

THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

MAY 18, 2022



Rotary  **People of Action**
Club of Stafford

This Week's Program: Classification Talk, Heather Muir

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...

May – Youth Service Month

- May 18 – Heather Muir
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 11, 2022



President Jake presided and welcomed guests: visiting Rotarian John Coker from the Rappahannock Rotary.

We welcomed a new Rotarian as President Jake inducted Mark Jeffry into our club. President Elect Cherice is Mark's sponsor. Originally from Ghana, Mark has lived here over twenty years. He has worked for New York Life Insurance in Northern Virginia for many years. The office recently expanded closer to our area. Welcome to Stafford Rotary, Mark!

President Jake read a thank you note from GCC President Janel Donohue. She described passing along the gift card we gave her to a person who needed some help. Our speakers' gifts in March were gift cards that the guest speakers were asked to pass along to someone in need.

President Jake also discussed an invitation from SCPS Superintendent Taylor to join his Community Leadership Committee and the importance of our partnership projects with the schools.

Donna gave a Youth Service update. Our club presented four scholarships to some outstanding Mountain View High School Interact Club members. Leigh Ann gave a Via Colori update. She is attending a Stafford Economic Development Meet & Greet to promote Via Colori.

The May 25 club social is a night at Fred Nats Park. Tickets are \$45.

President Jake feels that establishing a satellite club would be an important initiative for our club to pursue. He has invited David Pierce from the Rappahannock Rotary to brief us on how he established the satellite club in Fredericksburg.

President Jake introduced the club budget for next year. We will be restructuring the quarterly dues. Dues for club members paying the regular rate will be reduced \$20 to \$200. Dues for all other types of memberships will increase from \$40 to \$50 to cover overhead. PE Cherice will introduce the club foundation budget at a meeting in June.

Leigh Ann placed "Save the Date" letters on all the tables. These can be used now to begin finding sponsors and selling squares.

Nelda alerted club members that DACdb is requiring everyone to set new passwords. Our Rotary ID numbers are no longer adequate passwords. Leigh Ann encouraged everyone to get the DACdb app for their phones.

During the Happy Cup session we got good news about John and Loretta's engagement!



A close-up photograph of a man with a grey mustache and a red cap that says "END POLIO NOW" in yellow and white letters. He is carefully administering a vaccine from a small glass vial into the mouth of a young child. The child's mouth is open, and the vaccine is visible. In the background, another man with a beard and a yellow tie is partially visible, looking on. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an outdoor or well-lit indoor setting.

CONNECT WITH THE ROTARY WORLD

Rotarians make a difference on a global scale. Your membership gives you access to a global network of professionals and leaders who share a passion for applying their collective expertise and resources to make a positive change.

Here are some ways to connect with the Rotary world.

➤ **MEET OTHER MEMBERS** with similar interests by joining a Rotary Fellowship or a Rotarian Action Group. Rotary Fellowships are formed around hobbies, interests, or vocations, and Rotarian Action Groups are formed around dedication to a particular cause. View lists of Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups and contact one directly using the Rotary Fellowships directory or the Rotarian Action Groups directory.

➤ **PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS.** Many clubs partner with clubs in other parts of the world to address a need in one of their communities. Together, they leverage Rotarian and Rotary alumni expertise to build long-term partnerships for sustainable projects. You can find clubs that need partners, more volunteers, or other support on Rotary Ideas.

➤ **HELP ERADICATE POLIO** either by volunteering for a National Immunization Day (NID), contributing to the cause, or helping to spread the word. Email polioplus@rotary.org to connect with Rotarians leading upcoming trips. Post about polio on your social media pages, contribute to the PolioPlus Fund, or include a link to endpolio.org in your email signature.

➤ **ATTEND ROTARY EVENTS** to exchange ideas and meet people. Attend the Rotary International Convention, which is held in a different international city each year, with friends from your club or district. You'll enjoy inspiring talks from global leaders, celebrities, and activists, meet members from around the world, and learn how to expand our impact. Learn more at rotary.org/events.

➤ **SHARE INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY** and learn about another culture when you participate in a Rotary Friendship Exchange, host a Rotary Youth Exchange student, or explore other Rotary clubs. Friendship exchange participants take turns hosting and visiting one another, often developing friendships that last a lifetime. Youth Exchange hosts open their homes and hearts to create a memorable learning experience. Learn more at rotary.org/empower-leaders and rotary.org/youthexchange.

