# THE STAFFORD HIGHLIGHT

May 8, 2025



### **Club Calendar**

May Is Youth Service Month

May 10 — Relay for Life

June 21-25 – Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Alberta

September 27-28 -Via Colori

October 3-5 – District Conference

## May 8 Program – Priscilla Turner, President, Stafford High School PTSO

Mrs. Turner hails from Louisiana but traveled the world while her husband served in the United States Air Force. Her husband and three kids have called Virginia home since Spring 2017.

The need to help support military service members and their families led Mrs. Turner to volunteer at their various assignments. Mrs. Turner was one of the first Key Spouses when the program started during their time at Kadena Air Base, Japan. Mrs. Turner volunteered with the Osan Enlisted Spouses' Club and the Osan American Elementary School PTO while her husband was stationed in Korea. She held the role of president for both organizations. Mrs. Turner led Operation Sweet Treat which provided over 5,000 bags of treats to single airmen associated with Osan AB. She was recognized by the Wing Commander and Command Chief for her volunteerism during her time at Osan Air Force Base. She was selected as the Armed Force Insurance Osan Air Base Spouse of the Year.

While stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas. Mrs. Turner was instrumental is reopening the base's thrift store. She served as a Key Spouse then a Key Spouse Mentor. While at Laughlin, she served as the Laughlin Spouses Club President. She was named Key Spouse of the Quarter for the 47th Mission Support Group. She helped plan many morale boosting events for the 47th Medical Group, 47th Mission Support Group and the 47th Flying Training Wing.

Since moving to Virginia, Mrs. Turner has served various positions on the PTO/PTSO at her children's schools. Most recently, president for the SHS PTSO. She enjoys taking an active role in the betterment of the school culture. She is a member of the Richmond Alumnae Chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity and hosts her neighborhood's annual Holiday Party.

# **April 30 Meeting**

Our guest speaker was Deuntay Diggs who shared his incredible and empowering story  $\bigcirc$  We were reminded once again, how crucial it is to de-stigmatize mental health, to accept others

and who and where they are with everything they bring to the table, and that self-awareness and self-love can help to propel you to a place of peace, gratitude, and optimism.

We were also graced by the presence of one of the Rotary District 7610 Four Way Test Essay Contest TOP 3!! Hailey Ketner, who took 3rd place overall after winning our Club and Area contests several weeks ago, who read her piece to the attendees, resulting in rousing applause! She did a wonderful job and received her scholarship check from Youth Chair and PE Kristy Freeman, and President Jamie Larounis. We hope Hailey continues her interest in Rotary and joins her school's Interact Club when she gets to high school.

Our club also inducted our newest member, Andrew Gordon!! Future Chair of the Stafford Rotary Satellite Club, forming NOW!

Big things are around the corner...

And we look forward to working with Deuntay Diggs in the future in his various capacities as a public servant and private citizen, collaborating on projects that will benefit our community, and building a foundation for future endeavors 🐇







### **Area 4 Service Project**

"Another Rotary District 7610 Area 4 service projects in the books, this time at the Washington Heritage Museums! Thank you Anne Darron for allowing us to serve! We were a small, but mighty contingent that helped do some gardening and landscaping around the historic Mary Washington monument. And I got quite a history lesson, too, about the property!" President Jamie





