

THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

May 11, 2022



Rotary  **People of Action**
Club of Stafford



This Week's Program: Club Assembly

The club assembly is a regular rotary club meeting where there is no scheduled program but where the club president does club business such as having the club directors report to the club on their projects, discuss upcoming fundraisers, etc.



Club Calendar...

May – Youth Service Month

- May 11 - Club Assembly
- May 18 – Dylan Oakes, Classification Talk
- May 25 - Club Social, Fred Nats Game 6 pm
- June 8 - Jennifer DeBruhl, VDRPT
- June 22 – Dr. Thomas Taylor, SCPS
- Sept. 24 -25 – Via Colori

May 4, 2022

President Jake presided and welcomed guests: Dr. Peter Kelly, Doug Gately and Mark Jeffrey. Keith Wilson was inducted as our newest club member. We wished a Happy Birthday to our May birthday members: Heather Muir, Joshua Fant, Leigh Ann Poland, Jamie Larounis, Trevor O'Toole, and Jim Tulley.

President Jake reported on the District Conference. He congratulated PDG Sandy on receiving an award for her service to the district and to our Zone for her work promoting and organizing the Rotary Leadership Institute. He was especially impressed by the report from the Rappahannock Rotary on establishing a satellite Club. Donald won the 50-50 at the conference (\$500) and donated it all to Ukraine Relief.

Donna reported the latest on Relay for Life. We can still collect until the end of June.

The Stafford County Teacher Appreciation Breakfast was held on April 27. PE Cherice and Donna attended.



Dr. Peter Kelly was originally scheduled to be our speaker later in the month. He is the Dean of the College of Education at the University of Mary Washington. In this position, Dr. Kelly is responsible for providing leadership in defining the College of Education's strategic priorities and for recruiting and retaining a diverse and highly qualified student body and faculty. In addition, he is charged with continuing the current growth of the College of Education across its undergraduate and graduate program.

Dr. Kelly has substantial experience in teaching and research in special education, with a particular interest in the development of professional development partnerships with local schools. Kelly also was a co-author and project director of the Praxis Program, a personnel preparation project funded by the Missouri Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services. He received a B.S. in education and his M.S. and Ph.D., both in behavior disorders, from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Kelly talked about the importance of the teaching profession, the chronic shortage of teachers, and the critical role of UMW's College of Education in training teachers. His talk was followed by a very lively question and answer session.

Rotarians at Work Internationally

Within hours of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February 2022, Iryna Bushmina fled her home in Kyiv. Along with her sister and her three-month-old nephew, she journeyed to Vienna, Austria, staying with Rotary members along the way. Their generosity inspired Bushmina, a member of the Rotaract Club of Kyiv-City and the district Rotaract representative for Ukraine, to organize a larger-scale relief effort — and now, an online platform she created has helped Rotaract and Rotary members find shelter for thousands of Ukrainian refugees.



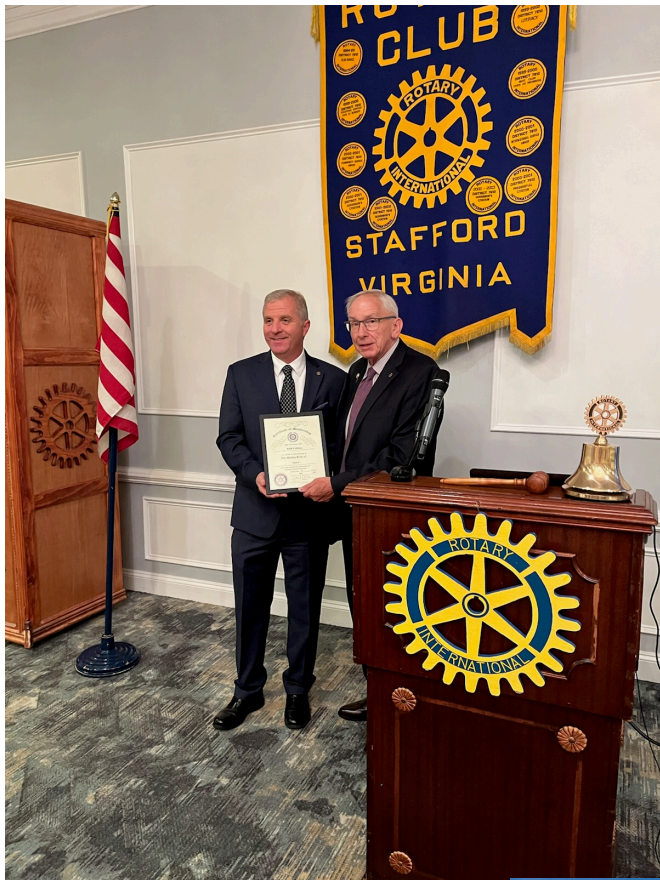
Rotary's network enables rapid humanitarian relief for Ukrainian refugees

Across Europe, Rotaract members are using digital tools to share information and coordinate to help people who have been affected by the war in Ukraine. By routing communications through the European Rotaract Information Centre (also known as Rotaract Europe), a multidistrict information organization that serves clubs in more than 40 countries, these young members are using the power of Rotary's global network to direct aid where it's needed most.

And at Home

Thank you to Rotarian Holly Frisch and her friends who collected almost 50 pounds of food for S.E.R.V.E. Holly is always looking for ways to contribute to the club and our community. Thanks Holly, for all you do for Stafford Rotary, our Rappahannock community and Volunteers for the Blind Fredericksburg, VA - VFB





President Jake welcomes new member Keith Wilson.



CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Through your club, you can connect with your community by learning about its needs and working on long-term solutions. When you work with local leaders and beneficiaries, you'll strengthen both your community and your ties to it. Participating in a project that positively touches someone else's life can be life-changing for you as well. Here are some of the many ways your membership can help you connect to your community.