

Stafford Rotary Highlighter



August 7, 2019

CLUB SCHEDULE

August 7 - Doug Gately: Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Mary Washington.

August 9 – Sounds of Summer – Wear your Rotary shirt and Join other area Rotarians at this fun event.

August 14 - AG Earl Baughman, Area Foundation Advisor Mike Vrabel, and Membership/PI Advisor Rob Burke

August 21 - Cathleen Pessolano, the new Executive Director for Mental Health America-Fredericksburg

September 7 – Another Day Walk to Stop Suicide

September 20 – United Way Day of Action. Contact Lori if you can volunteer.

September 20 – Sounds of Summer, Volunteers Needed

October 4 – Capitol Steps at Dodd Auditorium, 7:30pm, as part of UMW's Family Weekend.

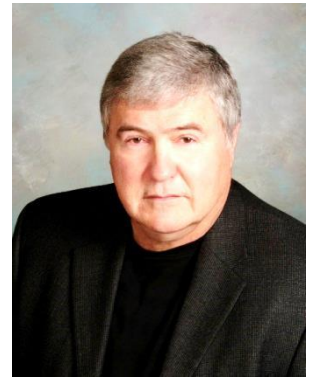


Rotary International President Mark Maloney and Tom Friedel of Stafford Rotary presenting the Stafford and Rappahannock-Fredericksburg VA Club banners.

Tom is a member of the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. He has written an article about his meeting with RI President Mark Maloney which you can read on our webpage.

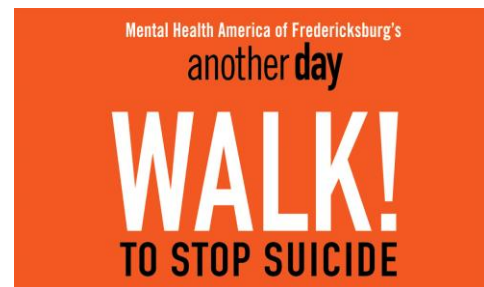
When you travel plan to make up Rotary meetings. There are few places without a local Rotary club. Be sure to take one of our club banners to share.

**This Week's
Speaker:
Doug Gately**



Doug is the Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Mary Washington. Each year, the UMW Jazz Ensemble, under Doug's direction, and Legal Aid Works®, formerly known as Rappahannock Legal Services, team up for an extraordinary event called Jazz 4 Justice to benefit our community. Legal Aid Works® is a non-profit corporation that provides free, high-quality, civil legal assistance to low income individuals and families. Doug is the Artistic Director for Jazz 4 Justice, and his professional experience has contributed to the event's success as an annual fund-raiser for

Legal Aid Works®. Doug is the conductor and director of the UMW Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, Flute Ensemble and various Chamber Groups. He is the principle instructor of applied studies in flute, clarinet, saxophone, and jazz piano. He has toured and performed throughout the United States, South America, and Europe. Credits include performances with numerous 'name artists' including Doc Severinsen, Arturo Sandoval, Dizzy Gillespie, Henry Mancini, Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin, Tony Bennett, Nancy Wilson, Manhattan Transfer, the Temptations, Mathew Morrison, Seth McFarlane, Patti Labelle, Gregory Porter, Michael Feinstein and many other Jazz Artists. Doug was also a former member of the U.S Air Force's Premier Jazz Ensemble, the Airmen of Note. He is currently an adjunct with the National Symphony Orchestra, an MITP Artist/Clinician, an Artist/Clinician for KHS America (Jupiter Flutes). Doug is an active jazz pianist, composer, arranger and leads his own Trio. For several years Doug's talent, professional experience and hard work have helped Legal Aid Works® raise funds to ensure providing legal services for the Fredericksburg community.





Mike McGovern, TRF Polio International Chair, shared the celebration of TRF receiving \$50.8 Million for Polio Eradication. Mike said: "Thank you Rotarians for Exceeding our Goal!"

have the infrastructure. We need the political and public health leaders to ensure emergency outbreak response is fully implemented. We need everyone who has been involved in this effort, and who has helped bring us to where we are today, to build on their fantastic engagement one more time.

We have it in our hand to finish this success story. And thereby ensure that no child will ever be paralyzed by any form of poliovirus – be it wild or vaccine-derived.

July 24 Meeting

President Leigh Ann and PDG Sandy happily inducted our newest member PDG George Atwell. A former



member of the Leesburg, Leesburg Daybreak and Caroline County Rotary clubs PDG George was District Governor when Stafford Rotary was chartered (April 11, 1990).

Lori discussed Community Service projects for the year: September 20 is the United Way Day of Action. Lori will make arrangements for our

Africa and Polio Eradication – An 'Unfinished' Success Story

Dr Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti, World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for Africa

Africa has not detected any wild poliovirus from any source since September 2016, from north-eastern Nigeria. And although surveillance gaps in some parts of that area remain, surveillance (and immunity levels) is significantly stronger today than it was in 2016, when the surveillance system did succeed in detecting the virus.

Africa stands on the cusp of a historic public health success: the potential certification of the eradication of wild polioviruses, which could occur as early as 2020. Certification – the independent 'stamp of approval' that wild poliovirus indeed is gone from the continent, and with it the assurance that no African child will ever again suffer the lifelong pain and disability caused by wild poliovirus.

This stands in stark contrast to 1996, a year when wild poliovirus paralyzed more than 75,000 of our children across every country on the continent. It was also the year that Nelson Mandela issued a stark call to action, to everyone. His challenge rang out loud and strong: Kick Polio Out of Africa!

And his challenge was heard. Africa and Africans came together, to unite for one common goal: to find and vaccinate and protect every single child from lifelong wild poliovirus paralysis. But this success would be only half the story. In fact, polio eradication in Africa can today best be described as 'an unfinished success story'. To finish it, the increasing threat of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) outbreaks on the continent must also be addressed. For even though they are not wild polioviruses, such rare strains – which can emerge in areas of low population immunity – also paralyze children.

The good news is that we know how to stop these viruses. We have the tools, we have the networks, we

project. Other projects we will be doing this year are: supporting the Blue Star Mothers, Stuff the Truck for S.E.R.V.E., and Meals of Hope.

Our July 24 speaker was Sarah Chiles, director of SPCA Fredericksburg. Follow



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