

THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

November 3, 2021



Rotary  **People of Action**
Club of Stafford

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Stafford Rotarian Lori Hayes - What Running for Public Office Involves



This year Lori ran for the office of Spotsylvania Supervisor, representing the Lee Hill District. We should know the result of the election by the time of our meeting on Wednesday. What most of us don't know are the details of the election process for the candidate.



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Club Calendar...

November – Rotary Foundation Month

- Nov. 3 - Lori Hays – Recap of running for public office
- Nov. 6 – RLI Training via Zoom. RLI33.org for more information
- 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

October 20 Meeting –



President Jake presided and welcomed visiting Rotarians Tisha Johnson and John Atkins from the Rappahannock Rotary and Wayne Chiles from the Springfield Rotary.

He read a thank you note from Linda Knecht and reminded everyone of the Rotary group attending “Bright Star” at Riverside. (It was absolutely wonderful!).



Thanks to PDG Sandy's dedication and persistence, Governor Northam signed the proclamation declaring September 24 World Polio Day in Virginia. PDG Sandy presented the document to PDG George in recognition of his many years of support for the effort to eradicate polio from the world.

Announcements:

- November 1 - Online Concert to benefit Volunteers for the Blind
- November 6 – RLI Online Training
- November 17 – 7 AM – District Governor's Visit to Rappahannock Rotary

Our speaker was Wayne Chiles from the Springfield Rotary. Wayne served as our district's ShelterBox representative for many years. ShelterBox began as a club project for a Rotary club in the UK. It is Rotary's only partner for disaster relief.

Today, around 113 million people around the world have been displaced by natural disaster and conflict. ShelterBox is actively working to change this. They are constantly providing emergency shelter and tools to displaced families around the world. Natural disasters and conflicts never take days off, and neither does ShelterBox. They are always on the ground, working to help the most vulnerable, no matter how remote.

The aid comes in the form of ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits. The sturdy green ShelterBoxes contain family-sized tents specially designed to withstand the elements and provide people with a temporary refuge until they are able to start rebuilding their homes. The ShelterKits contain all of the essential tools needed to start the repair or rebuilding process.

ShelterBox has been delivering assistance for over 20 years and has provided shelter for over 2 million people. In 2020 the organization served 200,000 in 13 countries.

ShelterBox has delivered aid to Haiti five times before a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti on Saturday, August 14. Buildings have been flattened and hospitals already under strain from COVID-19 are overwhelmed.

Tropical Storm Grace dumped more than a foot of rain over some of the worst affected areas just days later. ShelterBox sent a team to Haiti shortly after. Together with partner Habitat for Humanity Haiti, ShelterBox is supporting families who have lost their homes.

Distributions of essential aid are ongoing. We are also organizing international logistics and providing training and technical support with the aid items we are providing.

November Birthdays

Holly Frisch – 11/1
John Lafley – 11/8



There are about 200 committed, trained volunteers around the world ready to respond to disasters. Wayne emphasized the importance of pre-positioning relief materials.

ShelterBox must be invited into a country. Once they are invited into a country local Rotarians are there to partner with the ShelterBox volunteers.

When disaster strikes, families lose their homes, possessions, and livelihoods.

You can help deliver life-saving shelter and supplies by donating critical aid items to help fill a ShelterBox for a family who has lost everything to the chaos of a disaster. Each box provides emergency shelter and other vital equipment such as solar lights, water filters, cooking equipment, and tools.

Visit <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/> to learn more.

Chili Cook-Off 2021

And the winner was:



Shawn Huwar. I have inserted a picture of both Shawn and Alberta, because we suspect he didn't do this cooking all by himself!

The judges:

Tish Johnson, member Rappahannock Rotary Club, caterer and owner/chef of Orleans Bistro & Grill which reopens in mid-November, 5442 Southpoint Plaza Way, just south of I95 at the Massaponnax exit. Tish also was the caterer for the Via Colori Artists' Reception.



And the bartenders at Strangeways Brewery, our gracious hosts.

