

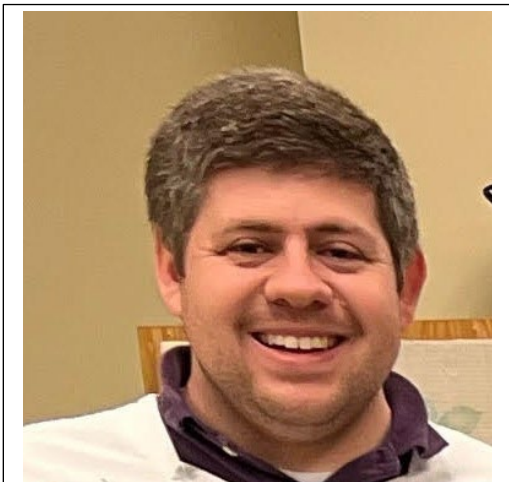
THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

JUNE 1, 2022



This Week's Program: Classification Talk, Dylan Oakes

The classification talk was traditionally used to acquaint Rotarians with a member's profession. Most of us don't know what it's like to be a dentist, or an airline pilot, or a midwife, or a pharmacist, or a television news producer. But the Object of Rotary also focuses on the personal aspects of life.



Club Calendar...

June Is Rotary Fellowship Month

- June 1 – Dylan Oakes, Classification Talk
- June 8 – Michal McLaughlin, VDRPT
- June 15 - Club Assembly
- June 22 – Dr. Thomas Taylor, SCPS
- June 29 – Installation Banquet at Renato's
- July 13- Dr. Janet Gullickson, President of Germanna Community College
- Sept. 24 -25 – Via Colori

May 18 Meeting

President Jake presided and welcomed visiting Rotarian John Adkins from the Rappahannock Rotary.

Riverside staffer Brian who has organized our room and meals for so long has accepted a position as hotel banquet manager in Warrenton. We're happy for this advancement in his career, but we'll miss him.

President Jake read an email from PDG George Atwell. He is recovering, but is not yet able to drive. He'll return to meetings soon.

President Elect Cherice reported on the SCPS Appreciation Breakfast for community partners and supportive businesses. The Mountain View Culinary Arts class prepared the meal. As he accepted the certificate from the school system President Jake commented on the need to appoint a club historian who can keep track of these important mementos.

Mike Catell has volunteered to be our club's representative to the school district community committee.



Heather Muir gave a wonderful classification talk that described her journey to her current position with the Gwyneth's Gift Foundation. She grew up in Cleveland where her father was a professor at Case Western Reserve, and her mother was a medical illustrator. Heather's goal was to be an art teacher. Her family was deeply into celebrating their Scottish heritage. She grew up spending her spare time practicing Scottish dancing and competing in Scottish dancing competitions.

Heather attended a private girls' school that put a lot of emphasis on public speaking and drama. She attended Wooster College where instead of a band there were bagpipers. She transferred to Mary Washington when the family moved to Virginia. Her mother lives in a Caroline County on a farm with Highland cattle. She raises therapy dogs.


Her former husband was in the military, and they moved many times. They adopted two boys who are now in their teens and very tall. Heather worked at the Woodrow Wilson House in Staunton where she gained much experience in grant writing. She and her sons moved to Stafford suddenly and worked at the Food Bank writing grants. Then she began working at Gwyneth's Gift. The Q & A session led to a discussion of the adoption process.

Thank you, for a great Program, Heather!



In case you're curious to know more about Scottish dance - <https://www.scotdanceusa.com/>



JUNE IS



ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

"Don't adventures ever have an end? I suppose not. Someone else always has to carry on the story." - J.R.R. Tolkiens, The Fellowship of the Ring

Rotary



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Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

Rotary Fellowships are designated as autonomous, international groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to:

- ✚ Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- ✚ Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- ✚ Make new friends around the world
- ✚ Explore new opportunities for service
- ✚ Have fun and enhance their Rotary experience



CONNECT WITH YOUR CLUB

Membership in a Rotary club offers you opportunities to connect with other professionals who aren't afraid to lead and are dedicated to making a difference. Spending time with your fellow club members — whether to attend a meeting, plan a project, exchange ideas, or just have fun — can lead to lifelong friendships. When you get involved and make connections, you will inevitably grow as a person and develop new skills. Here are some ways to connect within your club.

- **SHARE YOUR IDEAS** with club leaders to help your club achieve its goals, enhance its projects, and improve the member experience. Your suggestions could become the next big initiative in your club or community. See *Be a Vibrant Club* and learn more about club flexibility.
- **FIND A MENTOR** or mentor another member to share professional expertise, community knowledge, and Rotary information.
- **ORGANIZE A CLUB EVENT** or service project and gain new skills and experiences like event planning, public speaking, or managing volunteers.
- **TRY A NEW ROLE.** Broaden your knowledge and apply your experience and skills in a club leadership role. Take the first step by asking where your club needs help. If you've already been in a club leadership role, try serving in a district role. Ask your district governor and governor-elect where your expertise and talents could be useful.
- **BECOME A LEADER IN ACTION.** Participate in your club's leadership development program. If it doesn't have one, talk to your club leaders and help develop one for the members of your club.