

Stafford Rotary Highlighter



January 23, 2019

January Is

Vocational Service Month

CLUB SCHEDULE

Jan. 23 – Club Meeting at the Oberle School

Jan. 30 – Club Social at Chatterbox 5-8 pm

Feb. 4 – Promote Peace Program = Alexandria West Rotary

Feb. 9 – End Polio Night with the Washington Capitals

Feb. 11 – Board Meeting 6 pm, Linda K's home

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

March 20 – Congressman Robb Wittman

March 23 – Casino Night, 7-11 pm

[Link to Drive Doc on Casino Night Sponsors](#)

April 4-7 – District Conference

June 15-19 International Convention (Hamburg)

This Week's Meeting Will Be a Tour of the Oberle School

Employment Resources Incorporated opened The Gladys H. Oberle School, the region's first alternative, special education day school, in 1991. Located in the City of Fredericksburg, the school is licensed to operate by the Virginia Department of Education and is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities.

Students attending the Oberle School are working towards an advanced, standard, applied studies, or special diploma. The school serves the disability areas of emotional disturbance, learning disabled, intellectual disability, autism, other health impairment and multiple disabilities. Many of our students also are diagnosed with mental health disorders. To ensure individualized instruction, our teacher to student ratio averages 4:1 and some classes also have a paraprofessional when the need arises. Two counselors are also available to address mental health needs. All of the students are placed through their Individualized Education Plan and are funded through local monies.

The program varies from most traditional private special education schools in the area as we offer not only a SOL-based and IEP-driven curriculum but also Career and Technical Education and Education for Employment. The Career and Technical Education is newly designed and furnished with leading-edge equipment. The current CTE course offerings include small engine repair, bicycle repair, carpentry, building trades, culinary arts, and graphic design courses. The biggest component of the transition programming is the Education for Employment classes. Students can take a variety of EFE classes beginning with the classroom-based Introduction to the World of Work and eventually work independently in the community in our EFE level classes. The school also has a graphic design lab, a science lab, an art lab, an independent living lab, and a working culinary arts lab. Each classroom is equipped with computers and whiteboard technology for an enhanced educational experience.

January Setup- Take Down Crew

Shawn Huwar

Molly Wilson

Maria Riegger

Several acres adjacent to our building provide green space for physical education. The local YMCA and city parks, also serve as classrooms for PE. Students are able to complete the classroom portion of driver's education through a state-approved online program.

Many of the older students have an opportunity to take courses at Germanna Community College. The staff works closely with the special education specialist at the college to ensure the experience is positive. Students are administered placement tests so an appropriate course can be chosen for each student.

The Interact Club, sponsored by the Stafford Rotary, is one of the most active clubs at Oberle. Interact provides students the chance to participate in many worthwhile community service projects throughout the school year. A variety of other clubs are designed to provide students with opportunities to explore their interests and talents. Club days are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month during an extended lunch hour.

January 16 Meeting

We welcomed new member Cyril Hart. Cyril is VP of Storm Pros. The company specializes in storm damaged home repairs. Mark is Cyril's sponsor. He commented that "to get new members, look for people with heart. Cyril was extremely helpful to Stafford Junction after a recent storm damaged the property.

Here is a photo of Cyril's recent visit to a school in Jamaica.



Thomas Marshall of Onduline North America gave a wonderful presentation. We learned a great deal about the roofing and building materials. Onduline North America has been manufacturing right here in Fredericksburg since 1977.



John read thank you notes from Stafford Junction and from Loisann's Hope House.



**February 21 is the Deadline
For Casino Night
Sponsorships.
Get Sponsor Logos to Shawn ASAP!**

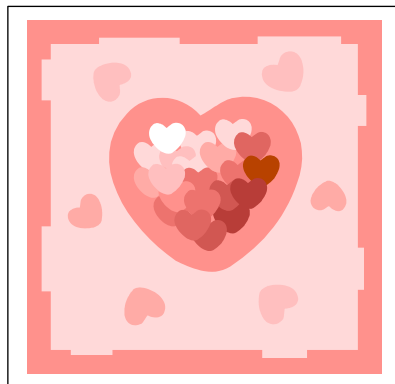


**Rotary Leadership Institute
March 16
George Mason University**

Learn more here:

<http://www.rotary7610.org/RLI.html>

The club will pay your tuition.



**FEB. 13
BRING YOUR
SPOUSE
TO ROTARY.
BUY A ROSE FOR
YOUR VALENTINE.**