



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BETHESDA
 Meeting on Fridays @ 7:30 AM
 Bethesda Marriott
 5151 Pooks Hill Rd., Bethesda MD 20814
 ...and on Zoom
 Contact us at nbrotary.org
July 2022



Note: No Meeting on Friday, July 1

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Speaker	Topic
July 8 Marriott/Zoom	Steve Vaccarezza	3-Minute Speaker
	Sean D. McAlister, Incoming District Governor	Induction of NB Rotary Club Officers
July 15 Marriott/Zoom	Linda Berg-Cross	3-Minute Speaker
	Video Dave Fitzwilliam	Why Was the Battle of Stalingrad So Deadly? Russia, World War II and Implications for Today
July 22 Marriott/Zoom	Bob Sonaawane	3-Minute Speaker
	Bill Lewers	Eighteen Days in New York: The History of the 1924 Democratic Convention
July 29 Marriott/Zoom	Rob Follit	3-Minute Speaker
	Steve Case	Peggy Shippen, The Woman Behind Benedict Arnold's Plot to Betray America

All meetings are at the Bethesda Marriott and on Zoom
 5151 Pooks Hill Rd., Bethesda MD 20814
 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM Mix and Mingle
 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM Meeting

JULY MILESTONES

	Event	Date
Vigdis & Lasse Syyersen	Anniversary	July 11
Meena & Bob Sonawane	Anniversary	July 15
Ron Sigelman	Birthday	July 17
Wanda & Bob Fangmeyer	Anniversary	July 18
Carmen & Joe DiPietro	Anniversary	July 19
Linda & Gary Berg	Anniversary	July 31

PROGRAM – JULY 8, 2022 (Marriott/Zoom)

Induction of North Bethesda Rotary Club Officers

With Special Guests Sean D. McAlister, Incoming District 7620 Governor and Mark Rom, President, Metro Bethesda Rotary Club



Sean McAlister is the U.S. Department of Commerce's Chief Learning Officer for the U.S. Foreign Service and manages the training and professional development programs for more than 2,300 federal employees working in 128 U.S. cities and 119 countries. He earned a PhD. in adult education from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and both a master's and undergraduate degrees from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN.

Sean joined Rotary in 1992 as a member of the Virginia Tech Rotaract Club, and later the Capitol Hill Rotary Club in 2004. Sean has served as the Capitol Hill Rotary Club's President, and in various District 7620 leadership roles. Sean will be inducting **Steve Vaccarezza**, our President for 2022-23, along with other officers of the club.

SPEAKER – JULY 15, 2022

Why was The Battle of Stalingrad so Deadly?

Video

Russia, World War II and Implications for Today

Dave Fitzwilliam



The Battle of Stalingrad. Inarguably one of the most merciless and destructive battles throughout history. Resulting in nearly two million total casualties between August 23, 1942, through February 2, 1943, the German siege resulted in a decisive victory for the Soviets... although at the cost of over a million Russian casualties. The numbers of the Battle of Stalingrad seem ridiculously high, on both sides. So, why was the Battle of Stalingrad so deadly? This video will answer the question.

As the oldest and one of the longest-serving members of our Rotary Club, **Dave Fitzwilliam** needs no introduction.

SPEAKER – JULY 22, 2022 (Marriott/Zoom)

Eighteen Days in New York: The History of the 1924 Democratic Convention

Bill Lewers



Bill Lewers was raised on Long Island in the 1950s and has been a political junkie for as long as he can remember. He holds B.A. degrees from Rutgers (mathematics) and the University of Maryland (history) and a M.A.T. degree from Harvard (mathematics education). After teaching high school mathematics for a few years, he commenced a career as a computer professional with IBM. He lives in McLean, Virginia with his wife, Mary.

Bill is a lifelong fan of the Boston Red Sox and this passion is reflected in his first book, *Six Decades of Baseball: A Personal Narrative*. This was followed by *A Voter's Journey* which is one citizen's sixty-year romp through the American political system.

