

THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

September 22, 2021



Rotary  **People of Action**
Club of Stafford

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

VIA COLORI UPDATE



Rotary



Club Calendar...

September - Basic Education
and Literacy Month

- Sept. 22 - Last Minute Via Colori updates
- Sept 25-26 VIA COLORI
- Sept. 29 – Club Social

October - Community
Economic Development

- Oct. 6 – Off-site meeting at Black Horse Forge
- Oct. 13 – Club Assembly
- Oct. 20 - ShelterBox
- Oct. 24 – World Polio Day
- Oct. 27 – 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off
- Nov. 6 – RLI Training via Zoom. RLI33.org for more information

TAKE ACTION: www.staffordrotary.org

Rotary members behind the creation of Peace Day

The UN General Assembly passed a unanimous resolution in 1981 establishing the International Day of Peace, also known as Peace Day, observed 21 September. Several Rotary members were instrumental in the movement that lead up to that action, stretching all the way back to the 1960s, when Avon Mattison, now a member of the Rotary E-Club of World Peace, held informal peace councils with international students in Washington D.C. Other members of the club are active in Pathways to Peace, which works to increase awareness and participation in the day. [Read more and discover ways you can observe Peace Day.](#)



Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution is one of Rotary International's Areas of Focus. A Rotary goal is to support peacebuilding in communities.

Twenty-two Districts jumped in with enthusiastic support when Peter Kyle, Rotary International Director for Rotary Zones 33 & 34, introduced a vision for Youth & Peace in Action. "YPA" is now the largest local peacebuilding initiative in the history of Rotary International with a public commitment of \$500,000 to peace education, training and project mentoring for high school students, teachers and youth service club members. YPA implementing organizations are NewGen Peacebuilders and Outward Bound Peacebuilding. YPA is endorsed by the Alliance for Peacebuilding and Rotary International Strategic Partner the Institute for Economics & Peace. Rotary Clubs that support the YPA initiative will be recognized as Peacebuilder Clubs by the Rotarian Action Group for Peace.



YOUTH PEACE



Engaging Young Community Peacebuilders

September 15 Meeting

President Jake presided.

John Lafley gave an update on Youth Services. Donna and John had a meeting at UMW with a student hoping to renew the Rotaract Club at UMW. The student is a former Rotoractor from Massaponnax High School. The club hopes to send two or three students to RYLA this fall.

PDG Sandy announced that the Zone meeting was held earlier in the week. The Rotary e-Club of Global Peacebuilders, a club in our district, was formed on September 21, 2020 (World Peace Day) with 24 members and has been meeting twice monthly since then. They will have a special speaker to honor World Peace Day. Rotary International is kicking off Rotary Youth and Peace in Action.

Via Colori Update: The deadline for squares sales was Sept. 15. We needed to sell 6 more. Friday, Sept. 24 is the setup day for Via Colori. Lots of help is needed to prepare the site for the event. Everyone should volunteer for the 25th and 26th.

Board Meeting Notes:

Leigh Ann will replace Linda as IPP on the board. The Foundation Board needs to add another director to replace Linda. Donald reminded everyone of the importance, for legal reasons, of keeping the boards of the club and the club foundation separate.

Lori has received permission to reallocate the district grant funds.

The board addressed the problem of poor attendance. We must pay for at least 20 meals each week, but only 10 or 11 people attend in person each week. The club needs to reach out and contact every member not in attendance each week.

Leigh Ann, Lori, Trevor and Stewart have been appointed to a committee that will address the need for more hands-on service projects.



Stafford Rotary Club donated \$3,500 to Stafford County Public Schools for e-books and the remaining \$1,000 was for Operation Warm which provides warm winter coats to students as needed.

We need to know who is most responsible for the job of “caring and sharing”*to contact club members who are ill or not attending meetings for other reasons. It is important that the newsletter, Zoom meeting links and other club information is sent to honorary as well as active members.

Donald reminded everyone that Rotary has always stressed the importance of regular attendance. Debra commented on the need for interesting speakers. PDG George reminded us that fellowship was the main reason Paul Harris began Rotary. Our service projects should be a signature of our club. A comment was made that our youth projects have always been our club’s signature.

Michael is conducting a dues checkup by the end of the first quarter so members don’t fall behind in their dues.

Shawn talked about the October programs. We will have an offsite meeting on October 6 and a presentation about ShelterBox for the third Wednesday.

**Historical note – We actually had a committee chair with this title for many years.*

B101.5 and **TOUR** STAFFORD *Virginia*
present....

Via Colori
STAFFORD



September 25 & 26, 2021

9am to 5pm @ the Courthouse Road Commuter Lot



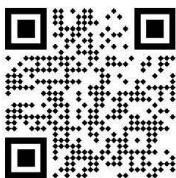
- * **Street Painting Festival in Stafford, VA**
- * **Bring the whole family to this free event**
- * **Watch 50 local artists create large-scale chalk paintings over two days**
- * **Enjoy music and visit food trucks**
- * **Encourage the artists in your children with fun activities**
- * **Learn about community offerings and meet our generous event sponsors**



**Mary Washington
Healthcare**



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