

CLASSIC MUSTANG RAFFLE

Thirty years ago, Past-President Robert Metzger, a classic car enthusiast, attended a Board of Directors meeting where discussion focused on the need for a repeatable, significant fundraiser. Metzger suggested a classic car raffle. In 1986 and the first BXRC Mustang Raffle occurred. Top prize? A 1965 Mustang Convertible, blue with a white top. Sales began April and all 1,000 tickets were sold by early June! Over the years we have increased the number of tickets printed and we have extended the sales season to September.

Honorary BXRC member **Val Wadsworth** works with our club to identify and restore the Mustang. About two years ahead of need, he starts vetting potential cars. Val has been interested in Mustangs since 1975. As a career Naval Officer he traveled a great deal and was unable to actually own a Mustang until he was stationed in Washington DC in 1994. He has served as president of the National Capitol Region Mustang Club of America and currently owns a 1966 Mustang GT Fastback. Val is also a Cobra Enthusiast and is a member of the regional Cobra Club. He is very pleased to have been selected as an Honorary Member of the Baileys Crossroads Rotary Club and considers his restoration efforts as a way of giving back to the community.

The benefits of selling Mustang Raffle tickets in person include meeting the people in our community whom we serve – and meeting people who want to help others. Talking with those who want to give back to their community through active, hands-on service, we have met many “future Rotarians” whom we have welcomed to our club.

Three decades of growth have proven the program’s success and sustainability that has raised more than \$1.5 million for charity.

Where do the funds we raise go? This is a partial list:

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Bailey’s Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department – Provide financial support for the purchase of equipment and operating expenses for local volunteer fire department.

Fairfax County Police Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) –CAC enhances communication between residents and the FCPD and offer residents a chance to dialogue with members of their local police districts

Fisher House of Fort Belvoir – A network of comfort homes near military bases where military families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment.

Wounded Warriors Association at George Mason University Spinal Injury Program.

YOUTH PROGRAMS (NEW GENERATIONS)

Career Day – Rotarians visit with middle and high school students in the Stuart Pyramid to discuss various career options available to students.

Ethics Day – Rotarians visit with middle and high school students in the Stuart Pyramid to discuss ethics in the workplace and everyday life.

Fairfax County Police Explorer Troop 1742 – Provide financial support to police-sponsored Explorer Scout Troop to promote leadership development and positive training for youth who want to pursue a career in law enforcement.

High School Student Scholarships – Provide college scholarships to graduates of J.E.B Stuart High School.

Interact Club – Provide support and mentoring of J.E.B. Stuart High School students involved in the Rotary Interact Club and leadership development.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) – Provide scholarships for high school students to attend RYLA camp, recognizing achievements of young people consistent with the ideals and ethics of Rotary.

Stuart Pyramid Fair – Annual program preparing elementary, middle and high school students for school; over 4,500 students were helped in 2016.

LITERACY

Dictionary Project – Provide dictionaries to third graders in the local elementary schools (e.g., Bailey's Crossroads Elementary School).

AVID – Provide financial assistance to the J.E.B. Stuart High School AVID program.

Speech, Essay and Music Contests – Sponsor Rotary District speech, essay and music contests at local high and middle schools to promote the themes of Rotary, including Service Above Self (e.g., Glasgow).

Outstanding Educational Leadership Awards – Recognize teachers and other educational leaders who make significant contributions to the education and development of students at all levels.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bailey's Crossroads and Culmore Area Food Delivery – Conduct annual social/cultural outreach by providing Thanksgiving food delivery to area needy families involving elementary and high school students.

Culmore Cleanup Project – As a sponsor organization, participate with community organizations and the J.E.B. Stuart High School Interact Club in the Mason District cleanup project in the Culmore/Bailey's Crossroads communities.

Fairfax County Parks Foundation – Support outreach programs of Hidden Oaks Nature Center and Green Spring Gardens.

Friends of Fairfax Animal Shelter – Our donation provides medical care, food, and supplies to help the shelter care for these animals that come to the facility.

Holiday Gift Program for Fairfax County Elderly and Children – Deliver gift cards and toys to local citizens.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

The Rotary Foundation – Support *Rotary International* to help the needy worldwide through projects related to health and hunger, water and sanitation, literacy, and reducing child mortality.

Domestic and International Disaster Relief - Support of the Shelter Box program and other financial contributions.

Eradication of Polio - Financial support of the PolioPlus program to EndPolioNow.

MicheLo Project –provides free vocational and profession development opportunities for Special Education teachers in Swaziland. We provide free dental health care, adaptive physical education, community education to understand disabilities.

Safe Blood – this program directly addressed the challenge of scarcity of uncontaminated blood throughout much of Africa by recruiting people to

commit to providing 25 blood transfusions which commits them to avoiding drugs and avoiding HIV/AIDS.

Rise Against Hunger – Providing inexpensive and highly nutritious meals for those in need; during a recent Mar 2017 meal packaging event, we help pack 20,000 meals in 2 hours.

If you are interested in learning more about our raffle, contact click [here](#).