

# THE STAFFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTER

June 7, 2023



## June 7 Program: Ellen Jovin, Co-founder Syntaxis, Founder of The Grammar Table

Ellen Jovin is a co-founder of Syntaxis, a communication skills training firm, and the author of several books on language, most recently the national bestseller *Rebel with a Clause: Tales and Tips from a Roving Grammarian* (HarperCollins, July 2022). She is also the creator of a traveling pop-up grammar advice stand called the Grammar Table, whose adventures serve as the basis of that book.



### CLUB CALENDAR

June Is Rotary Fellowships Month

- ❖ June 7 - Ellen Jovin -Co-founder Syntaxis, Founder of The Grammar Table
- ❖ 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

Ellen has a B.A. from Harvard College in German studies and an M.A. from UCLA in comparative literature, and has studied twenty-five languages for fun. She lives with her husband, Brandt Johnson, on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

## May 24 Meeting

President Elect Jamie presided..

### Announcements:

- 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.
- Molly attended the Self Defense for the Visually Impaired class that Holly sponsored at Volunteers for the Blind. Molly said it was an amazing experience. The teachers were former interns with Volunteers for the Blind. Molly described the success of a 91-year-old woman had with the class.
- Leigh Ann announced that the club needs a new tent for Via Colori because our tent has worn out.

## Program: Ginger Walker, the Give Back Team

Our speaker was Ginger Walker from the Give Back Team. Ginger described herself as a Jersey Girl (Exit 8A) who has lived in the Fredericksburg area for over 20 years. Her husband is an FBI agent. At one point in his career, he was assigned to the office in Rome. The family moved to Italy.

After that experience Ginger realized what life was like for military families who moved frequently both within the US and overseas. After moving to Italy and back Ginger began to specialize in helping military families.

Ginger has been active in many local charities. When she served on the board of the Fairy Godmother Project, she became known as “the give back girl”. She was inspired to form the Give Back Team when a friend’s son was diagnosed with Duchenne’s disease.

The Give Back Team is a group of dedicated local Realtors in the Stafford and Northern Virginia area who believe in doing good. A percentage of the realtors’ fee for a home sale is donated to the buyer’s charity of choice. The team also supports Children’s National Hospital and a variety of local charities.



June is designated as “Rotary Fellowships Month” by the RI Board to recognize the importance of international fellowship and good will among Rotarians with similar recreational interests, vocations, and health and medical issue-oriented interests, to promote increased participation in fellowships and increase understanding of this program. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who share a common vocation or recreational interest. Rotary Fellowships give their members the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world, and enhance their experience in Rotary.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the international language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians – which now holds the distinction of being the oldest continuing fellowship. The scope of fellowships has changed significantly over the years, but their purpose remains the same: to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide opportunities to enjoy favorite recreational or professional activities.

Many fellowships also use their special interests to serve others. For example, the Fellowship

of Canoeing Rotarians has organized cleanups of polluted rivers, members of the International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians conduct training sessions for Rotarians and others in their community, and members of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers join local Rotary clubs to undertake service projects on each of their diving trips.

Rotary International has established specific policies for forming a Rotary Fellowship. The RI Board of Directors evaluates each prospective group before deciding whether to formally recognize it. However, each fellowship operates independently of RI, with its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure. Membership is open to all Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors.

To learn about the fellowships currently recognized by RI, go to [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships). You will find a listing of existing fellowships, as well as a directory that includes contact information for each group. To learn more about a particular fellowship, or to inquire about joining, contact the group directly. Members will be happy to hear from you.

### May Social at Castiglia's



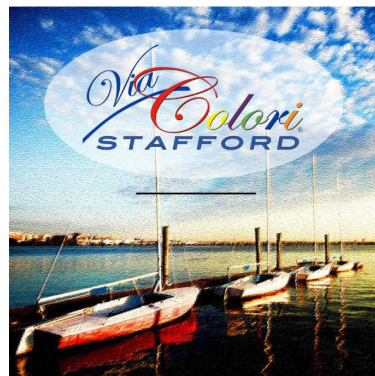
**President Elect Jamie with North Stafford President Andrea Hornung at the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne.**





**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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