

# THE STAFFORD HIGHLIGHT

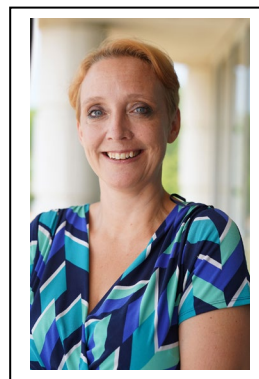
August 7, 2024



Rotary Club of Stafford **People of Action**

## August 7 –Dr. Cheri Maea

Dr. Maea is a passionate advocate for community education and the role that education plays in improving the lives of students and the overall health of the community. She served honorably in the United States Army for six years and then was a military spouse. After leaving the army, Cheri pursued higher education and has a bachelor's and master's degree in business, a professional accounting certificate, Education Specialist Degree, and a Doctorate in Education in November. When not at work, Cheri is dedicated to a life of service and currently serves as an Assistant Governor and Annual Fund Chair for Rotary District 7610. She serves as our club's membership chairman this year.



Cheri has four children and one grandchild.

## July 31 Meeting

Cheri Maea presided because President Jamie was at a national Boy Scout event in Colorado. Cheri welcomed visiting Rotarians DGN Peter Anderson from the Crystal City/ Pentagon Rotary and Don Mohr from the Fredericksburg Rotary. Other guests were Jake's cousin Mary Ann Almborg, Judi Mohr, and Dieter Stenger. PDG Rene gave the Rotary moment by telling the Starfish Story and relating it to Rotary work.

## Club Calendar

### August Is Membership & Extension Month

- ❖ August 7 meeting – Cheri Maea
- ❖ August 11-13 – District trip to RI HQ
- ❖ August 14 – Noon Meeting
- ❖ August 21 – Noon Meeting
- ❖ August 29 – Visit to e3Kids headquarters.
- ❖ September 28, 29 -Via Colori
- ❖ October 4-6, 2024 – District Conference

## **The Starfish Story** **Original Story by: Loren Easley**

*One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?" The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die." Son, the man said, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference." After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said, "I made a difference for that one".*

### **Announcements**

- ❖ DGN Peter announced that sponsors are needed for the district conference.
- ❖ We need sponsors and artists for Via Colori. September is getting close!
- ❖ August 28 – Visit to e3Kids Headquarters.
- ❖ President Jamie is working on an area social at Fred Nats Park in August.

### **Program – Rotary Global Scholar Jimmy Musili**

PDG Rene introduced our guest speaker Jimmy N. Musili, a Rotary Global Scholar, a candidate for a Master of Environmental Management at the Yale School of the Environment. He is married with two children. He is a Senior Warden at the Mwingi National Reserve in Kenya. Rotary District 9212 is his sponsoring district. Jimmy gave a two-part presentation: His life and work in Kenya and the Rotary Effect.

He described his home village as it was when he was a child. It was an agricultural village on the edge of the forest. Wildlife was abundant, and villagers grazed their cattle in the forest. By 2005 the natural resources of his home village were greatly diminished. There was less farming, fewer wild animals, and even a paucity of the native grasses that are used to thatch roofs.



Wildlife Services. He gave us descriptions of his

He received his BS degree in Wildlife Management and began his work with Kenya



work at Mwingi National Park. The park has been designated a Wilderness Activity Zone by Kenya Wildlife Service which allows for fly camping, camel and horseback safaris as opportunities for traditional game viewing are extremely limited. Mwingi National Reserve is one of four protected and contiguous areas that comprise the 4,400 square km in the Meru Conservation Area. It was formerly known as Kitui National Reserve and located in Kitui District, Mwingi covers 745 sq km.

Wildlife populations are low, but there are hippo, crocodile, buffalo and warthog. Areas of the reserve have been encroached by settlements and permanent agriculture. The climate is hot and dry. Jimmy said that there is always a challenge to balance the needs of wildlife with the needs of the human populations. He described the task of removing and relocating lions who are too near populated areas.



He chose to do graduate study in wildlife management at Yale. He received a scholarship from Yale, but it was inadequate for his financial needs. Yale staff informed him of the existence of Rotary Global Scholarships. During the application process he learned a lot about Rotary in Kenya and throughout the world. The Rotary clubs in Connecticut have been welcoming and helpful to him.

It was wonderful to hear about his interesting and vital work.



**AUGUST IS**

**MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

**CLUB**

**"Rotary's strength lies in the sincerity of purpose of its members."**  
Estes Snedecor, Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon - 1921 Rotary Convention

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With the month of August upon us, we recognize Membership and New Club Development Month. In order to grow Rotary and increase our impact, we need “all hands-on deck” to share the gift of Rotary with new acquaintances, old friends, co-workers and neighbors, and all who are interested in service and want to be a part of an organization that is doing good in the world.

The second strategic priority of our Rotary Action Plan is Expand our Reach. If more people affiliate with Rotary as members, participants and partners, we’ll grow our capacity to make a greater impact. This priority focuses on how we can share our values with new audiences, create new ways to bring people together to experience the power of Rotary, and prove we are an organization that’s inclusive, engaging, compassionate, and ambitious on behalf of the world.



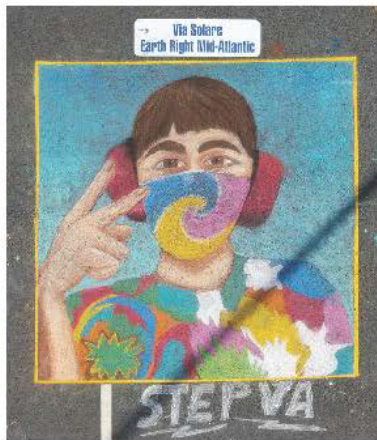
4th Annual



September 28-29, 2024  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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