

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: George Banks, "The Link Between Racism & Human Effectiveness"



Dr. Banks is an author, educator and an applied social scientist. Growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, he has been significantly influenced by the New England history of protest that has encompassed, among other things, America's fight for freedom, as well as movements for the abolition of slavery and equal rights for African Americans. This has led to his work as an author, an educator, but most importantly as an applied social scientist. With his foundation in science, he transforms his roots in Boston's fight for freedom and equality to create a direction and supporting platforms for pursuing freedom and equality for African Americans, indeed all Americans, as our country moves through the twenty-first century. Dr. Banks holds a PhD in Education and Psychology from The State University of New York at Buffalo.

Upcoming Speaker: 23 Sep, Serena Moncion, Potomac Riverkeeper Network

Serena Moncion is Potomac Riverkeeper Network's Outreach Coordinator. She received her Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from the University of Virginia and was an aquatic ecology researcher. As a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zambia, Serena worked as an agroforestry extension agent in a community of smallholder farmers along the beautiful Mkushi River. Serena was a grassroots electoral organizer on congressional campaigns in New Jersey in 2018 and Kansas in 2020. She grew up in Virginia Beach and still enjoys being outdoors among the trees and around the water, often with a book in hand.



Mustang Sales

As of 15 Sep, we have raised about \$110,250. Our stated goal is \$141,000. Our next sales events are Saturday in Falls Church and Manassas. Come out and help. (POC: Jim and Kate)

Calendar Call: 21 Sep, International Dinner

On Wednesday, 21 Sep at 6:30 PM, Rotarians, family and friends are invited to enjoy an Afghan dinner at Bamiyan, 5634 Leesburg Pike, Bailey's Crossroads. We have arranged for a family style dinner of various Afghan culinary delights. The cost of the dinner is \$35 per person. Dinner includes an appetizer, entrée and dessert. Raza, one of the managers, will speak to us on Afghan cuisine too. Check out their menu at <https://www.bamianafghancuisine.com/menu.aspx>. RSVP by Monday, 12 Sep if you will attend. (POCs: Pam and Neesa)

Calendar Call: 24 Sep, District Training Assembly

The next District Training Assembly will be on 24 Sep, 9 AM to 12 PM, via Zoom.

Calendar Call: 29 Sep, Permanent Supportive Housing Conversation

Recently, The Lamb Center spoke to the club. On 29 Sep, there will be a community conversation about our upcoming Permanent Supportive Housing development. It will be held at Fairfax United Methodist Church at 7 PM. Homelessness is a complex problem and requires a comprehensive and holistic response; your voice matters.

Calendar Call: 22 Oct, "Done in a Day" Parade and Halloween Ball

On the morning of Saturday, 22 Oct, BXRC will participate in the Annandale Halloween parade. We have done this in the past and it is a lot of fun. Later that night, the club will meet at Juke Box Diner for a Halloween/Costume Ball from 6 PM to 9:30 PM. Wearing costumes is encouraged! We are reserving the private room but each person will pay for their own food. We can bring in our own alcohol, but request no one have more than 2 drinks. Please bring friends and potential Rotarians. (POC: Gloria)



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Diane, 22 Sep	Rob C., 21 Sep 1981
Invocation	Program / Speaker		
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

Speaker Schedule

16 Sep	Dr. George P. Banks, "The Link Between Racism and Human Effectiveness"
23 Sep	Serena Moncion, Potomac Riverkeeper Network
30 Sep	Gerarda Culipher, Chief Deputy Clerk, Court for Fairfax County, "Trends in Consumer Fraud and Title Fraud"
7 Oct	Club Forum #2
14 Oct	Bob Corolla, Arlington Rotary, Peace Corps experience in Bolivia
21 Oct	Maria Spetalnik, Conquer the Clutter, LLC
28 Oct	The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade, Culmore Clinic
4 Nov	DG Shelia
11 Nov	Mali Phonpadith, Soar Community Network "Overcoming Adversity--from Refugee to Entrepreneur"

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 before they are gone. (POCs: Alice and Pam)

Polly, A Great Big Kid

Polly is excited to announce that she was asked by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (BGCGW), Fairfax County Region, to volunteer my time as a mentor to one of the Club's "Rising Stars"! In accepting this opportunity to mentor an enthusiastic and deserving youth, I will also be playing a key role in financially supporting the programs that help BGCGW provide Great Futures for our kids. I am reaching out in hopes that you can help me make this year's "Great Big Kid" Fundraising Event a success. "Vote" for your favorite Great Big Kid pair by donating through my personal giving page <https://tinyurl.com/fairfaxmentors> One Great Big Kid mentor/mentee pair will be crowned the winners during a fun-filled and inspiring celebratory evening on 20 Oct. (POC: Polly)



Calendar Call: 4 Oct, Blooming Best Awards Ceremony

In June 2022, the Environmental Committee selected 11 local businesses and housing areas with the first annual Blooming Best awards. Come join us on 4 Oct at 3 PM at Goodwin House for the ceremony to honor these winners. With the award certificate, each honoree will be presented with a "4-way test" medallion. We will have a slide show of the gardens and landscapes at their "Blooming Best." Michael Van Atta, President of the Bailey's Crossroads - Seven Corners Revitalization Corporation (BC7RC) will provide an overview of Fairfax County's revitalization activities in the Bailey's Crossroads/Seven Corners area. Mason District and Fairfax County leaders and Planning Commission representatives are invited to attend the ceremony to speak about revitalization/beautification. (POC: David F.)

Editor's Prerogative



Recently, while visiting my brother in Buffalo, we had an opportunity to visit the Tops Super Market that was the scene of a violent attack by a gunman on 14 May 2022. Thirteen people were shot, ten fatally. The event thrust Buffalo, NY into the unfortunately fast growing list of localities that have suffered a mass shooting incident. Looking at the photo here, you see the store (which was reopened a couple of weeks ago) as well as the ad hoc memorial to those victims of the attack. This photo was taken about four months after the attack, and yet, people are still remembering the victims and offering some sort of condolence. Gun violence and these sort of pre-meditated attacks need to stop. As Rotarians, we have a responsibility

to our communities. Like the push we have made to eradicate polio, we have an opportunity to make the places we live better. Let's do what we can to make these incidents a thing of the past.