

**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: 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 enjoys being outdoors, often with a book in hand.

**Upcoming Speaker: 30 Sep, Gerarda Culipher, "Trends in Consumer and Title Fraud"**

Gerarda Culipher is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Tulane Law. She interned and clerked for two federal judges, returning home to the Metro DC area where she has worked in the Fairfax Circuit Court Clerk's Office for a decade, as its Chief Deputy Clerk and legal counsel. A military spouse and mother of four, Gerarda is a member of the Virginia and DC bars. She served as an Adjunct Professor at American University's Washington College of Law, teaching "American Legal Institutions," and has lectured at the Omohundro Institute's "Law & Legal Culture in Early America" symposium, at William & Mary Law School. Gerarda regularly teaches CLEs (Virginia Continuing Legal Education classes) on various kinds of cases and administrative matters that come before the Court.



**Mustang Sales**

As of 21 Sep, we have raised about \$124,000. Our stated goal is \$141,000. Our next sales events are Saturday in Warrenton, Saturday and Sunday in Occoquan, and Sunday in Tysons. Come out and help. (POC: Jim and Kate)

**Banns for Potential Members**

The board is recommending Debbie O'Rourke and Arpine Tinkerian for membership in BXRC. Debbie is an administrator with Fairfax County Schools and Arpine is an Assistant Branch Manager with Burke and Herbert Bank. This will serve as the first of their two weeks of Banns publication.

**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, a representative from 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: 12-14 Oct, Venture into Volunteering Information Session**

Join the Zoom event at any time, during any of the 30-minute presentations between 10:30 AM and 3 PM. No pre-registration necessary. Twenty-seven non-profit organizations and Fairfax County agencies will share how they incorporate volunteers in service and be available to answer questions. Go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults/volunteer-solutions/volunteer-fair> for the schedule, Zoom link, and details.

**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. Bring your own alcohol, but request no 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	None	John T., 24 Sep 2004
Invocation	Program / Speaker		Kevin S., 27 Sep 2021
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		
Guests			

**Speaker Schedule**

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, Rotary and Peace Corps experience in Bolivia in the 1970s
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"
18 Nov	Emily Sample, Programs Director, The Fund for Peace
25 Nov	Polly, The Rotary Foundation

**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**

With the recent death of Queen Elizabeth II, her son Charles became King Charles III. Meesh sent this picture to me. If you look closely, you can see the Rotary wheel pin on the king's lapel. Well, we Rotarians are in good company. Other famous Rotarians include Pope Francis, Colonel Harlan Sanders, Neil Armstrong, Franklin Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Walt Disney, Luciano Pavarotti, Connie Mack, and Tris Speaker. Of this list, only a couple are currently living. I am sure King Charles will use the Four Way Test as he rules the UK. But there are so many more "unsung" Rotarians making their communities a better place. Rotarians are not haughty; we plant trees we will never sit under and feed people we do not know. Will your Rotary career be remembered with reverence? Remember Service Above Self in all we think, say, and do. By the way, King Charles has not bought his Mustang Raffle ticket yet. I will be sure to add him to the mailing list.