

THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

November 10, 2021



Rotary  **People of Action**
Club of Stafford

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: PDG CHUCK DAVIDSON



Zone 33 End Polio Now
Coordinator 2018-23

Zone 33 Assistant Regional
Rotary Foundation
Coordinator 2015-18

Zone Institute Executive
Committee 2011, 2013,
General Chair 2014

District Governor 2008-2009

District Rotary Foundation
Chair 2011-2015, District 7610

Chuck Davidson has been a Rotarian for 50 years, serving as club president in both El Paso, Texas, and Springfield, Virginia. He has 47 years of perfect attendance, is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, a Sustaining Member of the Rotary Foundation, a Paul Harris Society member, and a level 2 major donor.

Club Calendar...

November – Rotary
Foundation Month

- Nov. 10 - PDG Chuck Davidson
- Nov. 13 – Stuff the Truck for SERVE
- Nov. 17 – 7 am –Joint meeting with District Governor at Fredericksburg Baptist Church
- Nov. 17 -- Neil Hornung – President of the Rappahannock Area FOP (fraternal order of police) Lodge #15
- Nov. 24 – No Meeting. Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1 - Bill Cawley, Rotary Peace Ambassador Program

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At the district level, Chuck completed four years as District Rotary Foundation Chair, three years as Assistant Governor, two years as District Trainer, and chaired a number of district committees. In 2008-09, Chuck served as Governor of Rotary District 7610's 52 clubs.

At the zone level, Chuck is currently the Zone 33 End Polio Now Coordinator, and edits the Zone 33 Foundation Newsletter. He previously served three years as a Zone 33 Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator. He has also served three terms on the Zones 33/34 Executive Committee, including as its chair in 2014.

At the international level, Chuck was a member of the Host Organizing Committee for the 2017 Atlanta RI Convention. He also has served as Roundtable Discussion Facilitator for the Rotary Reunion (International Institute) at the 2011 New Orleans RI Convention. He was a member of the 2019 Council on Legislation.

Chuck graduated from The Citadel with a B.S. in Chemistry, and from Florida State University with a Ph.D. in Nuclear Chemistry. Including two years as an Army officer, he spent 42 years in Government service, culminating as Director of the U.S. Army Nuclear and Chemical Agency. Chuck was a charter member of the Senior Executive Service.

His many awards include Scouting's Silver Beaver, the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank, the Department of the Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, and Rotary International's Service Above Self award.

Chuck resides with his wife Nita, also a Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor, in Springfield, Virginia. They have three sons—one a Rotarian and past club president—and two grandsons, all Paul Harris Fellows.

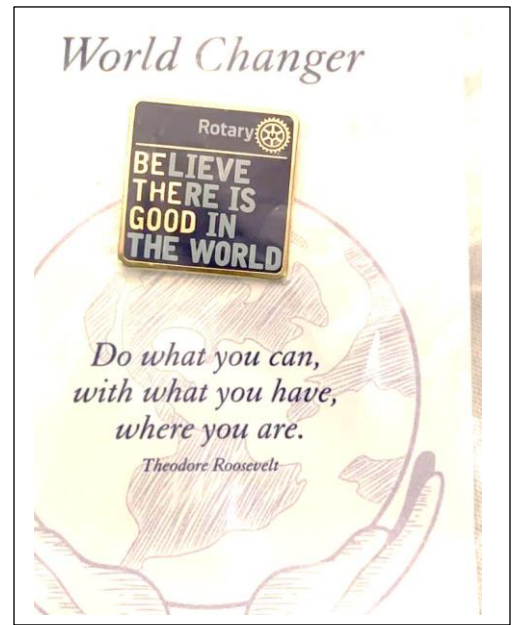
November 3 Meeting –

President Jake presided and welcomed his guest Jim Tully, Assistant Superintendent of the Rappahannock Regional Jail, and visiting Rotarians AG & DGN Rene Laws from the North Stafford Rotary and John Atkins from the Rappahannock Rotary.

He read a letter to Lori and our club from Healthy Generations thanking us for the \$3,000 gift for the Senior Meals and Senior Café program. He also reminded everyone of the Saturday, November 13 Stuff the Truck event for S.E.R.V.E. and the November 17 visit from the District Governor at the Rappahannock Rotary 7 am meeting at Fredericksburg Baptist Church. We will also have our regular noon meeting that day.



AG Rene presented awards to Via Colori Leaders. President Jake, Jack, Joshua, J.J., Jamie and Dylan received Spirit of Service Award.



Maria, Mike and Leigh Ann were given the World Changer Award.



Molly was given the Above And Beyond award.

Lori Hayes was our speaker. She is the newly elected member for Lee Hill on the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors and gave us an enlightening overview of the process of running for public office. Her work volunteering as a band parent in charge of fund raising got her interested in local government. She became aware of how little local citizens know about what is happening in their local government. This was one of the reasons she decided to run for office.





The process first involved getting on the ballot, gathering signatures. In local elections the first person to get their paperwork turned in gets first place on the ballot. She got her paperwork done very early. Active campaigning began in June. She got help from several of her fellow Rotarians with the campaign. Linda's daughter created her Facebook page, and Josh made her campaign video. Shawn's wife Alberta helped with door to door canvassing. She didn't enjoy raising campaign money, and her husband became her best donor.

The 45 day early voting period meant she was out at various early voting locations every day campaigning at the required distance . That was demanding, but a good way to meet the voters. Lori won the election, receiving 60.85% of the vote.

She believes that elected positions are servant positions. Her number one goal is getting the citizens of her district engaged.

Thank you, Lori for sharing this experience with your club – an unusual and excellent classification talk.



Thank you to Past District Governor Sandra Duckworth for her ongoing work to keep Rotary's Polio eradication efforts in the forefront. Many don't know or remember this highly infectious and devastating disease ...and those same people can thank the thousands of Rotarians and partners worldwide over the last 40+ years who literally went door-to-door to immunize children in developing countries.

Listen in to this Ted Schubel interview to understand the impact and what it means today relative to the same Rotary infrastructure that is being used to fight COVID. And now the Commonwealth of Virginia has recognized this work by establishing Oct 24th as World Polio Day!

Thank you to Sandy and all those engaged in this and other infectious disease eradication efforts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqw5hUmFxHo>