

RAGAS Coordinator – Virginia (U.S.A.), Amelia J. Stansell (District 7610, Zone 33) joined the Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary Club in 2006 where she served as President in 2011-12 before transferring to the Warrenton Club in 2013. Amelia currently serves as President Elect and will be President in 2022-23. Additionally, District 7610 nominated her as District Governor Nominee Designee and will serve as District Governor in 2024-25. Amelia is a Paul Harris Society Member, level PHF+8.

In 2017 Amelia attended the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, GA, USA where Human Trafficking was a major topic. She was introduced to Just Ask Prevention, by PDG, Steve Cook, in the House of Friendship and he connected her with the West Springfield Rotary Club and Just Ask Prevention (now known as Anti-Trafficking International). Upon return to her club, she hosted Just Ask as a club program in August 2017. In summer 2018, with the support of her Rotary Club, she formed the Fauquier Anti Sex Trafficking Alliance. FASTA's mission is to inoculate their community through awareness and prevention education, and supporting survivors and their families when they fail. They are an alliance of community organizations and individuals working toward this common goal. Through that organization, she worked with Anti Trafficking International, Reset180, Fauquier Sheriff's Office, FBI and HSI to organize Community Conversations throughout her community to start the conversation about sex trafficking.

FASTA has a stakeholder group which meets bi-monthly and includes representatives from several agencies and NGO's and other organizations who work in the sphere of human trafficking prevention. This has resulted in a more coordinated effort for her community. She is working closely with the public and private schools in her county, as well as the community college to implement anti-trafficking curriculum in their schools.

Amelia was honored to represent her club and District at the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, serving on a panel of speakers from the Netherlands, Nigeria, and the USA to share about how local clubs can tackle human trafficking prevention in their own communities through building strategic partnerships, using her club and county as the model for Rotary's local efforts worldwide. This session was attended by over 400 Rotarians. Since then, Amelia also agreed to serve as the RAGAS Virginia State Coordinator. In 2021 Amelia facilitated a focus group for the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery in a strategic action planning session for Community Awareness & Prevention Education (CAPE) and continues to present it to Rotarians and RAGAS members around the world to help everyone be a super hero in their own community!