

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: Katie Wilson



Katie Wilson, Program Manager, Kaiser Permanente Place Based Initiative will be speaking. Katie is managing a new collective impact initiative at George Mason in partnership with Kaiser Permanente and Fairfax County to address the social determinants of health in the Bailey's Crossroads/Culmore neighborhood, one of the largest and most diverse immigrant communities in America. The project brings together nonprofit and faith-based organizations with community residents, local businesses, and government to facilitate systemic change, amplify resident voices, bridge gaps in social services, and build on existing assets.

Upcoming Speaker: 13 Jan, Bob Carolla, Rotary & Peace Corps in Bolivia in the 1970s

This program was rescheduled from a previous date. Bob Carolla was a senior legislative assistant (1985-1994) to former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. For almost 20 years, he was director of media relations on the policy/communications team of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). He is a graduate of Boston University Law School. This past month, he returned from his 4th trip back to Bolivia. He is a member of the Arlington Rotary Club. His presentation is titled "Dictators and Democracy: How being a Rotary exchange student to Bolivia in the 1970s influenced my life."



Calendar Call, 18 Jan, Justice HS Forensics Tournament

The Justice High School Forensics team has a large number of competitors attending the Occoquan Region competition this year, where we hope to win Regionals for a 5th year in a row! In order to compete, we need BXRC help as judges. The tournament is at 3:30pm on Wednesday, 18 Jan at Westfield High School. We need to bring at least 8 judges in order for our team to compete. All judges receive a \$50 stipend check via mail, and food is provided. No experience is required to judge these speech events – the manual for Forensics events with ballots is available for review on the VHSL website if you would like to prepare beforehand. You will be prepped on-site before the competition starts on what to look for, how to fill out the judging ballots, etc. You will judge 2-3 rounds of events, and the competition should be completed by 8pm. Brief training materials will also be provided via email. Please contact Becca Persad, Forensics and Debate coach, at rfpersad@fcps.edu and/or Brian Garvey bdgarvey@fcps.edu if you are available and willing to be a judge.

Calendar Call, 28 Jan, BXRC New Member Orientation

You've joined the Rotary Club, but what does that mean? Join PDG Harry for an informative presentation about Rotary in general and BXRC specifically. Meeting runs 10 AM to Noon, location TBA. New members should make this a priority on their calendars as it will provide a roadmap for your Rotary journey. Other members who want a "refresh" are welcome as well. (POC: Harry)

Calendar Call, 28 Jan, BXRC Party

The BXRC party is 28 Jan at Carl's home, starting at 6 PM. Due to space limitations, only 35 will be able to attend. Please RSVP no later than Jan. 13. Guests should bring either sides or desserts. (POC: Gloria)

2023 Mustang Raffle Update

It won't be long before the 37th Annual Classic Mustang Raffle is up and running with ticket sales and carside venues. As you have seen, proceeds from the recent Mustang raffle helped so many in need during this holiday season and throughout the year. The Mustang Raffle is so successful because of everyone including YOU! Make it a New Year's resolution to be a part of this long standing tradition and get involved with the Mustang Raffle. This year's car is a beautiful Ember Glow (red) 1966 classic Mustang convertible. The Mustang Committee holds regular meetings on Fridays after the club meeting (in person or via Zoom). To be a part of the Mustang Committee team, contact PE Juanita.



<u>Today's Program</u>		<u>Rotary Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>
Pledge of Allegiance	Announcements	Bob S., 18 Jan	Ian, 13 Jan 1995
Invocation	Program / Speaker		Meesh, 18 Jan 2008
Birthdays / Songs	4-Way Test		Kathleen M., 18 Jan 2017
Guests			Otto, 18 Jan 2017

Speaker Schedule

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
10 Feb	Penny Gross, Mason District Supervisor
17 Feb	John Grant - Learning Alexandria History Through Our Ghosts
7 Apr	Club Forum

New Member Banns

This will serve as the second of two bann announcements of people the BoD has put forward for BXRC membership. They are: Marcia Donovan, a family liaison at Glasgow Middle School; Dave Nguyen, founder of AA Success and head of The Management Board of Directors for AA Success; and Jim Kelman, a US State Dept and AA Success Board member. AA Success has been board approved for Entity membership.

Bailey's Shelter Donation

On 7 Jan, BXRC delivered six cases (72) of Warm Hygiene Kits and two cases of men's and women's underwear to the Baileys Shelter, managed by New Hope Housing. The shelter has an urgent need for items such as these and our members are happy to provide the much-needed items. The funding for this donation was provided by funds from the club's recent Classic Mustang Raffle.



The Rotary Foundation Giving Update

January is an excellent time to make a donation to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). It is BXRC's goal to have every member of the club contribute at least \$25 to TRF. By making this small donation, our club is recognized with the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) award in June. To help both TRF and our individual members, if you give \$100 to TRF (\$10 a month), BXRC will give you 900 points to immediately make you a Paul Harris Fellow (1000 points). For those already Paul Harris Fellows or Paul Harris Society members, if you are 200 points or less away from the next level, your next \$100 will be matched by BXRC to move you to the next level. This does not apply to major donor level. (POC: Polly)

Global Grant Update

As in previous years, BXRC has partnered with the Rotary Club of McLean to provide financial support for our showcase project of Michelo through Global Grant 2232069. In order to receive funds from Rotary International, BXRC must meet its Annual Fund goal; if we don't, Michelo will not get the funds it needs. This year, President Holcombe set the goal at \$21,000, a lofty and perhaps unattainable goal. In comparison, the recent average presidential goal was \$10,000. The Annual Fund goal is determined prior to the start of the Rotary Year by the incoming president and the Club is held responsible on meeting the goal. If the club does not meet the goal, they are expected to make up the shortfall (how is this a goal rather than a contractual agreement?). Based on the current numbers, we are at \$11,970 of our committed goal, meaning we would be on target to meet previous goals. To qualify for Global Grant funds, BXRC must meet 100% of the \$21,000 no later than 1 May. For our club to continue to be the "can do" club that we are, we need your support. Please contribute and help BXRC meet its Annual Fund commitment.

Editor's Prerogative— Paraskevidekatriaphobia

Friday the 13th is considered an unlucky day in Western superstition. The date occurs at least once every year but can occur up to three times in the same year. According to folklore historian Donald Dossey, the unlucky nature of the number thirteen originated with a Norse myth about 12 gods having a dinner party in Valhalla. The trickster god Loki, who was not invited, arrived as the 13th guest, and arranged for Höðr to shoot Balder with a mistletoe-tipped arrow. "Balder died, and the whole Earth got dark. The whole Earth mourned. It was a bad, unlucky day." In Christianity, the "unlucky" number thirteen may be related to an idea that at the Last Supper, Judas, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, was the 13th to sit at the table. Whatever the reason, have a safe Friday the 13th today.