

***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: Melanie Morton, "Every Picture Tells a Story"***

Melanie Morton is a docent at the National Gallery of Art. She was born at Upper Heyford U.S. Air Force Base, Oxfordshire, England. She earned a BA History from the University of Delaware ("Fighting Blue Hens") and an MS in Administration from Central Michigan University. She is a retired U.S. Naval Officer. Work experience includes management analyst for the State of Delaware, estate planning legal assistant, and high school volleyball coach. Currently a docent at both the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and the National Gallery of Art, she also was a docent at Winterthur Museum Garden and Library, Tudor Place, and the National Constitution Center.

***Upcoming Speaker: 10 Mar, Nasrine, Update on Kabultec and Afghanistan***

Nasrine is a long-time member of our club. She is the founder of Kabultec, a charity organization providing empowerment support to the socially and economically disadvantaged areas of Kabul and Afghan provinces since 2002. They provide adult education, seminars on women's rights, democracy, elections, violence against women, and academic research on topics relating to women. Nasrine lived in and traveled to Afghanistan many times prior to the recent Taliban takeover to support her project and homeland.



***Calendar Call, 11 Mar, Bee Happy Garden***

The Bee Happy Garden is getting ready for spring! Volunteers are needed on Saturday, 11 Mar at 1pm to prepare the garden for planting. Kids are welcome with an adult. Wear comfortable work clothes and meet out front at the garden. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Location: on the grounds of the First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA. Please support Food Uniting Neighbors by giving an hour or two of your time. (POCs: Pam and Sarah)

***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. This is a three-part course to give Rotarians leadership tips and guidelines. Register on DacDb. Any Rotarian is welcome to attend. We already have several members attending.

***Calendar Call, 19 Mar, Club Birthday Brunch***

The BXRC birthday party will be held at Full Kee Restaurant in the Bailey's Crossroads Shopping Center on Sunday, 19 Mar at 11:30am. It will be a very complete lunch and will cost \$35 per person. We will have a private room. Please RSVP by 12 Mar. (POC: Gloria)

***Calendar Call, 22 Apr, District 7610 Conference***

The District Conference is back. Saturday, 22 Apr from 9 AM to 5 PM at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club in Kilmarnock, VA. This year, the conference is only one day. Cost is \$50. Go to DacDb for additional information and to register.

***Banns for Potential Member***

This is to serve as the second of two published Banns for a potential new club member. Curt Eilers has lived in the area for about eight years and works at the Department of Treasury. He has been a member of the JayCees and is looking for an additional way to serve his community. If no one makes an objection to the BXRC Board of Directors during the period of Banns, his membership will be accepted.



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Joanne, 16 Mar	None
Invocation	Program / Speaker	Clyde, 17 Mar	
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test	Tijani, 17 Mar	
Guests			

### **Speaker Schedule**

10 Mar	Melanie Morton, "Every Picture Tells a Story"
17 Mar	Nasrine, Update on Kabultec and Afghanistan
24 Mar	LJ Rasple, Cook for Vets
31 Mar	PE Juanita, 37th Annual Mustang Raffle
7 Apr	Club Forum

### **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 housing. Our District Grant funds purchase Welcome Home kits that include inflatable beds, comforters, bedding, pillows, and laundry baskets. This week, we delivered 5 baskets to New Hope Housing. Generous Rotarians from our BXRC club and the Annandale club filled the baskets with cleaning supplies, toiletries, paper products, and towels. We sincerely appreciate these contributions to our project supporting a new start in safe, secure housing for people who have experienced homelessness. We have already helped nearly 20 clients transitioning from the Bailey's Shelter into permanent housing and hope to provide enough for 20 more this spring. Club members can increase the impact of this project by filling laundry baskets with small household items and consumables. Thanks to all for your generosity! (POC: Chris)



### **The Wolf Shack**

The Justice PTSA has worked hard to make the Wolf Shack pantry sustainable for the student body. Recently they applied and were accepted into the Food for Neighbors Red Bag Program. This is a wonderful program where individuals donate food to local school food pantries 4-5 times per year. There is a wide range of volunteer opportunities - leave a red bag full of food on your doorstep on pickup morning, drive around and weigh/collect the food, receive the food at the collection center, sort the food at the collection center, transport the food to the pantries, etc. The next pick-up date is 11 Mar. If you would like to participate, please visit <https://www.foodforneighbors.org/> to register. If you live outside the JHS pick up zone, your local school in Arlington and/or Fairfax County may participate. (POC: Kate)

### **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—The Academy Awards**

This weekend is the 95<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards presentation. It is Hollywood's World Series. Of the 10 nominees for Best Picture, I have seen two (I do have another keyed up on my DVR so by the time you read this it could be three). My wife and I went to see Maverick, which was a great movie. I had been waiting since 1986 for the Top Gun sequel. We also went to the theater one day and couldn't decide on which movie to see. I wanted to see All Quiet on the Western Front, but she wanted to see The Banshees of Inisherin. We went to different rooms and when we met in the lobby, she said The Banshees of Inisherin was very dark and she did not like it. It was billed as a comedy, but she found no humor in it. She wanted to leave, but was stuck in the middle of a row and couldn't move. So today's Trivia question: **In the history of the Academy Awards, how many movies about baseball won the Best Picture award?** On a related note, what is your all-time favorite Best Picture? I love the movies and would like to hear your opinion.