



# Gaithersburg Newsletter

[www.GaithersburgRotary.org](http://www.GaithersburgRotary.org) April 13th, 2014

**Meeting at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Hilton Hotel, 620 Perry Parkway in Gaithersburg**

### Club Leaders

**Thomas J. Breece**

President

**Diana Swanson**

President-Elect

**David Sickle**

Secretary,

**Linda Hanson**

Treasurer

**Winfree Irvine**

Sergeant-at-Arms

### Events

4/15: Luncheon, 12:15 p.m.  
Speaker: Randy Shannon of Web Strategies, Inc.

4/22: Luncheon, 12:15 p.m..  
Speaker to be announced.

4/29: Probably an evening cocktail instead of a luncheon. Details to be announced.

5/6: Luncheon, 12:15 p.m.,  
speaker to be announced.

5/8: 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., eat in the Kentlands at Potomac Pizza -- benefit to the club.

And, May 19-11, THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE. LET'S GET REGISTERED!

### The Four Way Test

Of all that we think, say and do,

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Mitra getting "stripped"

## Welcome to the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

The Gaithersburg Rotary Club welcomes successful people who are service-oriented and can attend at least half of its weekly meetings.

## Our Meeting April 8th

This was more a "happening" than a meeting.

- \* Farouk, from the hotel, announced his annual "Give Kids The World" dinner on May 8th.
- \* We met our scholarship winner from GHS, Gislene Tasayco, her mother and her counselors.
- \* We wished well to our former President, Adrian Halperin, who will move to Florida April 17th.
- \* We installed a new member, Rodney Mayer of Business Visions, LLC.
- \* We "stripped" the new member sticker from Fatemeh Tavakkoli's badge.

We needed every available chair for our members, Gislene Tasayco and her mother (Scarlet Prado), two counselors from GHS and two guests from ARC of Montgomery.



To install Rod Mayer as a **new member**, Diana read from a recently-discovered history of our club. Now, we can all know whence we came. Then, Tom presented his credentials and the cameras flashed.

Winfree introduced **our scholarship winner**, Gislene, and she addressed the group. She thanked us and other people and said she wanted to be a lawyer and then maybe a supreme court justice. Ken remarked on the power of having role models, for her Judge Maria Elsa Bernard and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Gislene's career counselor, Gerri Sliffman, also thanked our group.

Ken and Georges reported on **Rotary training** the previous Saturday. The luncheon speaker, a young lady who was president of the Patterson NJ Rotary club when she was in her late 20s, spoke on making Rotary family-friendly to attract younger members.

John said he was still working on a place to hold a **club social** on April 29th.

Tom urged us to have **dinner at Potomac Pizza** on May 9th and invite our friends. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to our club. He also said we should sign up for the district conference. Our club will donate \$150 to cover Sunday brunch for three wounded warriors and their families.

During a brief analysis of our **Comedy Night**, we decided to hold it again next year but with a few changes to increase attendance and income. Also, we are open to partner with other organizations on fund-raising events.

Diana reported that representing Rotary, as a judge in a **senior spelling bee**, was a lot of fun. She was able to say a few words about Rotary and present the prize.

The grand finale was former **president Adrian's last words** to the club before she moves to Florida complete with a "Gator clap.". All the best, Adrian and David. We will surely miss you. Then we had three more finales -- Happy Dollars, the 50-50 drawing, and a spirited rendition of, "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands."



## OUR GREAT CITY

You might have read last week that Forbes magazine named Gaithersburg as one of the 25 best suburbs in which to retire in 2014. This is a great kudo for the city. Adrian, are you sure you want to go away?