



Gaithersburg Newsletter

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December 27th, 2014

Meeting at noon on Tuesdays in the Holiday Inn, Route 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue

Join Rotary to:

- * **Join leaders**
- * **Exchange ideas**
- * **Take action**

Club Leaders

Diana Swanson

President

Linda Hanson

President-Elect

Jeremiah Eliason

Secretary

Dan Dellon

Treasurer

Winfree Irvine

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Events

12/30, 5:00 p.m.: [Fifth Tuesday Happy Hour](#) at Not Your Average Joe's in the Kentlands. Guests invited!

1/6/15: luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Speaker: Stephanie Bonte-Lebair, creator of [The Empowered Performer](#) and co-founder of Duet Vocal Academy.

1/13/15: luncheon in the Holiday Inn and Club Assembly.

1/17/15: 94th annual Oyster Roast by the Rotary Club of Baltimore County. Details on the district website.

1/20/15: luncheon in the Holiday Inn, speaker to be announced.

The 4-way Test

Of all that we think, say and do.

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it bring goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

To all all the friends of the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg



Happy Hour About to Happen

This Tuesday, December 30th, at Not-Your-Average Joe's in the Kentlands. End of year celebration. Happy hour prices on beverages (and free ones for the first eleven guests); hors d'ourves provided. We welcome friends of Rotary and especially potential Rotarians.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary News reports that The Rotary Foundation is rated one of the best by The Chronicle of Philanthropy. Also it enjoys a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Its administrative expenses are just 2% of income and its fund raising expenses just 6%. In the past Rotary year, it provided nearly US\$70 million in grants. Since its beginning, it has donated more than **\$1.3 billion** to the fight against polio and large amounts to other worthwhile causes.

Our Luncheon Last Tuesday

Fun and productive, as always. We enjoyed having three guests from the American Legion: [Al Jones](#) who works at NIST, [Marty Levin](#), a "Cold Nose Warm Heart Pet Advocate," and [Jim Garrant](#), back for his second visit. Al and Jim help with robotics programs in Montgomery County schools. They are interested in working with Rotary, for help in the classrooms and for funding.

Former member, [Cristina Frey](#) also attended, brimming with ideas for a a new business venture. She was given an award for her excellent work with our two Interact clubs.

President Diana briefed us on the Rotary Foundation (see previous story) and the Oyster & Bull Roast (see events at left). Winfree reported on activities at Asbury Methodist Village and said that, next year, we might only go to the Hermann Wilson Health Care Center.



Amanda Dugan gave her "Classification Speech" and described her college studies, work with an insurance company (the Life and Disability Dept. is not a happy place), getting into real estate, and expecting her first baby this summer. She met her (now) husband at work, when her computer broke down and he went to make it right.

Amanda was given an award for her work heading up the Dictionary Project this year.

We sang Happy Birthday to Mitra, and she responded by telling us her true age. Suffice it to say that there are many good years ahead of her.

At **Happy Dollar** time, Jim Garrant put in \$5 for the pleasure of being with us. Also, Winfrey paid \$5 for the members who helped at Asbury. Cristina was happy to be with us, and Ivan was glad that his daughter had made a good decision to NOT take a long trip in her new car. Jeremiah was pleased to announce that he was closing his law firm and joining a larger one. His new office will be easy to find, on Kentlands Boulevard.

The **50-50** was won by our guest, Marty Levin. She did not get rich, but took in enough to buy "tall" coffees at Starbucks for Jim, Al and herself.

