

**This Week's Speaker:
Donnie Tolson**



Donald K. (Donnie) Tolson is currently the President & CEO for Rappahannock Goodwill Industries, Inc. (RGI), located in Fredericksburg, VA. Donnie joined RGI in April of 2010 and served as the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer. Prior to joining RGI Donnie retired from Goodwill Industries International, Inc. (GII) after a 27-year career from 1976-2003. At GII Donnie served in a variety of capacities, the latter half of his career there as senior Vice President, Member Services and Development. In that role, Donnie was responsible for all technical support services for member Goodwill organizations, executive development and placement programs, governance and administrative support, territory, membership standards and international programs.

Donnie is a cum laude graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University with a B.A. in Economics. He has taught extensively on strategic planning and financial management and planning for Hartford University and Auburn University among others. Donnie is one of twenty Switzer Scholars (named for the initial head of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Mary Switzer). He has also served on the Board of Directors of CARF and NISH (now SourceAmerica), and was a Co-founder and Director of the Helms Fund and the Goodwill Enterprise Development Corporation. Donnie received a Special Career Recognition at the Conference of Executives of Goodwill Industries International.

Donnie shares his life with his wife Connemara Lee, a retired Goodwill CEO, and five sons: Keith, Aaron, J.C., Andrew, and Brandon. He is a firm believer in JFK's inaugural quote "Our responsibility is not discharged by the announcement of virtuous ends", and believes Goodwill Industries is the very embodiment of that meaning.

Stafford Rotary Highlighter



December 19, 2018

December Is

Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

CLUB SCHEDULE

Dec. 19 - Donnie Tolson President & CEO of Rappahannock Goodwill Industries

Dec. 26- NO MEETING IN CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Jan. 2 – Club Assembly

Jan. 9 – Speaker: Dr. Peter Kelly, UMW

Jan. 13 – End Polio Night with the Washington Wizards

Jan. 16 – Speaker: Thomas Marshall

Feb. 9 – End Polio Night with the Washington Capitals

Feb. 23 - ROTARY'S 114th Birthday and World Peace & Understanding Day

April 4-7 – District Conference



Matt Fleming as Santa for Fleming Therapy - working with young people with autism.

**Room Setup Schedule for
December:
Donald Duckworth
Rebecca Purdy, Bob Sorkhe**

December 12 Meeting

We had an enjoyable lunch at Bonefish Grill and listened to our guest speaker Kevin Marshall, Spotsylvania Supervisor for the Berkley District. Since he is the Spotsy representative for FAMPO he discussed traffic problems and plans. Club members had a lot of questions.

John reported for the Youth Committee. The three Interact clubs had great success with their trees for the Trees of Hope. Mountain View' tree made \$125, Stafford High's tree made \$130, and Oberle School's tree made \$250 at this fundraiser for Loisann's Hope House. The club has donated dictionaries to Hope House and also to volunteers at the Crossings who tutor students from Stafford Junction.

Past President Michael was presented with the awards our club was given at the District Foundation Banquet in November: We were a "whole enchilada" club winning awards for:

- ❖ \$400+ per capita Club
- ❖ 100% participation
- ❖ End Polio Now Giving
- ❖ 100% Sustaining Members Club
- ❖ \$100 per capita Club



Rotary's Longstanding Commitment to Fighting and Preventing Diseases

Rotary members have played a key role in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. Our members have not only helped end polio in 122 countries but also created a system for addressing many other health priorities, like Ebola. Rotary clubs lead efforts to fight diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, and diabetes. Clubs also focus on disease prevention by providing health education and bringing routine hearing, vision, and dental care to those in need.

In December, Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, take action to fight disease in your community. Here are six ways to do that:

1. Offer additional training to local health care professionals.
2. Promote disease prevention programs that aim to limit the spread of communicable diseases and reduce cases of noncommunicable diseases.
3. Enhance local health infrastructure.
4. Educate communities and mobilize them to prevent the spread of major diseases.
5. Support programs that prevent physical disability that results from disease or injury.
6. Support the studies of health professionals.

Join the Disease Prevention and Treatment discussion group on My Rotary to learn from experts and exchange project ideas with fellow Rotarians.



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