

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



Today's Speaker: Lorelei Brush, Pakistan: The Struggle between Fundamentalism and Good Education

Lorelei 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.

Upcoming Speaker: 24 Feb, John Grant, Learning Alexandria History Through Our Ghosts

John Grant is a retired CIA analyst and a lifetime resident of Alexandria. He is enjoying his second career giving ghost and history tours in Old Town Alexandria and guiding visitors around the historic sites of D.C. This should be a fun meeting and perhaps we can plan a tour as a club outing.



Calendar Call, 23 Feb, Justice Speech Contest

The annual Justice High School speech contest will be held on 23 Feb at 3:30 PM in the school auditorium. If you can help support this event, we need seven positions to be filled, namely: 4 judges; 1 timekeeper; 1 teller; and 1 Sgt at Arms. It would also be great to have Rotarians in the audience to support the students. All meet at main office at 3:15 PM and then will be escorted to event. (POC: Jim)

Calendar Call, 25 Feb, Stuff the Cruiser

On Saturday, 25 Feb from 10 AM to 2 PM, BXRC, in conjunction with the FCPD Officers at the Mason District Station, will conduct a Stuff the Cruiser Food Drive at the Giant Food Store, 7137 Little River Turnpike in Annandale. Members of the Rotary Club, Officers from the Mason Station, members of Fairfax County Public Safety Cadet Unit 505, and the Mason Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will be on site to accept the food donated by the very generous shoppers at the Giant. All collected food donations will be delivered to the ACCA Food Pantry in Annandale. In past food drives we have collected as much as 4000 pounds of donated food. We need volunteers for the following tasks: 1. To hand out leaflets to customers shopping at the Giant as they enter the store; the leaflet will provide shoppers with a list of items needed by the Food Pantry. 2. To collect the donated food from shoppers as they leave the store and place the donated food items in the police cruiser for later delivery to the Food Pantry. 3. To meet at the ACCA Food Pantry (located across Columbia Pike from the Giant) and offload the donated food in the pantry. Please spare some time to drop by for an hour or so, or the whole event if possible. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4BAAAF2CA4FD0-bxrc1> to volunteer. (POC: Ben)

Calendar Call, 4 Mar, Dinner and a Program

Rotarians, family and friends, mark your calendars for 4 Mar, 6 PM at Ava's home. Ava's brother-in-law, Greg Kaldahl, will speak to us about climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and will inspire us all. Greg retired in 2019 after an almost 40 year career in the aviation industry, capped by overseas assignments in Finland, Abu Dhabi and Ireland. He has also trekked around Mount Everest and many American National Parks. We will have a pot luck dinner; last name A-G bring side dishes, H-P bring main dishes and Q-Z bring desserts, followed by his talk. Join us for this informative and inspiring evening. Please RSVP by noon, 3 Mar. (POC: Pam)

| <u>Today's Program</u> | | <u>Rotary Birthdays</u> | <u>Rotary Anniversaries</u> |
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| Pledge of Allegiance | Announcements | Rotary Int'l, 23 Feb 1905 | Joe, 23 Feb 1985 |
| Invocation | Program / Speaker | | Bill, 21 Feb 1986 |
| Birthdays / Songs | 4-Way Test | | |
| Guests | | | |

Speaker Schedule

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| 17 Feb | Lorelei Brush, Pakistan: The Struggle between Fundamentalism and Good Education. |
| 24 Feb | John Grant – Learning Alexandria History Through Our Ghosts |
| 3 Mar | Yonas Atoma – Brighter Generation |
| 10 Mar | TBA |
| 17 Mar | Nasrine – Update on Kabultec and Afghanistan |
| 24 Mar | LJ Raspler – Cook for Vets |
| 31 Mar | Juanita – 37th Annual Mustang Raffle |
| 7 Apr | Club Forum |

Calendar Call, 18 Mar, Rotary Leadership Institute

RLI will be held on Saturday, 18 Mar from 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM in Fredericksburg, VA. Register on DacDB.

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)



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. Currently, we are at \$16,957 of our \$21,000 Annual Fund goal. (POC: Polly)

37th 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—Spring Training

This week marks the beginning of baseball's Spring Training season. For us Nationals fans, Spring Training brings a new team and our hope for a successful season. Pitchers and catchers reported earlier this week to their club's training facilities in Florida and Arizona. Position players report next week with games starting later that week. Opening day for the Nationals is 30 Mar at home against the Atlanta Braves. In the middle of Spring Training is this year's World Baseball Classic, a tournament of 20 teams from around the world. The United States looks to defend their 2017 title against teams from Japan, Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Israel to name just a few. Meanwhile, the Nats look to be one of the younger teams this year with many first- and second-year players. The pitching staff will especially be young. One player who will not be there for the foreseeable future is Stephen Strasburg. Strasburg is still experiencing a nerve issue related to his recovery from thoracic outlet syndrome surgery after throwing his second offseason bullpen session. There is no timetable for his return or for him to report to Spring Training. Since being named MVP of the 2019 World Series, Strasburg has only thrown in 8 games, logging a little more than 30 innings. His glory days may be behind him. Nats fans are also mourning the passing of Ted Lerner, the man who bought the Nationals in 2006. There are numerous question marks with this team.