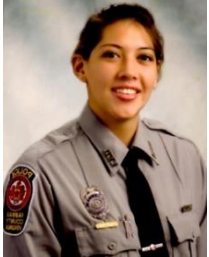


Meeting Reminder: Hybrid

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: MPO Tawny Wright



Officer Tawny Wright is a 17-year veteran of the Fairfax County Police Department. She is currently assigned to the Mason District Police Station, in Annandale, as the Community Outreach Officer. She is also a member of the Crisis/Hostage Negotiation Team and an FCPD Women's Self-Defense Program Instructor. During her career, Officer Wright served as a Police Public Information Officer for about five years. She was also a Crisis Intervention Team officer, working closely with the county's emergency mental health services section and has worked patrol at three of FCPD's eight district stations. She holds a B.A. in Public Relations and an M.A. in International Commerce and Policy, both from George Mason University.

Upcoming Speaker: 26 May, Leslie Atkins and Katrina McNair

Katrina McNair is the branch director for the Boys and Girls Club Culmore location in Falls Church. She has been an educator for more than 20 years, with experience in public schools, private schools, daycares and private preschools. She has a Bachelor's in elementary education, an MBA in Public Administration and soon a doctorate in Educational Leadership. Katrina has lived in different states and countries, and as a military brat was born in Frankfurt Germany. She speaks German, Hebrew and, Spanish.



Calendar Call, 20 May, Stuff the Cruiser

From 10 AM to 2 PM, BXRC, in conjunction with the FCPD Officers at the Mason District Station, will conduct another STUFF THE CRUISER Food Drive at the Giant Food Store 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 over 2,000 pounds of donated food. To volunteer <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4BAAAF2CA4FD0-bxrc2> (POC Ben)

Calendar Call, 23 May, Alexandria/Fairfax "Fore" the Kids Golf Tournament

Here is an opportunity for all the golfers in our club to support the Boys and Girls Club. Event at Westfields Golf Club in Clifton. Registration 0730, Shotgun start 0900. (POC: Leslie/Polly)

Calendar Call, 29 May, Flags for Heroes

BXRC will host our Flags for Heroes event at the Falls Church Memorial Day parade. We will display 50 flags at the town hall. For \$25, you can purchase a tag that will be attached to the flag. Your hero can be anyone: military, first responder, family member, teacher, etc. It is a great event; people at the parade stop to look at the flags and read the tags of our heroes. (POC: Dave and Dave)

Calendar Call, 31 May, Support the Girls!

Now is your opportunity to support the women of eSwatini. KaThandi is focused on an inspiring project to build a school for children with autism and a dental clinic; it is well underway to fast becoming a reality. Another project KaThandi "supports" is providing ladies with bras. Bras are a luxury item for many and donated bras are most appreciated! If you have gently used bras (any size or color or style!) you would like to donate, GREAT! If you have friends / family / organizations who might be interested in donating too --- EVEN BETTER! The next planned "bra delivery" trip is 31 May. The "bra drive" from last year is featured here: <https://www.aspireafricancommunities.org/post/bras-to-support-the-girls>. Visit the website and enjoy the excitement of what the organization has already accomplished and continues to make happen! (POC: Meesh)



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Mark, 21 May	None
Invocation	Program / Speaker		
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

19 May	MPO Tawny Wright, Community Outreach Officer, Fairfax County Police Dept., "Community Update"
26 May	Leslie Atkins and Katrina McNair, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington
2 Jun	Capt. Loriann LaBarca, Station Commander, Mason Police Station
30 Jun	Dr. Grace Mukupa, Weaving Together International Experiences That Led to Being a Rotarian

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 booblehead. (POC: BXRC's #1 Nats Fan)

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)

37th Annual Classic Mustang Raffle Update

May brings more opportunities for "Riding Together" with your fellow Rotarians at carside venues to raise money for BXRC. Next events include 20 May Katie's Coffee in Great Falls and Cook for Vets in the afternoon in Chantilly. Memorial Day Weekend is packed with Viva Vienna and Falls Church Parade. See Pmail for additional dates. Currently we have raised \$7,800. (POC: Juanita)



Rotarian in Need

You may have heard that Bob recently had heart bypass surgery. He is recovering but won't be out to see us for several weeks. We have set up a "Meal Train" to bring food to Bob and his wife. Go to mealtrain.com/mgl5w6 for more information and to sign up to take them a meal so Bob can concentrate on recovery. (POC: Sarah)

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

Last week, I asked **What team did Barry Bonds hit his record-breaking homer in 2007 against? Bonus, what was the uniform number of the pitcher who gave up that homer and who wears that number now?** This must have stumped everyone because no one guessed the record breaking homer was off of Washington Nationals pitcher Mike Bacsik, who wore uniform number 37. That number is now worn by Stephen Strasburg. This past weekend, the Nationals had a game rained out. It was moved to Sunday for a split double header. I was excited, but found out that my ticket would only get me into one of the two games, not both. Oh well, still got to the Park. The Nats split the two games, winning the one I was not at and then losing the one I was at. Also, this week saw the Major League debut of Josh Walker for the New York Mets. Why am I talking about someone on another team? I have been following Josh's career since he was drafted by the Mets in 2017. He is a family friend. Ducky is a friend of Josh's grandfather and I met Josh in Buffalo in 2021. On Tuesday night, he pitched a scoreless inning against the Tampa Bay Rays. He came in in the 7th inning with the Mets down by 6. On his first ever major league pitch, Brandon Lowe flied out to right, (the broadcaster said, "This is easy!") The second batter was Randy Arrozarena and he flew out to center. After back to back walks put runners on first and second, Josh got Manny Margot on a fly ball to deep center, caught on the warning track. Hopefully, the tall left-hander has a great major league career. I will be rooting for him.

