

**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 Program: "This is Jeopardy!"**

Our meeting after Thanksgiving is always a fun meeting and this year will be no exception. Join us as we play Jeopardy to see who knows the most (or least) about Rotary. It should be a fun meeting.

**Upcoming Speaker: 2 Dec, Maralee Guterrez, Comunidad**



For over 20 years, Maralee has been a noteworthy leader in the nonprofit and advocacy space. Through her commitment to serving others, she has worked to ensure that communities, both here and abroad, have access to the vital resources they need to thrive. Influenced by career experiences and world travels, having lived in four different countries across three continents, she developed a unique perspective when it comes to serving alongside communities with limited or no access to resources. She prioritizes community empowerment by locking arms with local leaders; she believes that when provided with a platform, local leaders can transform their neighborhoods. These experiences influenced Maralee's founding of Comunidad.

**Upcoming Speaker: 9 Dec, Colonel (GS) Jörg Dronia, The German Air Forces Command**

Colonel (GS) Jörg Dronia assumed command of the German Armed Forces Command, United States and Canada on 18 November 2021. From November 2016 until recently, Colonel (GS) Dronia served as Branch Chief of Pol II 3 (Political Directorate) at the Federal Ministry of Defense in Berlin, where he was responsible for capacity building in support of security and development in the Near/Middle East and Sahel-Region in Africa. Between 2013 and 2016, Colonel (GS) Dronia served at the Ministry of Defense as Branch Chief of Plg I 4 (Strategic Management of Planning), where he oversaw capability development for air, space and cyberspace for the German Armed Forces. As Branch Chief of Pol II 5 (Political Directorate), he was in charge of space and cyber policy and hybrid conflicts for the German Armed Forces. With wide experience gained on multiple national and international duty postings, Colonel (GS) Dronia is well prepared for his tasks and responsibilities. His previous roles include Joint Branch Head at the NATO Standardization Agency in Brussels, Deputy Senior Military Representative and Chief of Staff at NHQ Skopje in North Macedonia, and two assignments at the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College in Hamburg, where he served as Professor and Tutor focusing on aerospace warfare. After joining the German Air Force in 1979, Colonel (GS) Dronia was trained and deployed as an Air Surveillance and Control Officer at the tactical, operational and strategic level between 1981 and 2005. Colonel (GS) Dronia graduated from the German General Staff Officers Course in 1994 and he is a 2005 alumni of the NATO Defense College in Rome.



**Calendar Call: 28 Nov, The Rotary Foundation Year End Giving**

As we approach the end of 2022, are you finalizing your charitable contributions? Are you already thinking about 2023? Learn about three opportunities that can be tax friendly and make a big impact for all your charitable giving. Zoom session on Monday, 28 Nov 7:00 PM <https://rotary-org.zoom.us/j/5141165678> Meeting ID: 514 116 5678. (POC: Polly)

**Proposed 2023-24 BXRC Board of Directors**

The Nominations Committee has proposed a slate for the 2023-24 Board of directors. The slate is as follows: President, Juanita; President-Elect Polly; Vice President, TBD; Secretary, Sarah; Treasurer, Dave M.; Membership, Harry; Public Image, Vilma; Fundraising, Kevin S.; Club Service, Gloria; Vocational Service, TBD; Community Service, Bob P.; International Service, Pam; Youth Services, Meesh; Immediate Past President, Jim. Thanks to the committee of Curtis, Harry, and Kevin H. for the good job. To self-nominate for one of the TBD slots, contact the Nominations Committee.

<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Reem, 26 Nov	None
Invocation	Program / Speaker	Ben, 28 Nov	
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test	Neesa, 30 Nov	
Guests			

### **Speaker Schedule**

25 Nov	Jeopardy! -Let's See Who Knows Their Stuff (or doesn't)
2 Dec	Maralee Guitierrez, Comunidad
9 Dec	Colonel (GS) Jörg Dronia, The German Air Forces Command USA/Canada
16 Dec	Tom Davis, Political Landscape After the Mid-terms
6 Jan	Club Forum
13 Jan	Katie Wilson, Program Manager, Kaiser Permanente Place Based Initiative
20 Jan	Bob Carolla, Dictators and Democracy: How being a Rotary exchange student to Bolivia in the 1970s influenced my life
27 Jan	The Rotary Foundation
3 Feb	Bob Jansen, The Strategic Water Alliance -Zambia
7 Apr	Club Forum

### **Award for BXRC**

At last week's Rotary Foundation event, received an award for financial support of End Polio Now. PE Juanita accepted the award for the club with PDG Pat.



### **2022 White House Christmas Ornament for Sale**

A perfect addition to any holiday tree, this American-made holiday ornament illustrates this decades-long tradition, complete with delicate icing, red and white striped candies, gumdrops, and candy canes. If you look closely, you can even see little gingerbread children frolicking in front of the North Portico. Included with this beautifully gift-boxed keepsake is a gingerbread scented booklet and a recipe card featuring a gingerbread recipe from First Lady Pat Nixon's time at the White House. Proceeds from sales support local community organizations. Get yours now. (POCs: Alice and Pam)

### **Toys for Children**

BXRC is once again going to supply toys to the boys and girls in our area. One part of the toys will be supplied to the Youth Group at St. Anthony's Church for them to wrap and give them to children in Culmore. The remaining purchased toys will be provided to the Police at the Mason District Station for children they support. In addition to the toys supplied by the club, you can donate an unwrapped toy or toys to include in our collection. We are also open to monetary donations to add to the club budget amount. These donations and toys can be brought to the club meeting or sent to PO Box 1510, Falls Church, VA 22041. The club wants to make the holiday a joyous occasion for boys and girls in our area. (POC: Dave M.)

### **Meal Train for Alice**

An update on Alice. She is at home and looks great. Thank you to all you good Rotarians who have stepped up to visit Alice and provide some comfort during her recovery. Go to [www.mealtrain.com/trains/k0rvnd](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/k0rvnd) to find an available slot. If instead of a meal, you would prefer to bring a dessert and have some tea with Alice, that would also be greatly enjoyed and appreciated. This is a great opportunity to get to know her. (POC: Sarah)

### **Message from DG Shelia**

Every day we have opportunities to achieve our motto each day, "Service Above Self." There are so many people who are thankful to those Rotarians this Thanksgiving Day. They are thankful for our dedicated and committed Rotary members helping create positive change around the world. Take a moment during Thanksgiving to enjoy the contributions that Rotarians like you make in the world. As your District Governor, I say Thank You. I appreciate each one of you. I admire all that you accomplish every single day. I am proud to walk this journey with each of you. Blessing to all!

### **Editor's Prerogative**

Thanksgiving is celebrated only one day a year, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't give thanks everyday. Even if your life appears gloomy, there is always something to be thankful for. Keep that in mind as you fight for a parking space, buy that gift, or are just relaxing at home.