

THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

May 4, 2022



Rotary  **People of Action**
Club of Stafford



Club Calendar...

May – Youth Service Month

- May 4 – Dylan Oakes, Classification Talk
- May 11 - Club Assembly
- May 18 - Dr. Peter Kelley, UMW
- May 25 - Club Social, TBA
- Sept. 24 -25 – Via Colori

This Week's Speaker: Dylan Oakes, Classification Talk



May is Youth Service Month when Rotary Clubs, around the world focus on youth services, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, and Youth Exchange. INTERACT. Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club comprised of 14-18 year olds.

April 20, 2022



President Jake presided and welcomed PE Cherice's guest, Stafford Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Thomas W. Taylor. Jake announced that the club had made its annual \$2,000 donation to End Polio Now and a \$1,000 donation to Ukrainian Relief. He reminded everyone of late April events: Relay for Life, Stafford Appreciation Breakfast, and the monthly club social.

The guest speaker was Kenneth Fortune, Organization Support Services, who spoke on the war in Ukraine with a detailed map that showed the contested areas. He described the ebb and flow of the battles. The clock is ticking for Putin. May 9 is the Victory Day holiday in Russia celebrating victory in World War II. It would be auspicious if there could be a cease fire is before then. Mr. Fortune also discussed armored equipment and the difficulties with the terrain. There was a lively Q and A with questions about the possibility of any lasting peace and the efficacy of economic sanctions. The Russian people have a vehicle for action through the free press, but no good political base to overthrow Putin. Mr. Fortune advocates the U.S. tell Putin, "Pull back or we will admit Georgia to NATO."



Relay for Life



Some members of the UMW Rotaract Club team

To date, we have raised \$1,880 of our \$2,000 dollar goal. Fortunately the site will be open for donations until the end of June. We can still reach the goal.

A huge thank you the UMW Rotaract Club! Our involvement in this event was a success because of the work of the seven UMW Rotaract students who showed up at 11 to help set up, served the meal to the survivors, and just helped as needed all day. They had exams the following week and got a few study sessions tucked in between their work. The last of the students stayed until 10 pm when the event concluded.

Luminarias at Relay for Life Honor Cancer Survivors and
Remember Those We Have Lost to Cancer



President Jake and Jack Man the Beads for Life Table



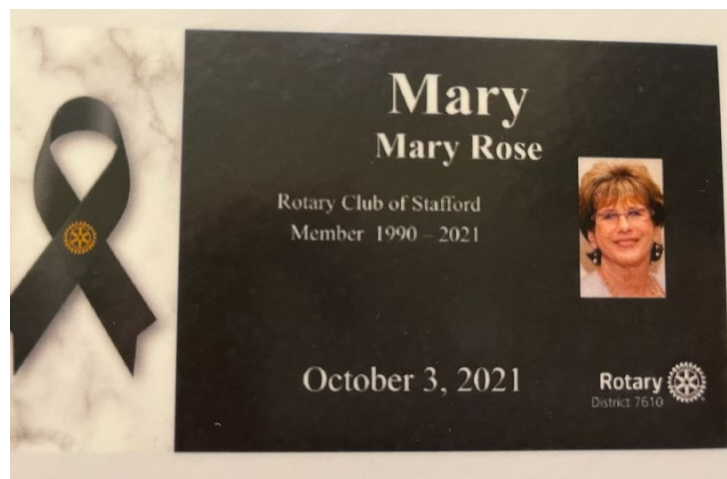
Club Social, Paint Party



Maria is a great teacher, and we all had a great time creating our beach scenes. The snacks were also great!

District Conference

Several club members attended the District Conference this past weekend. PDG Sandy received a Certificate of Recognition from the District Governor at the Banquet. During the membership session Leigh Ann was recognized for serving on the District Membership Committee.



At every District Conference we honor Rotarians who have died during the past year.