

Stafford Rotary Highlighter

This Week's Speaker: Jeff Small, Fredericksburg City Clerk of Court



Jeff is a former Stafford Rotarian, now a member of the Fredericksburg Rotary. Jeff is a graduate of George Mason University, BS in Biology, and NOVA Southeastern University Law School. As he told us in a classification talk years ago he agreed to attend law school so his father would agree to help him open a car wash business.

However, along the way he has learned to enjoy the legal profession. Pro bono work for the DA's office inspired him to run for the office of Clerk of the Court.



April 17, 2019

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

CLUB SCHEDULE

April 17 - Jeff Small, Fredericksburg City Clerk

**April 24 – STAFFORD ROTARY SPRING SOCIAL
Wednesday, April 24th 5-7pm Park Lane Tavern
1 Towne Blvd, Fredericksburg**

May 1 – Panel Discussion-Laura Menzel, Major Gifts Officer for Zone 33, Mid-Atlantic to present information on The Endowment Fund - Benefactors & Bequest Society; and Chuck Davidson, Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator and District Council on Legislation Representation to present update information on the Counsel's new legislation that will impact our clubs AND an overview of Global Grants.

May 4 – End Polio Now – DC United

May 4 – District Training Assembly, UMW Stafford Campus

May 8 – Charles Russell of SAWS, Inc.

May 11- Meal of Hope – sign up to help!

May 15 – Jaraad Hines

May 22nd - Greg Riddlemoser

May 29th - Social

June 5th - Club Assembly

June 15-19 International Convention (Hamburg)

END POLIO NOW!



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SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019 | 8:00 PM | AUDI FIELD

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April Setup and Take Down


**Shawn Huwar, Captain
Tom Friedel and Cyril Hart**

Come a few minutes early to help set up the room.

April 10 Meeting

Our speaker last week was Janel Donohue, President of the Rappahannock United Way. She discussed the ALICE Report for our area. Alice is an acronym which stands for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed. It is a way of defining our neighbors who work hard, earn above the federal poverty level, but not enough to afford a basic household budget. The statistics were eye-opening. A lively Q&A session followed her presentation.

Janel encouraged us all to read the report at VirginiaALICE.org



Arlington Rotary Educational Banquet
to benefit the Arlington Rotary Educational Foundation (AREF)

Proceeds support AREF's two annual scholarships for graduating Arlington High School Students and further community needs

Thursday, April 25, 2019
6:00 to 9:00 pm
Mala Tang Restaurant
3434 Washington Boulevard
Arlington, VA

\$50 per person
(\$25 is tax-deductible)

Keynote Speaker Reagan Thompson
Two-time Rotary Global Grant recipient

Dinner Served family style; cash bar

Program 2019 Scholarship and Stipend Awards

Silent and Live Auction Gifts from our sponsors

Free Parking Across the street at Arlington American Legion

Payment By check payable to AREF, or by credit card at
www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org

The Arlington Rotary Educational Foundation (Tax ID number 54-6045093)
is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Flags for Heroes



The North Stafford Rotary Club will soon be placing over 200 flags in front of the Stafford County, Virginia Courthouse and Administration Building as part of our "Flags for Heroes" project. This will be our fourth year honoring the heroes of the members of our community. On June 14th, Flag Day, we will hold a "Retreat of the Flags" Ceremony and it would be an honor to have you attend. We will gather in front of the Stafford County Courthouse at 4:15pm, and begin our event at 4:30pm, to thank our heroes and everyone involved with creating this magnificent display. There will be representatives from the Stafford County Fire and Rescue in attendance as well, as we are honoring a Hero of the Year from among their ranks.

Family of Rotary Helps after Wildfire

By Pam Gray, Rotary Club of Paradise, California, USA



I grew up in a small family. My parents were both only children – that means I have no aunts, uncles or first cousins. As a child, my entire immediate family could sit around a dining table set for eight. Fortunately, my dad was a member of the Rotary Club of Paradise. Our Rotary family consisted of five families, all of similar age, so we had plenty of celebrations with this extended family growing up.

While my biological family grew as I became an adult, so did my Rotary family. Our club had more than 100 members when I joined and there was always something going on. Club members took action when our home was evacuated in 2008 due to a wildfire. Members went to our home, secured our vehicles and motorcycle, took our animals to their homes and saved our computer with countless family photos stored in memory; all of this while we were at the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles some 500 miles from Paradise.

After serving as club president, I began working at district jobs which added to my Rotary family tree. Serving several district governors provided tools, and many relationships, that were key to serving as District 5160 Governor in 2014-2015.

Brian and I were involved in a motorcycle accident shortly before the end of our governor year, following a ride for polio eradication. Rotarian friends cared for us and took over Rotary jobs that we were unable to fulfill.

My Rotary path continued on serving our club, district and zone. Again, my Rotary family tree expanded exponentially. The result benefited not only me, but my Rotary club and other clubs in the area.

Then the Camp Fire began on 8 November 2018 and raged for 17 days leaving much of our beloved Paradise as piles of rubble and ash. In less than 24 hours, Rotarians from Santa Rosa, California, were on task to help Paradise. They established a GoFundMe page for our club's foundation and came to see us sharing their knowledge of rebuilding after a major fire. Rotarians, not only from neighboring districts, but neighboring states delivered supplies and provided cash aide and gift cards in the tens of thousands of dollars within the first week.

While serving as district governor and visiting 71 Rotary clubs, my Rotarian friends came to know me as "Pam from Paradise" and I chose to share my love for the family of Rotary. Considering all Rotarians as my family, they are returning the sentiment by helping Paradise where they can and providing encouraging words during our darkest days.