

THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

October 20, 2021



Rotary  **People of Action**
Club of Stafford

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: WAYNE CHILES, SHELTERBOX

Wayne Chiles joined the Rotary Club of Springfield in April 1984, representing his employer Bell Atlantic (later renamed Verizon Communications.) Over the years he has held every office in the club, some several times, and served as president in 1994-95. He served as an Assistant Governor for five clubs 2007-10.

In late 2005, Springfield Rotary agreed to get involved with promoting the ShelterBox project in Rotary District 7610, an effort to which Wayne now devotes as much time as possible. Over the years, Wayne has presented ShelterBox to most of the Rotary clubs in District 7610, displayed the package at many district events, community activities, some schools- all levels, scout groups, and many industry events. Wayne is happy to speak to any group, wherever they may be, for as long as they will listen- with no obligation on their part- just to share the good news about ShelterBox.

He retired from Verizon in 2002 and lives in Burke, VA with his wife.

Club Calendar...

October - Community Economic Development

- Oct. 20 – ShelterBox
- Oct. 21 – Bright Star at Riverside
- Oct. 24 – World Polio Day
- Oct. 27 – 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off
- Nov. 6 – RLI Training via Zoom. RLI33.org for more information
- Nov. 10 - Peter Anderson , District 7610 TRF Annual Giving Chairman
- Nov. 13 – Stuff the Truck for SERVE
- Dec. 1 - Bill Cawley, Rotary Peace Ambassador Program



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October 13 Meeting – Club Assembly

President Jake presided. He talked about the Thursday, October 21 performance of “Bright Star” at Riverside. The two Rotary clubs in Stafford have reserved 42 tickets (24 from Stafford and 18 from North Stafford)) for Rotarians and friends. It will be a great evening. This is also a way to show our gratitude to Riverside for their providing entertainment at Via Colori.

PDG Sandy announced that she arranged for the Stafford Board of Supervisors to make a formal declaration on October 19 proclaiming October 24 World Polio Day in Stafford. Several members of the club will attend the BOS meeting. Even better, Governor Northam will sign a statewide declaration of World Polio Day in Virginia. After she made this announcement PDG George talked about his experiences volunteering with many other Rotarians at National Immunization Days in India, Nigeria and Pakistan. Nelda reminded the younger club members what a source polio was in this country as recently as the 1950s.

In her report of our club’s giving to the Rotary Foundation this year to date, PDG Sandy unhappily announced that we have only given \$2,800 to the annual fund (only 19% of our goal for the year.) Because of the loss of membership the number of Paul Harris Society members has dropped to 10 from 15. Our club needs to return to a 100% sustaining club. It only costs 28 cents per day to be a sustaining member (or \$2.80 to be a Paul Harris Society member).

President Jake saluted our wonderful Via Collori team leaders: Molly, Leigh Ann, Mike, Maria, Jamie, and Jack – and everyone else who helped! They did a great job, successfully presenting a family-friendly community art event.

Jake reminded us that our Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta has challenged all Rotarians to think bigger this year and to “grow more and do more”. Read President Mehta’s monthly message at <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-message>.

Community Services Report:

Cherice gave us several ideas for service projects this year, ideas to discuss, ponder on and decide what we can actually accomplish:

Volunteer at the Brisbane Center, United Way Day of Service, helping the local school PTOs, partner with Ebenezer UMC in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. We discussed if it would be possible to have one meeting each month be a doable short service project. We will be doing a Stuff the Truck for SERVE on November 13 at Shoppers in Stafford Marketplace.

We also need to get a date to ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

October Birthdays

Nelda Mohr 10/10
Mark Cartledge 10/28





Take action to grow local economies

Rotary members are passionate about finding sustainable solutions to the problem of poverty. The issue has become even more important because of how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected poverty and inequality in communities around the globe. During Community Economic Development Month, consider how you can address community needs and challenges. Rotary resources can help you start a local project or support an international one.

You can connect with community economic development experts to ensure that your projects are effective:

Contact a [Rotary Action Group](#) to get expert advice on planning and implementing a project and help finding partners, funding, and resources. Many of these groups focus on economic issues, like the action groups for [community economic development](#), [disaster assistance](#), and [food plant solutions](#).

- Contact your [district international service chair](#), who can connect you with other local experts in this area of focus.

You can involve community members in your work:

- Sponsor or work with an existing [Rotary Community Corps](#), which can engage members of the community where you're working and help a project become sustainable by empowering local leaders.
- Contact your [district community service chair](#), who can advise you about developing local projects to address your community's needs. The service chair can also connect you to local organizations, district committees, and other Rotary groups that focus on service.

You can increase your impact by working with one of Rotary's [service and project partners](#):

- [Ashoka](#) helps find creative solutions to social problems.
- [Habitat for Humanity International](#) provides safe and affordable shelter to families in need.
- The [Peace Corps](#) promotes peace and community development.
- [ShelterBox](#) provides disaster relief such as emergency shelter and aid to families.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BLIND (VFB)

Presents

GOLDEN HORIZONS

An online concert of inspirational music featuring musicians who are blind

Monday, November 1, 2021

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Remarkable people of talent will be offering their music, poetry, and artistic gifts to lift your spirits.

This event is a fundraiser for the VFB. You'll enjoy excellent music and support this important cause by purchasing your ticket today.

There are 2 ticket prices:

Early Bird Special - From now until October 15 - \$10.00

Full Pricing – From October 16 to October 30 - \$15.00

Please mail or bring your payment to:

Volunteers for the Blind

13 Lafayette Station
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Payment may be made by Check, Cash or Money Order. When VFB receives your payment, we will send you all necessary information to log into Zoom and enjoy the concert.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions:

Volunteersfortheblind@hotmail.com

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VFB is a 501c3 (nonprofit tax exempt) charitable organization serving blind and visually impaired citizens of the Greater Fredericksburg Area so they can live fuller, happier, and more productive lives. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to VFB programs designed to aid these citizens in their endeavors. On behalf of our blind neighbors, we thank you for your support.