



Gaithersburg Newsletter

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Club Leaders

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Linda Hanson

President-Elect

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Secretary

Dan Dellon

Treasurer

Winfrey Irvine

Sergeant-at-Arms

Tom Breece

Immediate Past President

Events

8/12, luncheon in the Hilton.
Club assembly..

8/16, District fundraiser for the fight against polio, at the Washington Nationals game. Details on the district website.

8/19, Luncheon meeting.
Speaker: Gaithersburg City Councilman **Henry Maraffa**.

8/26, Luncheon meeting.
Classification speech by our own, **Dan Dellon**.

9.27, Rotary *Tour de Cure*, bicycle ride to raise funds to stop diabetes.

9/30, District Rotary luncheon at Galluadet University.

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.

The President's Agenda was a Work of Art

Yes, it was. We all appreciated it, including **Paige Powell** of the Cape Henry Rotary in Virginia Beach, **Jeff Gilbert** from the Southern Pines (NC), Rotary Club, **Deryck Longbreak** of the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, and **Kevin Hille**, who is helping set up one of the area's newest NGOs. Paige presented us with a beautiful club flag.

Ken sang the praises of an event with the Montgomery Village Rotary Club and our 5th Tuesday happy hour.

Rodney said he would host a GGCC event on August 28th, 5:30 p.m., at the Main Street Pavilion in the Kentlands. Authorized representatives of the club can register with the GGCC, and others can register through Rodney. Either way, there will be no charge. He invited our club to set up a table at the event, and Ken said the Pee R Committee would take charge of it.

President Diana mentioned the Labor Day Parade, in which we will participate, the fundraiser at a Washington Nationals game, to end polio (see at left), and the MCPS backpack program. Contributions entrusted to Diana will be matched 2 to 1 by Medimmune.

There were **happy dollars** for the County Fair and for Dan's one year anniversary in Rotary, and the meeting adjourned a couple of minutes **early**.

Keynote Speaker: Linda

Our own Linda Hanson, Executive Director of [Gaithersburg Help](#), presented an excellent talk about that organization. She began with a history of social service by churches in Medieval Europe and brought it to Gaithersburg in the 1960, when 4 churches combined to form what is now Gaithersburg Help.

Working in English and Spanish, this NGO provides food, assistance with prescription medications, transportation to medical services, and essential supplies for young children. Also it refers clients for assistance by other organizations.

There are now 20 congregations that provide volunteers, food and funds for nearly 20,000 clients per year. Amazing, this has been and is an all volunteer organization, in which 98 cents of each dollar donated go directly to services. Gaithersburg Help is high on the list of worthy local organizations.

