug was the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley. Did you know that Elvis was instrumental in America's battle against polio? In a conversation with Juanita, she pointed me to the Waterloo, IA Rotary Club's website. Here's the story: In 1954, the New York City Department of Health launched a massive publicity campaign to promote vaccination against polio. Columnist and media bigwig Walter Winchell threw cold water on the effort, saying the vaccine, developed from an inactivated virus by Jonas Salk, "may be a killer" after a bad batch killed or infected several people. Teenagers, especially, balked at getting inoculated, because of a mistaken belief that immunization for a disease also known as Infantile paralysis was only for little kids and babies. On 28 Oct 1956, backstage at CBS Studio 50 before an airing of The Ed Sullivan Show, Elvis rolled up his sleeve as flashbulbs popped. New York City Commissioner of Health Leona Baumgartner, right, holds the arm of Elvis Presley as Assistant Commissioner Harold Fuerst administers the polio vaccine to the king of rock 'n' roll. It is believed that this single event was partly responsible for raising immunization levels of teens in the country from 0.6 percent to 80 percent in just six months. In 1963, the health commissioner at that time announced that vaccination had reduced the number of new cases in Gotham to zero. Sometimes we need to look back at our history.



### Editor's Prerogative



Last week, I used this column to remember Olivia Newton-John who died earlier that week. The outpouring of emotion from this club was unbelievable. Thank you to those members who contacted me with their own memories of Olivia. Some members had some trivia I didn't know and I actually learned some things I didn't know which I am grateful for. The answers to last week's trivia questions were: **How many movies did Olivia Newton-John make with John Travolta? Two, Grease and Two of a Kind. What song do Olivia Newton-John, Dolly Parton, Miley Cyrus, and The White Stripes have in common? Jolene (Thanks to Chris for finding a version of Jolene by Lil Nas X that I did not know about). How many weeks was Physical at #1 on the Billboard Chart? 10. What two '70s and '80s rockers were first offered Physical to record before it was recorded by Olivia? Rod Stewart and Tina Turner. Which muse did Olivia play in Xanadu? The answer I was going for was Terpsichore, the Greek muse of dance, although I did also accept the character name of Kira. One person said "the roller-skating muse," which was funny, if not completely accurate.** In talking with some other club members, we were reflecting on Grease. One channel showed Grease for over 12 hours straight on Saturday. One person reminded me that 16 Aug was the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley. In doing some research, I found that 16 Aug could be considered a day of royalty. **This week's trivia question is two "kings" and one "queen" died on 16 Aug and one "queen" was born on 16 Aug. Name these 4 people (if you read the question, you already know one of the kings).**