

THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

August 2, 2023



Rotary Club of Stafford  **People of Action**

August 2 Program: Field Trip to Loyal Drums followed by Lunch at El Viejon,

Location:
Loyal Drums
31 Utah Place
Ste 112
Fredericksburg, VA

El Viejon Mexican Grill and Bar
1243 Richmond Highway
Fredericksburg, VA 22405
540-628-0060



July 19 Meeting

Leigh Ann presided while President Jamie was busy at Scout Jamboree.

Program: Via Colori Update

Be sure to save the dates - September 23 and 24. Plan to be at Stafford Regional Airport, 10am-5pm - You'll be busy out at the airport !!

Club Calendar August Is Membership and Extension Month

- ❖ August 23 - Farrier and Bladesmith Ben Pittman
- ❖ August 30 - Club Social
- ❖ September 9 - Membership Summit
- ❖ September 23 & 24 - Via Colori, Stafford Regional Airport
- ❖ October 3 - National Night Out
- ❖ November 4 - District Rotary Foundation Seminar and Celebration Luncheon
- ❖ Feb. /March 2024 -District Grant Seminar - Feb/Mar 2024
- ❖ District Training Assembly - April 2024
- ❖ May 25-29, 2024 -Rotary International Convention in Singapore
- ❖ Fall, 2024 - District Conference

We have 75 local artists signed up. Leigh Ann stressed that the artists prefer working on the larger squares. We all need to go out there and sell those squares.

There will be a children's area, Young Exceptional Artists, sponsor booths, nonprofit booths, food trucks, local entertainment on the stage, Rotary booth, and thousands of guests.

When talking to prospective sponsors stress that this is a free community festival with proceeds supporting SCPS students, via projects like 3rd grade dictionaries, new warm coats and needed hygiene products, historical/cultural murals in the schools, scholarships, leadership training, etc. (Hosts = SRC, NSRC, Stafford County Historical Society [aka Discover Stafford]).

This year we will have raffles! Please secure anything you can! There is a Via Colori Stafford Art Exhibit at Howell Branch of the library through August. Stop in and see some of the local talent that will be making VCS23 so cool!

The Artist Reception is at St Peter's Lutheran Church on 9/22. We'll need volunteers. We are also looking for a sponsor for this event.

The Library Fun Fest was scheduled for Tuesday, July 25. Here are Rotaract President Samantha and North Stafford President Andrea at the Salem Church Library.



We need volunteers for Sundays at Long Family Farmers Market, in the commuter lot at 163 Staffordboro Blvd, just off Garrisonville heading west (just past Lowes). Outreach materials will be made available, you just need to set up/promote or promote/take down. There are two dates with two time slots each. We need four people per day.

Sunday, Aug 13 7:30 - 10:30 Debra and _____(need ONE more person)
Sunday, Aug 13, 10:30 - 1:15 need two people
Sunday, Sept 10, 7:30 - 10:30 need two people
Sunday, Sept 10, 10:30 - 1:15 Rene and Bill Laws

Think of possible sponsors for this event!

Mentor360 Community Vendor Fair - Tues, July 25, Colonial Forge HS

We had some good representatives there.

July Social at Paradise Diner

Our end of month social was well attended. We had a great time even though the Paradise Diner was having water and air conditioning problems. Molly planned a game that tested us on how well we knew our fellow Rotarians. We all had some surprises. Great job, Molly!



August is Membership and Extension Month.



Membership Summit -September 8 and 9

And we don't have to travel. It's in Fredericksburg!

Save the date!

District 7610

Membership Summit!

Saturday, 9 September 2023

**Downtown Historic
Fredericksburg VA**

Registration Opens 1 July

The Summit will run between
8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Specific start/adjourn times are TBD.

*Don't relish getting up at O-Dark Thirty to
make the trek to Fredericksburg?*

*Stay tuned for information about a Pre-Summit
program being planned for Friday Afternoon!*

Arrive in Fredericksburg by 11:30.

*Be entertained, enlightened, and fed during the
afternoon and evening.*

Arise at a reasonable hour for the Summit on Saturday!

Note: Friday's program limited to 32 people.



Prelude To A Summit

An afternoon and evening of
Good food, good fellowship, and Virginia history
In

America's "Most Historic City"

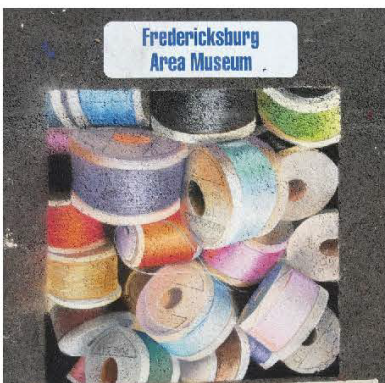
Featuring:

- Lunch at "The Chimneys,"
- A trolley tour of historic Fredericksburg sites
- An opportunity to explore on your own
- A program at Historic St. George's Episcopal Church
Presented by Scott Harris
Executive Director of the
University of Mary Washington Museums
- Dinner at Foode's
- Lodging as you select

September 23 & 24, 2023
10:00am-5:00pm
Stafford Regional Airport
Artist Square Sponsorship Application



Join us ! *Via Colori® Stafford* is a 2-day free community festival that showcases the street painting wonders of 75 local artists. Over the weekend, there will be food trucks, a children's creative area, music and performers, non-profit partners, sponsor booths, and thousands of guests. Businesses, groups, families and individuals are invited to sponsor an artist square. **Your sponsor name will be posted above an artist's creation and on the *Square Sponsors* board. A Sponsor Table will be available for your promotional materials inside the Artist/Sponsor tent, to which you will be welcome. A receipt for your 501(c)(3) donation will also be provided.**



Contact Name: _____

Business/Group/Family Sponsor Name : _____

Sponsorship: \$250 - 4'x 4' ft \$500 - 6'x 6' ft

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Use the below QR code to reach the ***Become a 2023 Sponsor*** link, or complete this form. make your check payable to ***Stafford County Historical Society Inc*** with ***Artist Square Sponsorship*** noted in the memo section, and provide both to a team member. Email : ViaColoriSales@gmail.com with questions.

