

Stafford Rotary Highlighter



July 10, 2019

CLUB SCHEDULE

July 10 - Speaker - Michelle Hedrich, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

July 12 – Sounds of Summer – 4 Volunteers Needed

July 13 – District Awards Banquet

July 17 – Annual Club Meeting to review 2018-2019 year

July 24 - Speaker - Sarah Chiles, Fred SPCA

July 31 – No noon meeting. Nationals play the Atlanta Braves. Game time is 12:05pm. If interested, contact Shawn Huwar (540-424-8407, shawn@shawnhuwar.com).

August 4 – SCPS Backpack Project Karaoke Fundraiser

August 6 – National Night Out. Volunteers needed to collect school supplies

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

September 20 – Sounds of Summer

A New Rotary Year

RI President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney's theme for 2019-20, Rotary Connects the World, asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.



July Setup and Take Down

Michael Smith, Captain

Joshua Fant, Mary Long

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

This Week's Speaker: Michelle Hedrich, Big Brothers/Big Sisters



Michelle Hedrich joined the staff of the Greater Fredericksburg Big Brothers/Big Sisters in 2011. A Maine native, Michelle has extensive nonprofit management expertise having served as the Executive Director of the Southern Maine Community College Foundation, as President of the Junior League of Portland Maine and as an administrator at the American Psychological Association. Youth development has been the central focus of her employment and community leadership positions.

As the Chair of the School Board in Portland Maine, she served as a leader overseeing Maine's largest and most diverse school system. An active community volunteer, she has served on over 30 boards and committees and is currently a member of the Junior League of Northern Virginia and on the Leadership Team of the Community Collaborative for Youth & Families.

Michelle graduated from the University of Maine with a Bachelor's degree in Public Management. She received a Master's degree in Public Administration from The George Washington University. Michelle is a member of the Class of 2017 of the Leadership Fredericksburg program of the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce.

For more than 50 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters Greater Fredericksburg has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"). Providing a system of ongoing evaluation and support, Big Brothers Big Sisters is proven by independent studies to help children perform better in school, make positive choices, and have stronger relationships with their parents and others.

Fun at the Installation Picnic



Sounds of Summer Volunteer Dates

"Sounds of Summer" on the following dates and musical acts:

July 12th – 44 Diesel (Rock/Reggae)

September 20th – RipTide (Classic Rock)

We will work time slots from 4:30-10, and includes Setup, Attendance Entrance and Wrist Bands (must be 21), Monitor, and Clean up

Signup with President Leigh Anne!

Rotary And Shelterbox Celebrate the Power of Partnership

Rotary International announced on 3 June a three-year partnership renewal with its disaster relief project partner, ShelterBox. For almost 20 years, this unique humanitarian alliance has supported families with a place to call home after disaster. ShelterBox provides emergency shelters and other essential items to support families who have lost their homes in disaster. What began as a local connection with one Cornish Rotary Club has led to an international movement that's provided 140,000 ShelterBox family tents or 390,000 ShelterKits worldwide to date.

First adopted as a millennium project by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in 2000, the support of Rotary members and clubs around the world saw ShelterBox become Rotary's Project Partner in Disaster Relief in 2012. Since then, the partnership has helped transform ShelterBox into an internationally recognized disaster relief charity, supporting families with emergency shelter after disaster. The partnership extends far beyond financial support. Around 1,000 Rotary members are involved in ShelterBox as volunteers, staff or response team members. And clubs worldwide offer valuable, practical assistance to help ShelterBox reach more families fleeing disaster or conflict.

This has recently included support for families in Malawi flooded from their homes by Cyclone Idai and communities in Lombok devastated by the 2018 earthquake and tsunami (quotes and details at the end of this release).

"ShelterBox has been Rotary's Project Partner in Disaster Relief since 2012, and we are excited to renew the partnership for another three years," says Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko.

"Through this project partnership, Rotary members around the globe can collaborate with ShelterBox to support communities in desperate need of emergency temporary shelter and vital supplies following natural disasters," adds Hewko. "Additionally, Rotary and ShelterBox will continue to expand cooperation efforts through preparedness training and stockpiles of prepositioned aide in disaster-prone regions."

Caroline White, interim Chief Executive at ShelterBox, said: "Whenever disaster strikes, Rotary is beside us. From the earliest planning stages to final evaluations, Rotary members help ShelterBox make community contacts, organize logistics, and reach disaster-affected families in remote areas who might otherwise go without. This partnership has helped ShelterBox become who we are today. Our global network of 17 ShelterBox affiliates, who raise funds and awareness worldwide, evolved from Rotary relationships."

Facts and figures

90% of ShelterBox responses assisted by Rotary
1,000 Rotary members have roles in ShelterBox, in the UK and internationally
£54m+ raised for ShelterBox by Rotary supporters since 2000