

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=0r6ro3oy30t_MApSdHmUoEVB69LB5p.1 Meeting ID: 77153119272, Passcode: xrt4TN if you are not comfortable meeting in person (or just want to sleep in).

Today's Speaker: Meesh, MicheLo and beyond--the Swazi Connection



How has our contribution impacted the communities of St. Joseph's and ESwatini? We will be sharing our story with a special guest from ESwatini! Meesh, local girl, attended WT Woodson HS and then Virginia Wesleyan University where she focused on Psych and brain and spinal injury therapies. She moved out to the Pacific NW where she managed day treatment and psychiatric programs. Came back "home" and attended George Mason University and started working for FCPS. She joined the BXRC in 2008 after she participated in the 2007 Group Study Exchange to Southern Africa. Meesh is passionate about service, particularly in the areas of supporting those without a voice (animals and children with disabilities). As her special guest, Harry Nxumalo, is our guest from ESwatini. He is an active member of the Manzini Rotary Club which has partnered with Meesh and Lois since the beginning of MicheLo in 2009. He has served as the President of the Manzini RC and AG for District 9400. Remember when "Lucy and Ethel" had to give Bailey the Cow to the King of eSwatini?

Upcoming Speaker: 2 Sep, Annual Training

President Jim will present our annual training on youth protection, anti-bullying and harassment. This is a required presentation and attendance will be recorded.

Mustang Sales

As of 25 August, we have raised about \$85,425. Our stated goal is \$141,000. Our next sales event is on Saturday, 27 Aug from 11 AM to 7 PM. BXRC has booth #14 at the annual Around the World Cultural Food Festival at Oronoco Bay Park – GPS address: 100 Madison St., Alexandria, VA 22314. (POC: Jim and Kate)

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 on the outside patio. 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)

Calendar Call: 21 Sep, International Dinner

On Wednesday, 21 Sep at 6:30 PM, Rotarians, family and friends are invited to enjoy an Afghan dinner at Bamiyan, 5634 Leesburg Pike, Bailey's Crossroads. We have arranged for a family style dinner of various Afghan culinary delights. The cost of the dinner is \$35 per person. Dinner includes an appetizer, entrée and dessert. Raza, one of the managers, will speak to us on Afghan cuisine too. Check out their menu at <https://www.bamianafghancuisine.com/menu.aspx>. RSVP by Monday, 12 Sep if you will attend. (POCs: Pam and Neesa)

Justice High School Work Awareness and Transition

Justice High School offers a Work Awareness and Transition (WAT) course to prepare students with disabilities for employment through career awareness, exploration, preparation and training. Students will have the opportunity to assist with work tasks, projects and jobs within the school building and participate in a community-based and/or school-based work experience as part of the course during the school day. Are you able to offer work-based learning internship opportunities to these HS students? Whether you own/run a small business or work for a large company, we'd love to connect to see how our students can help out your organization while continuing to develop their workplace readiness skills for future competitive employment. If you are interested in hosting student interns or would like more information about becoming a community partner, please contact the Justice Employment and Transition Representative, Margaret Autry at 703.824.3919 or mmautry@fcps.edu.

<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	None	Jim, 27 Aug 2010
Invocation	Program / Speaker		Gloria, 29 Aug 2014
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		Judy, 28 Aug 2015
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

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
21 Oct	Maria Spetalnik, Conquer the Clutter, LLC
4 Nov	DG Shelia
11 Nov	Mali Phonpadith, founder/CEO of Soar Community Network "Overcoming Adversity- from Refugee to Entrepreneur"

Wrap Up: AG Harry's Week in Virginia

Last week, District 9300 AG Harry of eSwatini visited his "daughter" Meesh here in Virginia. Meesh had a schedule packed full of fun things for Harry to do. Harry arrived at the Wasko home Saturday night and it was almost like a homecoming. When Meesh and K went to Africa for the land exchange ceremony in Dec 2019, K stayed at Harry's home; now she could return the favor. We got to know each other and found Harry to be a very genial and inquisitive guest. On Sunday, we hosted a "braai" (what Americans call a cookout) for our guest. We had planned to be outside, but the rainy day shifted us to Plan B in the house. Rotarians from BXRC, McLean, and Annandale clubs were invited to welcome our fellow Rotarian. Everyone had a good time. After such a great party, Harry rested on Monday. Tuesday, Harry attended the McLean club



meeting where he spoke. Dinner was planned with the Waskos at the Mount Vernon Inn. In a quick rush, Meesh got Harry to Mount Vernon before it closed. Harry got a special personalized tour of George Washington's home. After a dinner of scrumptious Colonial American cuisine, Harry was treated to a nighttime tour of DC, seeing the Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington, and World War II Memorials in the moonlight. Wednesday Harry hiked in Great Falls, then got the thrill of his visit. He went to the eSwatini embassy and met the ambassador! He was over the moon to be able to speak with someone from his country (in his own language) and find out how much they have in common. Thursday, President Jim took Harry back to Mount Vernon for a more relaxed tour. Dinner was with the Rotary GSE team that went to eSwatini a few years ago where old memories flowed like water. Today, Harry is our guest at BXRC before heading back to Africa. Before he left, he said, "I will return someday to my Virginia home."

Editor's Prerogative

No room. Trivia answer: "Kings" Elvis Presley, Babe Ruth, and "Queen" Aretha Franklin all died on 16 Aug. Madonna was born on 16 Aug.