



# Gaithersburg Newsletter

<http://www.Rotary7620.org> 12-13-14

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**

Sereean-at-Arms

## **Events**

### December 16th:

- Fireside Chat with Carlos Vargas Lesmes, 11:15 a.m., Holiday Inn
- Luncheon, 12:15 p.m.

Speaker: Geoff Arnold, [radio announcer for the Frederick Keys](#)

- Playing Santa at Asbury, Hermann Wilson Health Care Building, 2:00 p.m.

- Leading carols at Asbury, Kindley Assisted Living Building, 7:00 p.m.

12/23, 12:15 p.m., luncheon in the Holiday Inn. [classification talk](#) by Amanda Dugan

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

## Rotary Club Elects Future Leaders

At their luncheon last Tuesday, members of the club elected their leaders for the 2014-15 Rotary year. They are as follows:

- Linda Hansen, moving up to the Presidency
- Jeremiah Eliason, moving up to be President-elect
- Michael May, moving in as Secretary
- Dan Dellon, continuing as Treasurer
- Winfree Irvine, continuing as Sergeant-at-Arms

These five, with outgoing President Diana Swanson, will constitute the Board of Directors. They will take office on July 1st and continue guiding our group into the future.

## New Policies



### Also last Tuesday:

President Diana announced that members are very strongly urged to pay their **monthly invoices** within 30 days of receiving them.

The group voted to levy a charge of **\$5.00 per meeting** when members are absent and do not make up the meeting by attending at another club or on the Internet. This is to compensate for the fact that our charge for lunches is below the amount billed by the hotel.

President Diana announced that holiday gifts for students at Summit Hall Elementary School should be delivered by December 15th, to Tom or Ken or directly to the school.

The committees reported. Dan said our financial situation was good but regretted that we lost money on Charter Night because of low attendance. The Holiday Inn met us part way by reducing the guaranteed number, after the fact.

There was applause for an excellent meeting and an excellent meal.

## Linda Hanson to Receive Gaithersburg Person of Character Award

By Diana Swanson

2014-11-25

The City of Gaithersburg presents Person/Business of Character awards to those who consistently strive to exemplify the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Nominees for this award must either live or work within the incorporated City limits and their actions should benefit the community. Since its inception in 1997, 34 people have been recognized.

At their meeting on Tuesday January 20, 2015, the Gaithersburg Mayor and City Council will present a Person of Character award to Linda Hanson. The presentation will be at 7:30pm at the Gaithersburg City Hall Council Chambers. Please join us in celebrating our President-elect, Linda Hanson on receiving this prestigious award.

## Dictionary Distribution Goes On

By Ken Weiss

On December 11th, Bea Weiss and Victoria distributed

dictionaries to 70+ kids at Flower Hill Elementary School. The teachers, who remembered us from last year, got into the act with quiz questions. It was fun and rewarding.



Now, just one school remains and we will have, again, provided encyclopedic dictionaries to the third grade students in most public schools in Gaithersburg.



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## Wonderful District PR Seminar

By Ken Weiss

Today, 12/13/14, Georges and Ken attended a district seminar on using social media that was far and away the best they had attended. It went from mind-boggling statistics about social media platforms, i.e., **41,000 posts** every **second** on Facebook, to ideas about how Rotary clubs could use each platform. It ended with brief sessions on traditional media and on PR planning.

Look for efforts early next year to organize and expand our club's public outreach.