



Gaithersburg Newsletter

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Club Leaders

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President

Linda Hanson

President-Elect

Jeremiah Eliason

Secretary

Dan Dellon

Treasurer

Winfrey Irvine

Sergeant-at-Arms

Tom Breece

Immediate Past President

Events

7/29. no luncheon meeting. **Happy hour in the Marriott in Rio**, 5:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

8/3, **International Rotary Youth Leadership conference** in Chevy Chase. RI President Gary Huang will speak in the opening ceremony. Tickets are available for \$35 from www.ryl.com or www.rylanad7620.com

8/5, luncheon in the Hilton. Program to be announced. Also **Board of Directors meeting**, 5:30 p.m., location to be determined.

8/12, luncheon in the Hilton. Program to be announced.

8/16, District **fundraiser** for the **fight against polio**, at the Washington Nationals game. Details 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 build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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.

High Time at the Ball Park

The baseball outing Thursday evening, at Kelley Park in Gaithersburg, turned out to be a very good idea. We were four from the Gaithersburg Rotary (7 if we count Jeremiah's family) and about ten from the Montgomery Village club. There was good fellowship and good baseball. Oh, and the home team won, 4 to 2.

Double Header Next Tuesday

Yes, we can double it up. **The club will not have a luncheon on July 29th.** We will gather for a **happy hour**, 5:30 p.m., at the Marriott Hotel (not Courtyard by Marriott) in Rio. **Guests and visitors will be welcome.** The will be no charge except for what you consume.

So, where does the double part come in? The same day, at 4:30, the GGCC will hold a ribbon cutting for Union Jack's restaurant in Rio. Just register at www.ggchamber.org and attend the event; hob nob with our mayor, etc. Then, walk to the Marriott, roughly the distance from home plate to second base.

Our Luncheon Last Week

A new procedure last week -- our Sergeant-at-Arms opened the meeting and introduced the president, who gave the invocation, a very nice one about accepting the many differences among people.

The secretary reported on members and guests. We enjoyed meeting four young ladies who are participating in the **Cyprus Friendship Program**, two each from the Greek and the Turkish sides of the island. They were ably led by our Area Governor, Geoffrey Fenner.

Ken was invited to say what was on his mind and took advantage of the opportunity to say:

- The picnic with the Cyprus Friendship group was excellent.
- The District Marketing Committee was working to promote district events.
- It was currently promoting **Sandler Sales Training**, Oct. 15th, to benefit the fight against polio.
- We needed a flashy car to drive in the **Labor Day Parade** (any ideas???)
- The Rockville Rotary's Twilight Runfest went well and raised many thousands of dollars.
- Individuals or business could contribute as little as \$10 to the **MCPS Backpack Program**.

Shu-fen was recognized for her work ordering some beautiful **club t-shirts**. Several members bought them, on the spot.

Then, Geoffrey introduced the guests from Cyprus and showed a video from last year's program. The teens are selected from among many applicants to spend a month in the USA. They come to know and understand each other as they go through team building and learn leadership skills.

Nicosia, Cyprus is a divided capital city in a divided country. As the number of young people who have been through the program increases, they will be able to advance the cause of unification.

Last year, three clubs in our district served as host families, and this year there are eight. As the young people are speaking to several Rotary clubs, there might



be more than eight next year.



The group finished by showing a highly positive CBS/Baltimore report on the program.

Winfree had **Happy Dollars** for his trip to New Hampshire and Canada and for our guests. David kicked in \$5 for being back, his new office, and the guests, and Ken had \$1 for each guest.

Georges was happy about a meeting of the District Marketing Committee, Geoffrey for Diana and the rest of us, and Diana for Geoffrey.

Ed donated 50-50 tickets to our four visitors from Cyprus, but none won the money. President Diana led us in The 4-Way Test and gently stroked the closing bell.