

**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: Dave N., Flavors of Vietnam: Culinary Delights and Cultural Connections**



As a teenager, BXRC member Dave N. immigrated to Virginia in the summer of 1982. Under the guidance and sponsorship of Dr. Quan Nguyen's family, Dave completed his education at Virginia Tech and Johns Hopkins University. After becoming a husband and father of two children, Dave elected to follow his passion in both education and philanthropy. Well-versed in all aspects of life skills, leadership, and management activities at both upper and mid-level management positions, Dave has been instrumental in creating innovative investment opportunities and future leaders at both the USPTO and AASuccess. Besides helping others to succeed, Dave enjoys many hobbies, including volleyball, tennis and music. His presentation highlights his recent trip to Vietnam, showcasing the diverse and delicious Vietnamese food dishes he encountered. It also emphasizes the meaningful connections made with people from different backgrounds and the positive impact it has had on his social driven business activities and cultural understanding.

**Upcoming Speaker: 16 Jun, Erica Brouillette, Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership**

After serving in the Peace Corps (almost) right out of college, Erica joined Rotary just a few years later and is now the Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership Liaison for District 7610. She embraces projects that spread peace and has started a District 7610 Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership Alliance Committee, still in its very early stages of development, to engage other groups in the quest for peace. With 12 years of experience in the community and international development fields as a volunteer (including Peace Corps service and several community-based organizations, including Rotary), Erica is excited to further advance her knowledge and experience to serve the global Partnering for Peace community.



**Calendar Call, 10 Jun, Family Fun Day**

Join AA Success at 8401 Greensboro in Tysons. There will be games, magic show, arts & crafts along with lunches. \$15 per person for a lunch package or simply join to enjoy the games and activities for your kids/children. Sign up via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-fun-day-a-summer-carnival-event-tickets-546809841957>. (POC: Dave N.)

**Calendar Call, 17 Jun, Rotary with The Nationals**

The annual Rotary night is Saturday, 17 Jun against the Miami Marlins. Tickets are in the usual left field corner and \$46, which include a \$10 concession voucher and \$5 donation to Polio Plus. Go to <https://fevogm.com/event/endpolio> for tickets. First 20,000 fans get a Teddy and Abe Racing Presidents bobblehead. With only a week to go, I only know of 4 people from our club that are attending. Show your Natitude with your fellow Rotarians. (POC: BXRC's #1 Nats Fan)

**Calendar Call, 24 Jun, International Food and Wine Tasting**

Culmore Clinic will host an International Food and Wine Tasting on Saturday, 24 Jun at 7 PM. The event will be held at 6377 Landess St, Alexandria. Enjoy some great food and support one of the charities BXRC supports. (POC: Polly)

**Calendar Call, 25 Jun, Board of Directors Installation**

Join us at Pistone's Italian Inn in Falls Church for the installation of the new Board. Time is 3-5 PM. Please RSVP by 21 Jun. (POC: Gloria)

<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Curtis E., 9 Jun	Bob S., 9 Jun 2000
Invocation	Program / Speaker	Ginger, 12 Jun	
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test	Kate, 13 Jun	
Guests		Kevin H., 15 Jun	

**Speaker Schedule**

9 Jun	Dave N., "Flavors of Vietnam: Exploring Culinary Delights and Cultural Connections"
16 Jun	Erica Brouillette – Rotary-Peace Corps partnership
23 Jun	BXRC Awards ceremony and wrap up 2022-2023
30 Jun	Dr. Grace Mukupa, Weaving Together International Experiences That Led to Being a Rotarian
14 Jul	Michele Kohl, MK9 Service Dogs
28 Jul	Michael Mahrer, English Empowerment Center

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

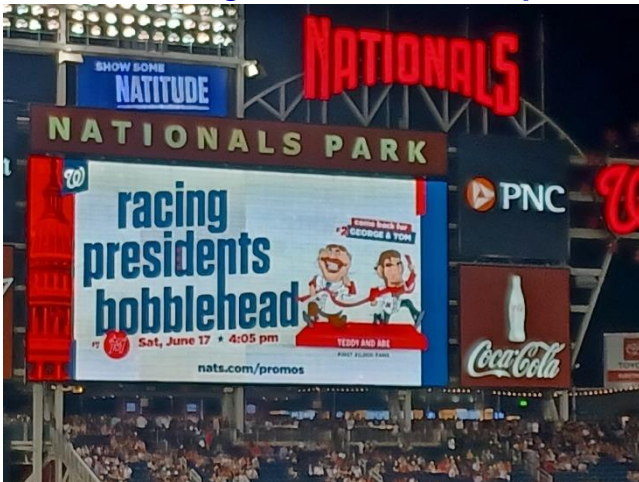
Last weekend, we were at the Occoquan Riverfest and Craft Show. Thank you to all who participated as ticket sales were brisk. We raised \$7,475 over the two days. Our current total is about \$27,375. This Saturday we will be at Taste of Woodbridge (where our 2019 winner bought his ticket) and then 18 Jun at the Sully Father's Day Car Show. Please come out and help your club raise money for our charities. See Pmail for additional dates and let's Ride Together. (POC: Juanita)



**Service Project, Suitcases for Storage**

Otto took up Michilo's challenge to get suitcases to support their mission. Meesh loads them with supplies and leaves them at the school for use as footlockers. So far about 50 have made the trip. Otto asked residents of GHBC to support this Rotary project and they have responded. So far, this project has also donated 97 suitcases to unhoused in Fairfax County shelters. We would like more unneeded suitcases from our members. Bring them to any meeting. (POC: Otto)

**Editor's Prerogative—Nationals Update**



This week, I went to two Nationals games. Sunday, the Nationals played the Phillies. The Nationals lost 11-3. The Phillies lit the Nationals bullpen up, scoring 3 runs in the sixth, seventh, and ninth innings. In about the sixth, I felt what I thought might have been an explosion under my seat. I was listening to the game on the radio I had with me (a giveaway from an earlier game I attended). I looked at the people sitting next to me and we all had a puzzled look on our faces, wondering what we just felt. I didn't hear them say anything about it on the radio, so I texted my brother in Buffalo who was watching the game on TV. He said they didn't say anything on the broadcast. I looked around to see if I saw any smoke but didn't. Because my seat shook, I wondered if there was a bomb that went off in the Metro. Later, when I got home, I had a text from my friend in California who asked if I heard the sonic boom. By now, all of you know what happened. I find it interesting someone in California has to tell me what happened where I was sitting. The second game I

went to was on Tuesday against the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Nationals fell behind 1-0 in the top of the first, but in the bottom of the first, Stone Garrett hit a grand slam home run that sent the crowd into a frenzy. However, the Nationals lost 10-5 as the bullpen couldn't hold the lead. The bullpen, especially middle relief, has been a challenge this season. Recently, the Nats made some changes to address the problem. We will see if these adjustments work. My next game is the Rotary game on Saturday, 17 Jun. I took the photo of the scoreboard above on Tuesday night when I was at the game. It shows the bobblehead that will be given away that night. Let's get a good BXRC turnout for the game. Even if you are not a baseball fan, it is a great night to mingle with Rotarians not only from BXRC, but other clubs within the district. I have my ticket, do you? Late breaking news, the game on Thursday, 8 Jun has been postponed due to the smoke and bad air conditions in the area. It will be made up on Thursday, 22 Jun.