

THE STAFFORD HIGHLIGHT

July 31, 2024



Rotary Club of Stafford  **People of Action**

July 31 – Rotary Global Scholar, Jimmy N. Musili

Jimmy N. Musili is a Rotary Global Scholar, a candidate for a Master of Environmental Management at the Yale School of the Environment.

He is a Senior Warden, Mwingi National Reserve in Kenya.



Club Calendar

July Is Transition Month

- ❖ July 31, 7 pm meeting – Jimmy N. Musili
- ❖ August 11-13 – District trip to RI HQ
- ❖ August 29 – Visit to e3Kids headquarters.
- ❖ September 28, 29 -Via Colori
- ❖ October 4-6, 2024 – District Conference

Rotary Global Scholarship grants are for graduate students studying abroad in one of Rotary’s areas of focus:

- ❖ Promoting peace
- ❖ Fighting disease
- ❖ Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- ❖ Saving mothers and children
- ❖ Supporting education
- ❖ Growing local economies
- ❖ Protecting the environment

Scholarships last from one to four years and can include an entire degree program. Global grant scholarships are funded using District Designated Funds (DDF), cash, and directed gifts and endowment earnings. The Foundation will provide an 80% World Fund match for all DDF contributions.

July 24 Meeting

President Jamie presided. Holly gave the Thought of the Day, a line from a Pete Seegar song: “A time for peace. I swear it’s not too late.”

President Jamie gave some thank you gifts to some club members who missed the annual club banquet.

Announcements

- ❖ Donna held a Discover Rotary event at Harmony Assisted Living. There are some former Rotarians living there who are considering reconnecting with Rotary.
- ❖ Cheri asked for volunteers for the teachers fair at Colonial Forge on September 30 and August 2.
- ❖ In October there will be a Zone Summit for Emerging Leaders. DG Amelia nominated both Jamie and Cheri. Both were selected.
- ❖ During the August visit to Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, there will be a joint meeting and service project with the Evanston Rotary Club.
- ❖ There will be a second part of the club visit to the Sheriff’s department – a tour of the jail, in September.
- ❖ August 28 – Visit to e3Kids Headquarters.
- ❖ President Jamie is working on an area social at Fred Nats Park in August.
- ❖ PDG Rene discussed a Food Palooza to be held in November.

Program – Food Insecurity in Our Area

Our scheduled speaker Krystal Harmon had a family emergency. Her friend Karen Thompson Young filled in for her. She talked about the work that Krystal has been doing with food distribution throughout the Rappahannock Region through S.E.R.V.E. and other community organizations.

The date for the Community Palooza is Saturday, November 16. There will be a food drive leading up to this distribution, providing Thanksgiving food boxes to hundreds of people. Help is especially needed providing turkeys and hams for these food boxes. There will be a repeat distribution before Christmas.

Karen commented on Krystal’s work with NAMI. Here again is the link to the NAMI page that she sent us last week.

<https://www.nami.org/support-education/mental-health-education/nami-sharing-hope-mental-wellness-in-the-black-african-ancestry-communities/>

During the question-and-answer session with Karen President Jamie spoke of his hope that our club would erect a Peace Pole in some prominent place in our county. He also reminded us that right now Via Colori is our number one priority. Our

ability to undertake community service projects depends on our success with Via Colori. Get out and sell squares for the event, please!

What is a Peace Pole

A Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message May Peace Prevail on Earth in different languages on each of its four or six sides. There are estimated over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace.

Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over. It is a wonderful project for any community, organization or your home. Peace Poles are now recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument to peace. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony. Stand as a silent visual for peace to prevail on earth.





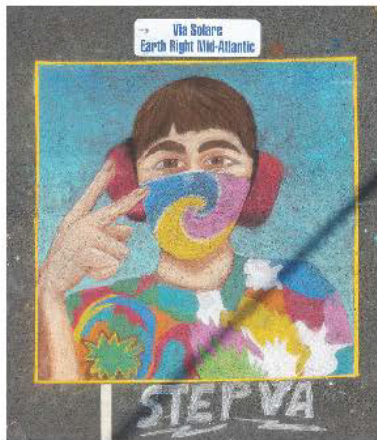
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September 28-29, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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