

THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

June 14, 2023



June 14 Program: Kyle Allwine, Manager, PR Northern Neck Electric Co-op



Kyle Allwine is the Manager, Public Relations and Regulatory Affairs for Northern Neck Electric Cooperative. He is responsible for leading all internal and external communications. Since joining the co-op in 2021, he has led their community investment program, which has sponsored over 1,200 books for students in Stafford and King George.

Prior to joining the co-op, Kyle worked at the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and University of Mary Washington in various public relations, regulatory affairs, and communications roles.

CLUB CALENDAR

June Is Rotary Fellowships Month

- ❖ June 14 - Kyle Allwine, Manager, PR Northern Neck Electric Co op
- ❖ June 21 - Jamie Larounis - President Elect
- ❖ June 28 – Installation Banquet, Paradise Diner, 6 pm
- ❖ September 23 & 24 – Via Colori, Stafford Regional Airport

He serves on the Rappahannock United Way Board and the Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board. He is a graduate of University of Mary Washington and holds an MBA. He is also a graduate of Leadership Fredericksburg. He lives in Spotsylvania, VA with his wife Libby, and his son, Kyle II.

May 24 Meeting

President Cherice presided.

Announcements:

- June birthdays include PDG George and AG Cheri.
- Our club meetings will be moving to a new location. Beginning July 1, we will meet at the Paradise Diner on Route 17. We will have a private room, but we will be ordering from the

menu rather than having a buffet. The dues structure will be adjusted to reflect this new procedure.

- DGE Rene encouraged all club officers and committee chairs to attend the virtual district training assembly on June 10.
- The installation banquet is scheduled for June 28 at 6 p.m. at the Paradise Diner on Route 17. Be sure to RSVP to <https://forms.gle/xHZPCh7cyhYnHpZu7>. Remember to respond for yourself and again for any guests you plan to bring.
- PE Jamie attended the meeting via Zoom although he was still in Australia.

Program:



Visiting via Zoom from new New York our delightful guest speaker was Ellen Jovin. She is the cofounder of Syntaxis, a communication skills training firm, founder of the Grammar Table, and the author of several books on language, most recently the national bestseller *Rebel with a Clause: Tales and Tips from a Roving Grammarian*.

Ellen began her program by asking us a few questions about our own grammar questions and preferences, citing the appropriate style manuals for each answer.

She and President Cherice have been good friends since their days at school. Ellen shared a school photo to prove the point. Although the two disagreed on whether they would have preferred a coed school, it seemed that they both had a spectacular time as schoolgirls.

One day in 2018, Ellen decided she wanted to answer grammar questions on the streets of New York City. She walked outside her Manhattan apartment building, unfolded

a table by an express subway stop, and put up a big sign reading “Grammar Table.” The questions began immediately and have been flowing in ever since! Commas, apostrophes, participles, prepositions, classroom debates, spousal disputes, strange spellings, dialect differences—Ellen happily tackled it all at her traveling popup grammar advice stand. She and her husband took the table on the road and visited 47 states and talked about language with thousands of strangers from all over the country and world. She shared several photos of different places she and the table visited in the past few years. Since the Covid shutdown in 2020 the Grammar Table has been online: <https://www.grammartable.com/>

Ellen commented that over 800 languages are spoken in New York City. She joked that she “specializes in marital grammar fights, and the wife is usually right.” During the question-and-answer period she discussed how grammar is currently being taught today, the influence of social media on language use, and the many different versions of English that are used around the world.



JUNE IS



ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Last summer Rotary International announced the chartering of five new Rotary International Fellowships: Camping, Entrepreneurs, Kites, Military Veterans, and Vintage Collectables. Rotary's more than 100 Fellowships provide members and friends the opportunity to unite globally around a common hobby, profession, or shared identity. Read more about our newest Fellowships, and explore the full list, to build your global community and make new friends across the world.



Camping: The Rotary Fellowship of Camping fosters and promotes a passion for camping. Members are invited to participate in annual holidays while enjoying the great outdoors with fellow campers locally and globally.



Entrepreneurs: The Rotary Fellowship of Entrepreneurs supports and fosters entrepreneurship amongst liked minded members from across the globe. The Fellowship offers business exchange programs, skills development workshops, and a platform to share best practices. The Fellowship also plans to help support start-ups and small businesses facing challenges.



Kites: The Rotary Fellowship of Kite brings together Rotary members and friends with a passion for making and flying kites. Members of the Fellowship build strong bonds by organizing and attending kite festivals around the world.

Rotary Fellowship of Military
Veterans

Military Veterans: This Rotary Fellowship for Military Veterans invites all veterans/active service members worldwide, their family members, and friends to build a global network of military veterans and families.

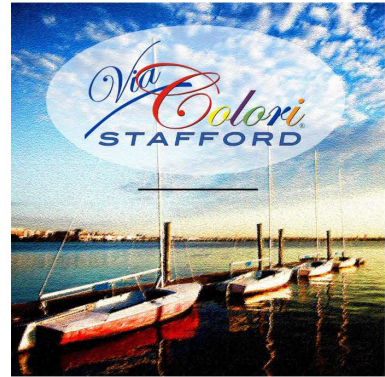


Vintage Collectables: Vintage Collectable Rotary Fellowship is an organization of Rotary and non-Rotary members who have a passion for collecting, restoring and using vintage collectables.

Read stories from Rotary Fellowships to learn more about their activities. Contact one of these groups through their website to get involved, or review our full list of Rotary Fellowships by visiting www.rotary.org/fellowships to find ones that match your interests.

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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Business/Group/Family Sponsor Name : _____

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

Street Address: _____

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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.
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