

Stafford Rotary Highlighter

**This Week's Speaker: Janel Donohue,
President of the Rappahannock
United Way**



April 10, 2019

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

CLUB SCHEDULE

April 10 - Janel Donohue of the Rappahannock United Way

April 17 - Jeff Small, Fredericksburg City Clerk

May 4 – End Polio Now – DC United

May 8 – Charles Russell of SAWS, Inc.

May 15 – Jaraad Hines

May 22nd - Greg Riddlemoser

May 29th - Social

June 5th - Club Assembly

June 15-19 International Convention (Hamburg)



April Chamber Events

April 11 - Ribbon Cutting for Jerri Gall with the Vacation Wizards

April 16 - CNEW Non-Profit & Vendor Fair

April 17 - Legislative Review

April 18 - Ribbon Cutting at AR Workshop

April 19 - Ribbon Cutting at FOCUS Group Solutions

April 23 - Ribbon Cutting with WoodSprings Suites Quantico

April 25 - Business After Hours Fredericksburg Area Museum

Plus Save the Date! May 7 - First Member Meeting of 2019

[SEE ALL UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS](#)

April Setup and Take Down

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

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

Here is the link to the obituary for Molly's son.
Please keep Molly in your thoughts.

<https://www.miller-jones.com/obituaries/Michael-Daniels-12/#!/Obituary>

Walk to Support Mental Wellness

Join the community effort to walk one million steps for mental wellness.

Make an impact to raise awareness about mental health and wellness in our community. Rally your friends and family to join you — and together we will walk one million steps for mental wellness!

Registration fee is \$25.

Your registration supports Mental Health America of Fredericksburg's free community programs:

[HelpLine](#) • [Senior Visitors](#) • [Suicide Prevention Education](#) • [Support Groups](#)
Register by April 16th to reserve your walk t-shirt!

Online registration closes Thursday, May 2nd @ Midnight

[See event details](#)

[Register Now](#)



Rotary Clean Water and Sanitation Project in all Public Schools in Addis Ababa

Submitted by Asfaw Ayelign, Rotary Club of Addis Ababa West

This project started in 2014 to provide clean water and hygiene training to public schools in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This initial engagement of doing good to communities covered 26 schools with 35,000 students, school teachers, and administrators. It was soon discovered that the lack of toilets in the schools was a major issue that needed urgent attention. With the need to expand the scope of the project, the various partners (The sponsoring Rotary club, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary club partners, Addis Ababa Education Bureau (AAEB), Ministry of Health (MOH), and the implementing partner, SPLASH) agreed to conduct an evaluation to determine the issues in the schools related to water, sanitation and hygiene.

Rotary, SPLASH, and AAEB collaborated in the first two projects in 2014/16 which provided clean water and hygiene training to school children. This included:

- installing high-quality water filtration systems
- constructing drinking and hand washing stations
- having water storage tanks with an adequate capacity for use when city supply is interrupted.
- Providing hygiene training using hygiene curriculum developed by our implementing partners: AAEB and SPLASH.

The third project, that is in the process of starting, will address sanitation in schools where clean water has already been provided, especially school toilets in 18 schools which are considered a health hazard. This will include rehabilitation of existing toilets and construction of new toilets in schools where there are not sufficient toilets for the number of students. In existing toilets, there is need to unclog toilets, clean toilet stalls, provide new toilet pans to cover bare concrete holes, improve water supply, provide waste bins for menstrual hygiene management, improve ventilation, ensure functioning doors, locks and lighting, and new paint and cement to improve surfaces so that they are child friendly.

The entire project is estimated to cost US\$115,000. SPLASH will be using fiberglass for the construction of clean water stations in schools, this will be more economical and last longer. The fourth phase will be another sanitation project involving the construction of new toilets at a cost of \$126,000.

An important and key element in these projects is making sure they are sustainable. The school administration, project owners and implementers have developed a plan to maintain the project for at least 10 years after completion. In addition, they have committed themselves to continue hygiene training and oversee the proper management of the service. In particular, the AAEB has taken the responsibility of ensuring that the service is properly managed by the school administration.