

THE STAFFORD HIGHLIGHT

September 18,
2024

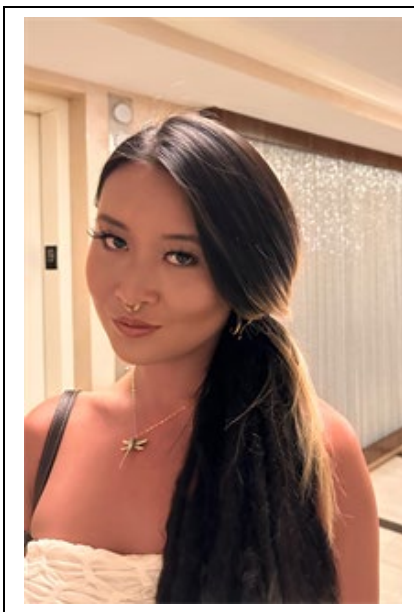


Rotary Club of Stafford  **People of Action**

September 18 - Chloe Brackens from GMU

Chloe Brackens is President of the Freedom Connection, a student-led organization focused on spreading awareness of human trafficking and advocating for fair trade.

The purpose of the Freedom Connection is to advocate for fair trade, help create a fair-trade University at Mason and address the issues of human trafficking as one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the world today. The group's long-term goal is to help in combating human trafficking, particularly in the DC Metropolitan and Northern Virginia Area. Furthermore, they commit to networking with other universities and active organizations within Washington DC, Northern VA, and surrounding areas. They partner with law enforcement agencies in order to create a communication network within our area of influence.



Club Calendar

September Is Basic Education and Literacy Month

- ❖ September 18 -Regular Club Meeting Speaker: Chloe Brackens from GMU and Via Colori Updates (Cheri Maea)"
- ❖ September 25 – Regular noon meeting Sean Lanier
- ❖ September 28, 29 -Via Colori
- ❖ October 4-6, 2024 – District Conference
- ❖ October 10/12 -Rotary Leadership Institute (registration opened!)
- ❖ October 24 - World Polio Day!
- ❖ November 2 - District Foundation Day!
- ❖ January 7 Get the Puck Out Polio! Noon game v. Rangers!
- ❖ February 20-22 – RI Peace Conference in Istanbul
- ❖ June 21-25 – Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Alberta

September 11 Meeting

President Jamie presided and began the meeting with a moment of silence in commemoration of September 11.

Donna introduced her guest Stan Harris, who recently moved to Stafford for Florida.

Announcements

- ❖ The Via Colori signup sheet has been sent out. Please sign up to volunteer for this event.
- ❖ Cheri will lead next week's meeting.
- ❖ We still need more sponsors for Via Colori.
- ❖ Register for District Conference, October 4-6.
- ❖ Our chili cook-off will be held at UMW on October 30.
- ❖ Donna announced that volunteers are needed for the National Night Out event.

Program – Veronica Guterrez. Gwyneth's Gift Foundation

Gwyneth's Gift Foundation is dedicated to raising awareness of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). Certified through Guidestar, the Rappahannock United Way Local Government Campaign (LGC), and Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC), they provide specific practices that build and reinforce life-saving skills by training community members in Hands-Only CPR and placing AEDs in businesses and public facilities.

They hope that through this work they can serve as a catalyst for increasing the survival rate of those suffering from an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest because they received immediate life-saving measures from a member within their community.

The mission of Gwyneth's Gift Foundation includes utilizing fundraising capabilities and partnerships to place AEDs in businesses and public facilities. Initially, the goal was to distribute at least one AED to a qualified recipient per quarter for a total of at least four per year. However, through community support and outreach, they have increased the number of devices deployed year-over-year.

In 2021, they placed 20 AEDs. They aim to expand this placement across our region and, over time, across the



Commonwealth.

Their goal is to achieve similar success in the Commonwealth as they engage citizens in the communities in which they live to provide Hands-Only CPR & AED Training. The GGF team and volunteers run all training events. Additionally, they have partnered with businesses, hospitals, first responders, schools, and civic organizations to host training events.

The Gwyneth's Gift Foundation Scholarship was formed in the loving memory and honor of Gwyneth Griffin. She is a testament to all of us on how to live freely with undeniable optimism and compassion toward others.

They accept applicants who meet the following criteria:

- ❖ Best exemplifies the virtues that most represent Gwyneth Griffin – compassion, service, leadership, determination, and acceptance.
- ❖ Are a graduating senior at a Stafford County High School in the scholarship calendar.
- ❖ Will attend an institution of higher learning in the Fall following graduation.
- ❖ Demonstrate participation in community service activities and/or extracurricular activities.
- ❖ Are in good standing, a role model to others, and possess demonstrated leadership characteristics.
- ❖ Have not received disciplinary action in detention or above six months before the application deadline.
- ❖ *The Scholarship application will OPEN November 2024.

Help Grow Public Awareness of CPR & AEDs

- ❖ Become CPR trained or certified and then encourage five friends to get trained. Training can be obtained through local chapters of The American Red Cross, American Heart Association, and often through your local fire and EMS services.
- ❖ Plan a Hands-Only CPR & AED Training at your place of work or business. Look to see if an AED is available in your building.
- ❖ Find out if your local schools are in need of an AED then help them acquire funding. Money for the purchase of these devices may be obtained with the help of local businesses, grants from local hospitals, Gwyneth's Gift Foundation or raised via fundraisers and /or the school's PTA. The opportunities for acquiring a device or funding are numerous.
- ❖ Learn how your community can earn a HEARTSafe designation or support organizations like PulsePoint.



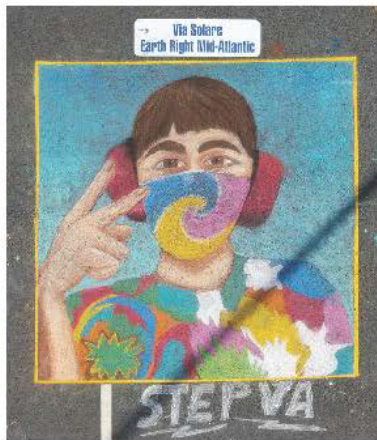
4th Annual



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

Sponsor an artist's square! Benefits:

- Your sponsor name displayed to thousands of attendees
- Support of Stafford County Public Schools' Stafford in Action Week, combating student hunger
- Provide artists' supplies and event support, allowing it to be free for all to attend



About Via Colori® Stafford

A free two-day street painting festival showcasing 75 local artists. Thousands attend to watch artists, enjoy food and live entertainment, and meet community non-profits and major event sponsors, while kids enjoy their own art experience.

Scan code to fill out form and pay online, or fill out the form below:



Contact name: _____

Business/Group/Family name: _____

Sponsorship: \$250 - 4'x4' square \$500 - 6'x6' square

Make checks payable to Via Colori Stafford. Provide to a team member or mail to 9 Kettlebrook Ct., Stafford, VA 22556. A 501(c)(3) donation receipt will be provided.

Street address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact ViaColoriSales@gmail.com for Major Sponsorships or questions.