

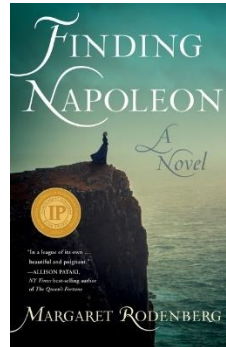
### **Meeting Reminder: Hybrid**

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: Margaret Rodenberg, Finding Napoleon**



Margaret Rodenberg's award-winning novel *Finding Napoleon* includes an intriguing adaptation of Napoleon Bonaparte's real attempt to write a romantic novel. Her passion for French history began when she lived in France as a young teen with her US Navy family. An avid traveler who has visited over sixty countries, Margaret journeyed more than 30,000 miles to conduct Napoleonic research, including to St. Helena Island in the remote South Atlantic where *Finding Napoleon* takes place. She's a former business executive, primarily in the tech industry, and has been a small business owner. Currently, she's a director and secretary of the Napoleonic Historical Society, a non-profit that promotes knowledge of the Napoleonic era.



### **Upcoming Speaker: 12 May, Sam, Giving Back to the Community**

BXRC member Sam is our speaker. In 2018, Rotarian Sam and his wife Edith adopted a clinic in the rural village of Nakuru, Kenya. Sam has been working with the villagers to fund the construction of a four-roomed facility. Additionally, Sam is working with the Rotary Club of Nakuru to complete the construction of the much-needed maternity ward for this community. The ultimate goal is to assist this rural community in completing the construction of a maternity clinic to serve 300 families.



### **Calendar Call, 6 May, Shredding and Recycling**

Do you have old, unneeded things around your house that you want to get rid of? Bring them to the Re/Max 100 office 5501 Backlick Road Springfield, VA 22151 from 9 AM to 12:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to get rid of those things you shouldn't put out for the trash (paint, chemicals, batteries, furniture, etc.) There will also be a shredding machine to shred any documents you don't want to fall into the wrong hands. (POC: Alice)

### **Calendar Call, 7 May, Bowling**

Sunday, 7 May from 12 to 2:30 pm at the Annandale Bowlero, 4245 Markham St. First 8 confirmations get to bowl or come out to watch the action. (POC: Aidan)

### **Calendar Call, 18 May, Human Trafficking Dinner Event**

BXRC is proud to host our second (ever) dinner event on Human Trafficking. Rotarians will hear from regional experts and learn more about its effects on our Northern Virginia community, why our area became a hotspot, what we need to do now, and the tools to combat it. \$25 non-refundable reservation required. The full voucher amount may be applied against your meal and bar tab for the evening. Thursday, 18 May 6:30-8:30 PM at Dominion Wine & Beer, 107 Rowell Court, Falls Church. There will be limited seating so don't wait to register! (POC: Ava)

### **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 2000 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)



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Curtis, 5 May	None
Invocation	Program / Speaker	Donna, 6 May	
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test	Pat, 8 May	
Guests		David F., 9 May	

**Speaker Schedule**

5 May	Margaret Rodenberg, author of "Finding Napoleon"
12 May	Sam, Giving Back to the Community
19 May	MPO Tawny Wright, Community Outreach Officer, Fairfax County Police Dept., "Community Update"
26 May	Leslie Introduction Presentation
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, 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 M.)

**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)



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

Last weekend, we were at Taste of Annandale. We raised \$3,900 there, thanks to Curtis, Sarah, Dennis, David F, Kathleen KP, Meesh, Arpine, Roger, Polly, and Jim. So far, we have raised \$6,350. Upcoming May events: 20 May Katie's Coffee 6-9 AM and Cook for Vets at Honor Brewing Company 1-4 PM in Chantilly; 27-29 May Viva Vienna and 29 May at City of Falls Church Memorial Day event. Stay tuned for Sign Up Genius via PMail.

**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 about 6 weeks. We have set up a "Meal Train" to bring food to Bob and his wife. Go to [mealtrain.com/mgl5w6](http://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**

Wednesday night I was at the Nats game against the Cubs. The Cubs scored a run in the first and the Nats scored a run in the second. The Nats took the lead in the seventh and won the game. So far, the Nats are 3-1 when I am in attendance. Do you want to go with me? The annual Rotary night is Saturday, 17 Jun against the Miami Marlins. Get your tickets at <https://fevogm.com/event/endpolio>. Tickets are in the usual left field corner and \$46, which include a \$10 concession voucher and \$5 donation to Polio Plus. If there are 13 or more who want to go, we can avoid additional ticket fees. Let me know who wants to go and I can get the tickets. First 20,000 fans also get the Abe and Teddy Racing Presidents Bobblehead. If you remember last year's game, the Nats won. BXRC is a good luck charm. Let's go Nats!

