THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER July 1

July 12, 2023



July 12 Program: Washington Heritage Museums: Chuck Fennell and Anne Darron



Board of Directors.

Prior to joining Washington Heritage Museums, **Chuck Fennell** developed global procedures and policies for a major oil company, and has served as a US Product Quality Advisor and Eastern US Area Manager for Downstream Assets.

He has been an active volunteer with Washington Heritage Museums since he and his wife moved into Fredericksburg's Rising Sun Tavern neighborhood in 2016. He has served on the Finance and Development Committees, was instrument in the transfer process for the Mary Washington Monument, and in January, became the Chair of the WHM

Anne Darron is the Executive Director of Washington Heritage Museums.



She joined the organization in 2013 and was selected as its first Executive Director in 2014. She helped the organization navigate through the global pandemic, and more recently was a member of the team that ensured a smooth transfer of the Mary Washington Monument property from City ownership to WHM stewardship. Anne is a graduate of Mary Washington College, with a degree in historic

Club Calendar July Is Rotary Transition Month

- July 12 Washington Heritage Museums
- July 19 Via Colori Planning Meeting
- July 22, 2023 Installation and Awards
- ✤ July 25 SCPS Mentor 360
- July 26 No Noon Meeting. Social at 6 Bears and a Goat, 5 pm
- July 30 Deadline for school supplies
- 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

preservation. As a leader in the Boy Scouts of America from 1997-2014, she received the District Award of Merit and was the first woman to receive the Vigil Honor in the Aquia Chapter of the Order of the Arrow. She and her husband have three grown sons and one grandson, and have lived in the Fredericksburg area for over 30 years.

June 21 Meeting

President Cherice presided and welcomed Holly's guest Maria Wilson and Dr. Thomas Taylor, Superintendent of Stafford County Publis Schools.



Announcements:

• Representatives of our club participated in the Juneteenth celebrations.

• Stafford County Public Schools Mentor 360 will be held on July 25. We will again help with this welcome to SCPS staff.

• National Night Out will be held on October 3.

• President Cherice presented a Paul Harris Fellow pin and certificate to Dr. Taylor. Dr. Taylor is a former Rotarian and has missed being active in Rotary. Update: He has since joined our club.

Program: President Jamie Larounis

On his final meeting as President Elect, Jamie presented some highlights from the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne as well as his goals for the club in the coming Rotary year. His presentation is available on the "Recent Speakers" page of our club website. <u>https://staffordrotary.org/news-and-stories-recent-speakers-at-club-meetings/</u>

Here are some highlights from his presentation:

Rotary International Convention

He described his experiences at the RI Convention as "lifechanging". He met so many people from so many countries. The presentation of national flags at the opening ceremony, ending with the Rotary flag, was a very meaningful experience, showing the global reach of Rotary and the unity of Rotarians. He encouraged everyone to attend at least one International Convention to fully appreciate what it means to be a Rotarian.



Jamie with a new Australian friend wearing a Rotary suit. Yes, they exist.

Jamie already has a ticket for the 2024 convention in Singapore.

2023-2024 Membership Goal Setting				
Starting Membership July 1, 2022	33	(a)		
Current Membership 2/1/2023	33			
Estimated Membership July 1, 2023				
Membership Goal July 1, 2024 (July 1, 2023 Start + Growth)		(b)		
Net Membership Growth Challenge = 5% or 5 members		(c=b-a		
Average Annual Attrition to Replace (Greater of <u>Actual</u> or <u>10% = World Class</u>)	7	(d)		
New Members Needed (Growth + Attrition)		(c+d)		



Goals

Goal setting for 2023-2024 done at Board Retreat

• Cherice has maintained our club post COVID and through challenges, which we needed. We needed that reset. Now, time to take things to the next level.

- This year: Looking at data as much as possible.
- Theme for this year: Actionable items to members.

July Service Project - School Supply Drive for SCPS

As part of our ongoing partnership with Stafford County Schools we are collecting school supplies for kids. Please check out the list below for guidance on what supplies they need the most. We hear that backpacks are always in short supply! Please do not "fill a backpack", but rather keep the supplies in their original containers, because when the supplies are divided up for schools they are done so by type, not by backpack. Doing this will help the volunteers be more efficient on sorting day. If you're interested in helping with sorting the supplies the first week of August, stay tuned for more information on that event! Please bring the supplies you purchase to the July 12th or 19th meeting, or to the social on July 26th. (Last chance!) If you do not have time to shop for supplies, consider donating to the Stafford Rotary Foundation in the name of SCPS School Supplies. Another way you can help is to spread the word about the supply drive. On the right side of the image below is a list of local businesses that have collection boxes. Thank you for your support of Stafford's future!





July is Transition Month

Each year Rotary Clubs and Districts across the globe induct new leaders. Our leaders exemplify all the qualities that make our members extraordinary: integrity, expertise, and commitment to service. Serving as a Club or District officer or committee member provides an opportunity to enrich your leadership skills by sharing experiences and ideas with other Rotarians throughout the region.

July is also 'Bring a Friend to Rotary' Month

Installation Banquet



President Jamie was named Rotarian of the Year. Here's a brief history of the big trophy we award the ROTY each year. They are supposed to display it in their offices for the year. It was a gift from a former club member Maj. Gen. Al Brewster, USMC, retired. He thought this was a beautiful trophy. It is in memory of Shirley C. Heim who is a very big part of our club's history. Almost every Rotaract and Interact club in this district was nurtured by Shirley, and most of our legacy projects were begun by Shirley. So, put that big bird on your desk, President Jamie, and make an elevator speech about what it means and our many local and international projects to anyone who asks.





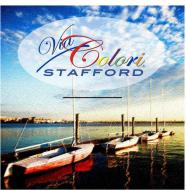






September 23 & 24, 2023 11:00am-5:00pm Artist Square Sponsorship Application

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.





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

