

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: 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.

Upcoming Speaker: 24 Mar, LJ Raspler, Cook For Vets

LJ Raspler is the Founder and President of Cook For Vets, Inc. She was born and raised in New York and currently resides in Virginia. As a daughter of a United States Navy Veteran, she is passionate and energized about helping the Veteran community. Cook For Vets way of saying "thank you" to the brave men and women who committed themselves to a life of service and sacrifice, by stepping up our efforts and prioritizing each and every service member in need of assistance. In doing so, our greatest efforts reflect a responsibility for providing what they are lacking. For the proud military men and women, recognition of their actions necessitated establishing ourselves as a group who seeks to provide the same access to sustained nutrition as non-Veterans. Cook For Vets provides sustained, balanced nutrition to Veterans and their households. As food scarcity continues to be an increasing concern amongst the Veteran population, our priority is to prepare, cook, and provide meals that are personally cooked and delivered by our trusted volunteers. Partnership and collaboration are the backbone to supporting our Veterans as we align with committed partners, other nonprofits, and Veteran Service Organizations for achieving our goals. Community outreach entails networking with local restaurants, farmers markets, and food suppliers to additionally serve as resources for our food suppliers.



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 club 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. (POC: Gloria)

Calendar Call, 23 Mar, Justice Interact Club Meeting

The Justice Interact Club will meet on Thursday, 23 Mar to award our Music and Speech contest winners as well as take our Club photo for the yearbook. Come if you would like. Meeting starts at 3:15. (POC: Meesh)

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.

<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Clyde, 17 Mar	Carl, 18 Mar 1977
Invocation	Program / Speaker	Tijani, 17 Mar	
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test	Jim, 18 Mar	
Guests		BXRC, 18 Mar	
		Paul, 22 Mar	
		Nasrine, 23 Mar	

Speaker Schedule

17 Mar	Nasrine, Update on Kabultec and Afghanistan
24 Mar	LJ Raspler, 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. Last 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)



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—St. Patrick's Day

With the Academy Awards in the rear-view mirror, let's start with last week's trivia question. I asked **In the history of the Academy Awards, how many movies about baseball won the Best Picture award?** The answer is none. Three were nominated for Best Picture but did not win. They were "Pride of the Yankees" in 1942, "Field of Dreams" in 1989, and "Moneyball" in 2011. Thanks to those who sent in their answer. Today we honor St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. This is a day that brings Irish customs, food, and pride to the rest of the world. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, Patrick was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on 17 Mar 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him (that he drove the snakes out of Ireland, or used the shamrock to explain the Trinity). Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts. It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has colored its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the color traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.) Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green"—sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists. Enjoy the day, all you lads and lassies!

