

# THE STAFFORD HIGHLIGHT

March 26, 2025



Rotary Club of Stafford  **People of Action**

## AREA 4 MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT ROADSHOW

**MARCH 26 • 7:00-8:30PM**  
**FREDERICKSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1016 Caroline St • Fredericksburg  
Hosted by: AG Jamie Larounis

**Engaging Members • Growing Clubs • Expanding Reach**

Workshop open to all Rotarians and Rotaractors!

Light Meal Provided

Which piece are you bringing?

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Growing  
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### March 26 Meeting

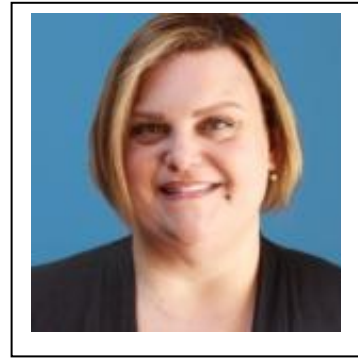
Membership Roadshow - Wednesday March 26 at 7:00p at Fredericksburg Baptist Church. This replaces our evening meeting that week and will be a workshop to talk membership strategies and ways we can bring in more Rotarians.

This is for ALL Rotarians. Pizza/Salad/Soda will be provided, but you MUST RSVP so we have a headcount for food:

<https://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/RSVP/Index.cfm?EventID=77817491>

## March 19 Meeting

President Jamie presided. Our speaker was Tracy McPeck from the North Stafford Rotary. She is the Director of Adult Services for Central Rappahannock Regional Library and oversees the Adult Services departments of the CRRL's ten branches plus Access Services (accessibility services). This includes working with the adult teams on planning events, improving service to customers, maintaining the library collections, and much more. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity. Tracy gave an update on services and upcoming events at the regional library.



Following the theme of “it’s never a dull moment at the Rotary Club of Stafford” the meeting at our new meeting location at Stafford High School was interrupted by a fire drill!

Of course, we had to do a club “fire drill selfie” before heading back inside for our guest speaker.

See what you miss when you miss a meeting: a delicious lunch and surprises.

## Announcements

- ❖ March 27 — Special Board Meeting at 5:00p by Zoom to talk about Via Colori
- ❖ April 2 - Club District Grant Meeting at Germanna Community College Stafford at 3.00p.
- ❖ April 2 - Area Service project from 5-7p at Fredericksburg Food Bank
- ❖ April 2 - Via Colori Kickoff at 7:30p at St Peter’s Lutheran Church.
- ❖ April 4 - Duke UNC Peace Conference
- ❖ April 23 - Stafford Schools Career Day Service Project at Stafford Airport (7a - 3p)
- ❖ April 26 - District Training Assembly at Laurel Ridge Community College
- ❖ April 26 - Evening, time TBD, Escape Room social with North Stafford Club
- ❖ May 3 - RLI I, II, and III at PATH Foundation in Warrenton
- ❖ May 10 — Relay for Life

## March Is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month



### WATER FOR A COMMUNITY

Rotary clubs partnered with local organizations to install a rainwater harvesting and distribution center for 4,000 people in Papua New Guinea. They also delivered training programs for women in the community and students in 35 schools.

### WASH IN GUATEMALA SCHOOLS

Rotary clubs in Guatemala improved conditions for as many as 1,793 children in 10 schools in the town of Escuintla by providing toilets, washing stations, water tanks, and training in basic hygiene. Educators tell Rotarians that fewer students now miss school because of gastrointestinal and respiratory illnesses, which sometimes spread by poor hand washing or lack of safe water.



### WATER SUPPLY IN TANZANIA

A dozen Rotary clubs collaborated with local partners to establish a water supply and delivery system for 1,500 people in the village of Kigogo, Tanzania. They also taught the community how to maintain the systems and provided hygiene education.



## MAKING SCHOOLS HEALTHIER



All 24 of Lebanon's Rotary clubs came together — overcoming religious, cultural, and political divisions — to form partnerships with the government, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Together the groups developed a program that delivers clean water to every public school in the country.

## ACCESS TO TOILETS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Rotary clubs and partners built 222 toilets, six rainwater collectors, seven communal handwashing stations, and 20 biosand filters. The project provided more than 1,000 people with access to proper toilet facilities and almost 600 people with a regular supply of clean water.



The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard:

- ❖ **WASH Global Grant Projects:** Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$130 million in over 2000 projects worldwide. Through this investment, our volunteers of action have improved access to safely managed and basic WASH services to communities, schools and healthcare facilities, while protecting and conserving water resources.
- ❖ **Rotary-USAID WASH Partnership:** Rotary and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) assist communities and governments to plan, finance and deliver safe water, sanitation and hygiene services, while sustainably managing water resources.
- ❖ **WASH in Schools Target Challenge:** Rotary challenges our members to develop sustainable projects that comprehensively address the most pressing water, sanitation, hygiene and education needs in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya.

\$24 is all it takes to provide one person with safe water

123 schools in Ghana have gained access to basic sanitation and hygiene services due to the Rotary-USAID partnership

\$148 million The Rotary Foundation has invested in water, sanitation, hygiene and water resource management interventions globally