



## Stafford Rotary Highlighter



**December 11, 2019  
CLUB SCHEDULE**

**December - Disease Prevention & Treatment  
Month (Foundation Area of Focus)**

Dec. 11 –District Governor Jonathan Lucas, Official Visit

Dec. 18 – No Noon Meeting - Holiday Party at the Duckworth Home 5-9 pm

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – No Noon Meeting

Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day – No Noon Meeting

**February 22, 2020 at Stafford High School.**



### Welcome, District Governor Jonathan

Rotary District 7610 Governor 2019-2020  
Jonathan Lucus



Jonathan Lucus is the Managing Director of The Arc@Work at The Arc of the United States. In his role, he is responsible for providing leadership and strategic direction for the 8th largest charity in the United States. He is also responsible for business development and creating social enterprise programs that support

Fortune 500 businesses and federal government agencies with hiring and retaining diverse talent. He oversees the development of workforce programs for The Arc's 670-chapter network around the country.

Before coming to The Arc, Jonathan has had over twelve years of senior administration experience that has supported marginalized populations that ranged from refugees to under-served women's populations to at-risk youth. He has overseen national technical assistance programs for the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement and created a national job placement and a training agency that has supported refugee populations across the U.S. and around the world. During this time, his work on integration and workforce development was recognized as an international best practice by the U.N. Commissioner for Refugees. He has written language for Congressional legislation that was passed into law; create the first ever national refugee recertification program for medical doctors; and has provided consultation to the United Nations, European Union, Department of State, Department of Health and Human Services, and various countries around the world.

Jonathan is the founder and past-president of Alexandria West Rotary Club, District Governor Nominee 2017-18, Assistant Governor of Area 7, and chair of the District 7610's Past-Presidents Council. He has served as Area Membership Advisor for the district and has been involved in Rotary for over 16 years. He has served as president of the Greensboro College Rotaract Club, Co-Chair of District 7690 Rotaract Council, International Services Chair for Cary-Kildaire Rotary Club in Cary, North Carolina, and Past-President of Columbia Rotary Club in Columbia, MD. Jonathan is a past Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and Paul Harris Fellow. He has lead humanitarian projects in Russia and Zimbabwe funded by the Rotary Foundation.

He received an Executive Master's in Business Leadership from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, a MPA from the UNCG, certification of Russian language and culture from Lomonosov Moscow State University, and a BS in Psychology from Greensboro College. Jonathan is married to a beautiful girl from Shenzhen, China and has two young sons Kian and Camden.

## December 4 Meeting

President Leigh Ann announced a proposed district vocational exchange with police from Australia. There followed a discussion of steps needed to include our club in this visit. She passed around thank you notes from The Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging for supporting the Fall Harvest Masquerade Festival and Stafford Public Schools' Operation Warm coat distribution. Did any of the club members who volunteered at these events take pictures? If so, please send them to Nelda for the web page.

Our speaker was Julie Kay from the Climate Reality Initiative. She gave a thought provoking discussion of effects of global warming and the steps we can all take to reduce greenhouse gases.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackpot Winner in Two Weeks

Way to go, Laura!



## Selma Rotary Club thrives on diversity

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By Jerria Martin, past president of the Rotary Club of Selma, Alabama, USA

Diversity is important to my club, and that's a big reason why I am a member and past president. My club is a second family to me, one that began investing in me all the way back in 2006. As a senior in high school, I received a Rotary Scholarship as part of my club's annual scholarship competition. The program is just one way my club embraces and seeks diversity. We invite a graduating senior from every high school, public and private, from all neighborhoods and walks of life, to

share their leadership and service skills with us. Every senior who is chosen receives a scholarship.

I was a recipient of that program. And I knew that Selma's business and community leaders believed in my vision and were willing to invest in my future. That's what created in me a desire to be a Rotarian. I knew without a shadow of a doubt that the first organization I'd be joining after returning home from Princeton would be our local Rotary club.

## How to achieve diversity

You must be intentional to achieve diversity. Our club takes pride in welcoming new and prospective members from every background. I think the trick is to not make things "weird" but to give every member the respect, support, and love they desire regardless of where they are from. Things will naturally progress and succeed from there. This was my experience, as a 26-year-old African American woman, elected club president at the age of 29, and chosen as an Emerging Leader by our Rotary district this year. I am proud to be part of the Rotary family.

Our club's Youth Serve & Shadow project which I help oversee is another way we deliberately seek and embrace diversity. The project educates, empowers, and uplifts young men and women throughout the at-risk communities in Selma and Dallas Counties by providing 15-20 public high school students who face adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships with respected veteran Rotarians. These mentors work strategically for a year to have a positive impact on the student's life.

Students join us for service projects and shadow us on our jobs. Through our time spent with our young leaders, we as Rotarians become more informed on what we can do to better serve all of our communities, impacting positive change. Every fundraiser and service project we've had this year has reflected this conviction. Not only is this an approach that will help your club grow and thrive, but this is something that we can feel proud about giving to the future generations.

## Selma club bicycle giveaway





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