



## Stafford Rotary Highlighter



### November 13, 2019 CLUB SCHEDULE

#### November - Rotary Foundation Month

- Nov. 13-Walter Hughes-Global Grants-update
- Nov. 13 – Club Board Meeting 11 am Before the meeting
- Nov. 17 – District Foundation Banquet
- Nov. 19 – World Toilet Day. Purpose: to draw attention to the need to bring safe sanitation to everyone because billions of people do not have access to a toilet.
- Nov. 20-Dr. Sarah Johns-Haiti Project update
- Nov. 22 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Nov. 27-Thanksgiving Eve – No Noon Meeting

#### December - Disease Prevention & Treatment Month (Foundation Area of Focus)

- Dec. 4 – Julie Kay –Climate Reality Project’s Initiative - “Truth in Action”
- Dec. 11 – District Governor Jonathan Lucas, Official Visit
- Dec. 18 – Club Assembly
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – No Noon Meeting

**February 22, 2020 at Stafford High School.**



### This Week’s Speaker: Sue Carter, Rotary Club of Farmville, Virginia, District 7600



An immigrant from Bosnia & Herzegovina, this Longwood University Alumna (B.S. 2006, M.S. 2010) is employed with

Hampden-Sydney College as Director of Human Resources. She has also recently served as Adjunct Professor of Sociology at her Alma Mater. Since 2013, Sue has been a committed Rotarian on local, district, and international levels. Locally, she held multiple board positions with Rotary Club of Farmville, was the club's President in 2017/18, and has received many awards for her service to the community. Upon conclusion of her Presidential term, Sue became a Paul Harris Fellow, and has since joined the Paul Harris Society too.

On July 1, 2019, Sue became Rotary District 7600 Assistant Governor for Area 8, and shortly thereafter, she signed up for a humanitarian trip to Ghana to deliver a Global Grant to build a Junior High School in Adadease on behalf of Rotary International and District 7600. Sue is a member of Chamber of Commerce, Associate Member of Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department, and an avid supporter of many other local charities, non-profits, causes, and volunteer opportunities. When not working or volunteering, Sue is more than likely training for Marine Corps Marathon, travelling, or reading her favorite authors, all alongside her exceptionally supportive husband Nat and dog Merrily!

### Water and Sanitation Global Grant 19-90400 in Ghana



*The children have the gift of clean water from one of our previous Global Grants .*

The Ghana clean water project GG 19-90400 will provide twenty-five boreholes (25) and one hundred forty-one (141) Microflush toilets in Ghana. Kumasi Rotary Club and Montreal Rotary Club are the lead Rotary Clubs. Our goal is to provide communities with clean water and better sanitation using the Microflush toilet to improve health and hygiene in very rural and poor communities in central Ghana. The project funding goal is \$400,000 to impact 25,027 lives. The grant will include \$125,000 of micro-credit loans for water, sanitation, farm and business loans. The communities impacted are near

Obuasi in the Ashanti Region in the central part of Ghana.

All communities will provide local leadership, labor and funding. The communities will raise over GHc 2,000 or \$450 toward drilling the new borehole. Walter Hughes of the Rocky Mount, VA Rotary Club is leading the implementation effort and has led Rotary projects in Ghana for 13 years. He can be reached at 540-493-4715 or via email at [walterkhughes@gmail.com](mailto:walterkhughes@gmail.com). Our global grant will be submitted in 2019- 2020 Rotary year. Help transform lives of people in Ghana with our project!

### **November 6 Meeting**

ShelterBox Ambassador Wayne Chiles from the Springfield Rotary spoke to us about the work of this important Rotary International partner. He described the many ways that ShelterBox has improved their selection of emergency supplies and delivery methods to better utilize the local volunteers in addressing the many natural disasters around the world.

Wayne presented a ShelterBox Pillar to Nelda for her continues support of the program through regular monthly donations over the years.

The club presented Wayne with a \$1,000 donation to ShelterBox, which will purchase one box containing the tent, water purification system and other supplies that will provide shelter for up to ten people for up to one year.

### **Holiday Families**

Mike Elliot, Director of S.E.R.V.E, shared that they are preparing to support 400 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and they are seeking community assistance. Specifically, Mike has asked if our club members can donate \$10 and \$20 gift cards from Walmart or Target. If you would like to help with this need, please bring the gift cards to our Nov 13, 20 and Dec 4 meetings.

TREVOR will collect them and take them to S.E.R.V.E.

### **Afghan students celebrate World Polio Day**

*By Stephen R. Brown, past Rotary Foundation trustee*

During a three-day period encompassing World Polio Day, 24 October, a group of students in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, conducted a polio awareness campaign that was able to reach many of their peers with the message about Rotary's work to eradicate polio. These students are part of a program known as Afghan Youth Connect (AYC) which I have been involved with since 2008.

AYC is playing an important role in advancing our polio eradication work in Afghanistan. AYC trainers and students made presentations about the importance of eradicating polio. The effort was led by Abdul Qaum

"Almas" Past President of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, who is the in-country director of the AYC program, sponsored by Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle.

The reach of this polio awareness campaign has been deep. A typical public school in Jalalabad has in excess of 5,000 students. Not only did the students in the 18 schools visited experience the campaign, most of these students live in extended families often with 40 or more persons residing in the same compound. Students undoubtedly shared the information learned with these extended families.

As Almas noted, "We as educators are responsible to educate our students about the importance of polio eradication and all must cooperate in these efforts. School principals and teachers participated in these events with the support of parents and village elders. Students who had suffered from polio spoke sharing their experiences and challenges resulting from the effects of the disease."

We started the AYC program back in 2008 with a grant to the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club Foundation from the US Department of State-Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. AYC provides IT training and English language training in addition to teaching leadership skills and the importance of individual civic responsibility. From an initial five public high schools in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, the program has expanded to thirteen classrooms supporting boys and girls in most of the public high schools throughout Jalalabad. It is now supported with private funding. Over 30,000 Afghan students have participated in the AYC program to date.

I am hoping future plans for the polio awareness campaign will involve students in another Jalalabad based program sponsored by my club known as Teaching English through Technology. Many of these students come from villages outside the large metropolitan areas. They typically return to their home communities during school breaks and eventually to teach after graduation. Through an expanded awareness campaign, they will be well positioned to carry the message regarding the importance of polio eradication back to their home communities.



*Afghan Youth Connect leads an assembly on polio eradication.*