



Stafford Rotary Highlighter



**October 23, 2019
CLUB SCHEDULE**

October – Community Economic Development Month (Foundation Area of Focus)

Oct. 23 – John Holden, Stafford County Economic Development Authority

Oct. 24 – World Polio Day & Rotary Day at the UN



Oct. 30 Club Social, 5 pm Strangeways Brewing Company, located at 350 Lansdowne Road Fredericksburg, VA 22408. We are also looking for club members to participate in the 1st Annual Stafford Rotary Club Chili Cook Off. Club members are encouraged to bring their best chili.



November - Rotary Foundation Month

Nov. 6-Wayne Chiles-Shelter Box

Nov. 9 – RLI - Fredericksburg

Nov. 13-Walter Hughes-Global Grants-update

Nov. 16 – 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. 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

**This Week’s Speaker: John P. Holden,
Director, Economic Development and
Tourism**



John joined the Stafford team in May 2018 after spending 25 years in Maine. There, his experience encompassed community and economic development; tourism development and marketing; and international business development and attraction. He helped institute and managed a number of economic

development organizations. He also led the expansion of Maine’s entrepreneurship environment into communities he worked.

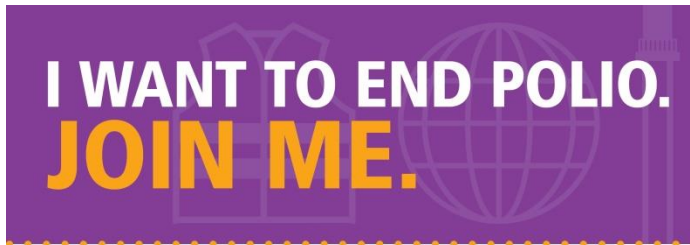
John was born in Columbus, Ohio. He earned a bachelor’s degree in environmental sciences from Bowling Green State University and a master’s degree in regional economics from the University of Maine. He enjoys cooking and golf.

**The October 16 Speakers from the Stafford
County R Board**



World Polio Day, October 24

One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio



ROTARY'S

WORLD POLIO DAY

ONLINE GLOBAL UPDATE
24 OCTOBER 2019

Visit the Rotary International Facebook page to RSVP.

#endpolio | endpolio.org



Polio

Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in hours. It can strike people of any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio can be prevented by vaccines, but it is not curable. Unlike most diseases, polio can be eradicated.

PolioPlus

For over 30 years, Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Our PolioPlus program was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale. As a core partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary focuses on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building. Rotary members have contributed \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$8 billion to the effort.

Polio Today

With our partners, we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent, from 350,000 cases in 125 countries in 1988 to just 33 cases caused by the wild virus in 2018. Only two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. The infrastructure we helped build to end polio is also being used to treat and prevent other diseases and create lasting impact in other areas of public health.

Meals of Hope Update from Lori

Our Meals of Hope event will be held at Stafford High School on February 22, 2019 at 10am. Those of you who were at the event last year probably remember how much fun it was and what a success it was.

We are approaching fundraising for this event a little differently than we have in the past. We received confirmation of our first Title Sponsor this morning. Wegman's has graciously agreed to provide \$2000.00 towards the event. We will be seeking Sponsorships for this event and limiting the amount of Sponsors for each category their business they are part of, so at this point Wegman's will be the only grocer as a sponsor. As we reach out to additional sponsors we will offer exclusivity based on their monetary contribution.

Secondly we are setting up a GoFundMe page. The money raised from the GoFundMe will go directly to the Meals of Hope organization and will assist us in obtaining our goal of packaging 75,000 meals. As soon as the GoFundMe page is set up (Meals of Hope is doing that for us) we will go live.

Here is the plan:

GoFundMe will be shared with:

- News Organizations
- Churches (Those that received meals as well as those that do not have food pantries)
- Facebook pages (personal, business and social community)
- Leaders in the Community (elected)
- Boards (to include School Board, Board of Supervisors in ALL areas)
- Schools (All schools in the Area)
- Service Clubs (I'd like to reach out to the United Way, Eagles, Elks, Moose, Lions etc)
- Scouts (Girl and Boy)
- Rotary Clubs in the district
- Law Enforcement/Military
- Business Organizations (Chamber and like organizations-who are they?)

The goal is for this to be the biggest event yet and to engage the community to raise the funds to do it. We will also be joining the [10 Million Meal Challenge](#) through Zone 33 and 34.

