

**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: Penny Gross, Mason District Supervisor**

Penny Gross was first elected to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, representing the Mason District, in Nov 1995, and was re-elected to her 7<sup>th</sup> term on 5 Nov 2019. Supervisor Gross is vice-chair of the Board and chairs the Personnel Committee. Regionally, Supervisor Gross represents Fairfax County on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, which she chaired in 2009; the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, which she also chaired; the INOVA Health System Board of Trustees, and the Potomac Watershed Roundtable. In Sep 2022 she received the Excellence in Governance award from the Virginia Hospital and Health Care Association. On the state and national level, Supervisor Gross is a past president of the Virginia Associations of Counties, vice-chair of the National Association of Counties' Energy, Environment, and Land Use Committee, and past president of the National Association of Regional Councils.

**Upcoming Speaker: 17 Feb, Lorie Brush, Pakistan: The Struggle between Fundamentalism and Good Education**

Lorei Brush spent two years in northwestern Pakistan leading a USAID-funded project to reinvigorate their education system. This area of the country had experienced a substantial earthquake in 2005 that killed about 77,000 people, 20,000 of whom were children. Every government-built school collapsed. To assist in the recovery, the project trained 10,000 teachers from Grade 1 through high school in state-of-the-art teaching methods in the sciences, mathematics, and English. In this talk, she'll set the context of the work, discuss traditional education practices in the area, and describe how it is possible to revitalize and innovate teaching methods within a strict Islamic context.



**Service Opportunity—New Hope Housing**

BXRC is partnering with New Hope Housing to assist individuals who have experienced homelessness with a new start in safe, secure, and well-equipped housing. Our District Grant funds purchase Welcome Home kits that include inflatable beds, comforters, bedding, pillows, and laundry baskets. On 2 Feb, Club members delivered 20 sets to New Hope, with more to come as these kits are provided to clients. We invite Rotarians, neighbors, and friends to increase the impact of this project by helping us fill laundry baskets with detergent, dish soap, and toiletries. (POC: Chris)

**Member Updates**

Recently, our club's first president, Bern, passed away. Our club still misses his leadership. Last week, I was reading the February Rotary magazine and saw he was included in an In Memoriam list of District Governors who recently passed away that the magazine printed. In happier news, many of you may have heard that Tijani and his family moved to Texas. This week, Tijani contacted me and "Madame President" with exciting news. Tijani has joined the ranks of home owner! This is a major milestone in anyone's life and something to celebrate. I'm sure many members have fond memories of the first house they purchased. You can send Tijani an e-mail with first time home-owner advice; I'm sure he would appreciate it.



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	None	Carl, 15 Feb 1977
Invocation	Program / Speaker		Steven W., 10 Feb 2012
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		Ava, 14 Feb 2014
Guests			

**Speaker Schedule**

10 Feb	Penny Gross, Mason District Supervisor
17 Feb	Lorie Brush, Pakistan: The Struggle between Fundamentalism and Good Education.
24 Feb	John Grant – Learning Alexandria History Through Our Ghosts
7 Apr	Club Forum

**Calendar Call, Feb, Rotary Leadership Institute**

February brings Rotary members several opportunities to continue your RLI journey. There is an opportunity to take virtual Parts 2 and 3 on Friday afternoon 10 Feb and Saturday morning 11 Feb. This Rotary Leadership Institute Event is sponsored by District 7680 but offered virtually and therefore available to all who want to attend from the comfort of your own home or office. It promises to be a very exciting and worthwhile experience. If you would prefer to attend in person instead of Zoom, that event will be Saturday, 18 Mar from 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM in Fredericksburg, VA. Register on DacDB.

**The Rotary Foundation Giving Update**

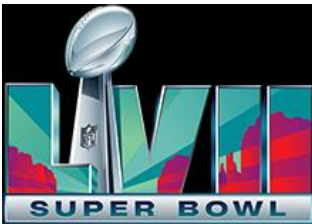
January is an excellent time to make a donation to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). It is BXRC's goal to have every member of the club contribute at least \$25 to TRF. By making this small donation, our club is recognized with the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) award in June. To help both TRF and our individual members, if you give \$100 to TRF (\$10 a month), BXRC will give you 900 points to immediately make you a Paul Harris Fellow (1000 points). For those already Paul Harris Fellows or Paul Harris Society members, if you are 200 points or less away from the next level, your next \$100 will be matched by BXRC to move you to the next level. This does not apply to major donor level. (POC: Polly)

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Mustang Raffle Update**

The 1966 Ember Glow (red) Mustang has arrived at Goodwin House, and it's beautiful! We are currently awaiting approval from the Virginia Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs before printing tickets, announcing the raffle on the BXRC website and social media, and notifying you of the carside venues. The Mustang raffle is for all BXRC Rotarians - including YOU! Join the fun and get involved with the Mustang raffle. The Mustang Committee holds regular meetings on Fridays after the club meeting (in person or via Zoom) (POC: Juanita)



**Editor's Prerogative—Super Bowl LVII**



The big game is this Sunday. Are you excited? Two great teams, the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs are set to meet each other in the final game of the season. As in previous years, I have made my bet with Ducky. She wins the money if the Eagles win; I win if either team wins. Yes, I am sandbagging. I win money if Kansas City wins, but I like Philadelphia. It's a win-win for me. Also looking forward to cheesesteaks and BBQ to honor both cities. In Last week's newsletter, I asked "In the history of the Super Bowl and the World Series, how often has one city been represented in both contests in the same season?" I counted nine times. Here are those cities

and the year: 1970 Baltimore; 1979 Pittsburgh; 1980 Philadelphia; 2000 New York; 2004 Boston; 2012 San Francisco; 2018 Boston; 2020 Tampa; and now 2022 Philadelphia. The bonus question asked who played in the 1980 World Series. That year was Kansas City and Philadelphia. Hmm, I think those cities will be very excited on Sunday. Whether you watch on Sunday for the game or the commercials (hope there are some good ones this year), I hope you enjoy. In a Super Bowl trivia fact, more antacids are sold in the United States the day after the Super Bowl. Interesting. I also think there is some statistic says toilet usage increases exponentially during commercials and at halftime. And don't forget, on Wednesday, 15 Feb, pitchers and catchers start their first Spring Training workout. So as one season ends, another starts to ramp up.

