

**This Week: Dr. Linda Millsaps,
George Washington Regional
Commission**

GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION

Tracing its origins to 1961, the George Washington Regional Commission is the “planning district commission” established by the General Assembly for the region comprising the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford, known collectively as “Planning District 16.” Planning District 16 is the fourth-largest and fastest-growing of the Commonwealth’s 21 planning districts.

The Commission provides a broad array of services for the benefit of the 347,000 residents of Planning District 16, including regional environmental, energy-conservation, hazard mitigation and rural transportation planning programs; operation of GWRideConnect, the region’s nationally-recognized rideshare brokerage that facilitates and promotes vanpooling and transit use, and; serving as staff to its sister board, the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO), which is the federally-recognized transportation-planning commission serving Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania and Stafford.



**February 21 is the Deadline
For Casino Night
Sponsorships.**

**February Setup- Take Down Crew
Mary Rose, Captain
Anthony Valentino Cyril Hart**

Stafford Rotary Highlighter



February 13, 2019

February Is

**Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
Month**

CLUB SCHEDULE

February 13 2019 - Dr. Linda Millsaps, George Washington Foundation
February 20th- Hope Davis- Germanna Community College Mentor Program
Feb. 23 - ROTARY’S 114th Birthday and World Peace & Understanding Day
February 27th- Social
March 6 2019 - Molly Classification Talk and Club Assembly
March 13 2019 - Dr. Scott Kizner
March 20 2019 - Congressman Rob Wittman
March 23 – Casino Night, 7-11 pm
Please order your March 23 tickets online via
www.staffordrotarycasinonight.com
[Link to Drive Doc on Casino Night Sponsors](#)
March 27 2019 - Social
April 3 2019 - Ginni Mastin Classification Talk
April 4-7 – District Conference
Registration now open
www.rotary7610.org/D7610%20Conference%202019.html
April 10 - Janel Donohue of the Rappahannock United Way
April 17 - Jeff Small, Fredericksburg City Clerk
June 15-19 International Convention (Hamburg)

New Members

At the Feb. 6 meeting we welcomed a new corporate membership - Dream Team Visions. President Trevor O'Toole and Membership Chair Laura Watts inducted Joshua Fant, CEO, and Junaid Alam into the club.





Bob Sorkhe presented an interesting classification talk at our February 6 meeting.



**Rotary Leadership Institute
March 16
George Mason University**

Learn more here:
<http://www.rotary7610.org/RLI.html>
The club will pay your tuition.

Update on Ghana Grant

From: Walter Hughes <walterkhughes@gmail.com>
Subject: Thanks for lives changed in Ghana
Date: February 7, 2019 at 3:08:47 AM EST
To: Walter Hughes Jr <walterkhughes@gmail.com>

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

Our team is in Ghana again. The highs so far are:

- Dedicated the Abansere Elementary School in an immigrant community that is near the "ends of the earth."
- The construction of two new six-classroom block elementary schools at Soronoase - Grant #1871548 - and Nkrankrom is going well. Both schools will have six classrooms, a library, activity room, office, solar-powered lights and eLearning Systems, clean water and Microflush toilets.
- The six-step empowerment model is transforming communities.
- Micro-credit loans are multiplying the work that we can do with the same investment.
- We are on the third round of loans with Stegenor Microfinance.
- We visited the site for the Adadease Junction Junior High School. We are raising money for this school now.
- Water is flowing in the Upper East Region to many boreholes.
- Bolgatanga Goodwill is on track to complete their project in a few months.
 - We converted our first school pit latrine into Microflush toilets. No bad smell, no mosquitos and flies are a welcome change for the students.

We have a team of eight from many districts in the USA. We appreciate the hospitality of the Rotarians in Ghana. The work in Africa is hard and we admire the Rotarians who live and work here to transform their communities. All the best. We wish you could've seen the victories in communities that are being led by local leaders and funded by local funds. Your contributions make a difference.

I was able to visit the Elementary, Junior High and Senior High School in Kumasi that we helped to build in 2005. It was good to see the long-term benefit of investing in education. We are seeing the impact of concentrating efforts in Ghana for over sixteen years. Thanks for your support. Lives are changed thanks to our team.

Regards,

Walter Hughes