Bill began serving as a Fairfax County election officer in 1994. Two decades later he wrote *The Gatekeepers of Democracy*, which was dedicated to the women and men who volunteer to serve on Election Day. *The Gatekeepers of Democracy* has been described as the novel that refined the genre of "election officer fiction." Reaction to *Gatekeepers* was sufficiently positive that Bill decided to turn what was originally a stand-alone novel into a series. *November Third (Book Two)* examines things through the eyes of the "rovers," seasonal employees who support the election process in a variety of ways. Things take a more sinister tone in *Book Three (Primary Peril)* as "murder most foul" casts its dark shadow over the election landscape. *Eighteen Days in New York: A Novel about the 1924 Democratic Convention* is Bill's first venture into the world of historical fiction.

SPEAKER – JULY 28, 2022 (Marriott/Zoom)

Peggy Shippen, The Woman Behind Benedict Arnold's Plot to Betray America

Steve Case



Stephen Case, a Bethesda resident, is a retired attorney, who, with co-author Mark Jacob, wrote *Treacherous Beauty – Peggy Shippen, The Woman Behind Benedict Arnold's Plot to Betray America*, published by Lyons Press in 2012. Case has served as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of the American Revolution, as a Trustee of Columbia University and as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center. He was for 30 years a partner in the law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Peggy Shippen, the second wife of Benedict Arnold, was a member of a wealthy Philadelphia family who worked with the British and is considered the "highest paid spy" in the



American Revolution.

PRESENTATION OF NB ROTARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



In late May, Club Members Linda Berg-Cross and Kevin Flynn interviewed two candidates for scholarship funds as approved by the Club Board through the Rotary Charitable Foundation of North Bethesda. Both applications were approved by the Scholarship Committee and passed on to the Club and Foundation Boards, which gave their approvals in late May. Both candidates accepted the scholarships and joined us at our June 10 meeting—one in person, and one via Zoom.

Our Club President, **Nick Martinez**, presented a scholarship award to Lexus Soumahoro at our Club meeting on June 10th. Darryl Terry, our second awardee, participated by phone.

Lexus Soumahoro

Lexus (shown at left with President Nick on June 10) graduated from Montgomery College this spring and will continue her studies at UMBC at Shady Grove. She aspires to a career in the foreign service and is trilingual (Spanish, French and English). She is alone in the U.S. without family and has been self-supporting since high school. She is currently working two jobs as well as taking courses.

Darryl Jonathan Terry

Darryl is requested funds to continue his studies at UMBC Shady Grove campus. He works at a

veterinary clinic in Clarksburg and attends the University of Maryland. The number of college courses he signs up for are determined by his work hours so he remains debt free. He lives with his mother and grandmother and is planning to study animal science.

KENT MASON'S CANDID CAMERA CAPTURES OUR NB ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT'S PARTY



CLUB MEMBERS' TOUR OF MAYORGA ORGANICS – NB ROTARY CLUB'S FIRST "BUSINESS OF THE YEAR" AWARD-WINNER



THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BETHESDA 2022-2023 OFFICERS

President	Steve Vaccarezza	
Treasurer	Joe DiPietro	
Secretary	Linda Berg-Cross	
President-Elect	John Waterston	
Club Administration Director	TBD	Chairs the Club Administration committee which is responsible for performing the logistical tasks related to club meetings.
Club Service Director	Victoria Feldman	Chairs the Service Projects committee which is responsible for planning and carrying out successful service projects which focus on Rotary's Areas of Service.
Membership Directors	Ron Sigelman Bob Sonawane	Chairs the Membership committee which is developing and implementing an action plan to attract and engage members.
Public Relations Directors	Kevin Flynn Christine Syversen	Chairs the Public Relations (PR) committee which is responsible for developing and implementing a plan to create awareness of club activities and projects among club members, media, and the community.
President, Rotary Charitable Foundation of North Bethesda	Carmela Carr	
Treasurer, Rotary Charitable Foundation of North Bethesda	Kevin Flynn	