



Gaithersburg Newsletter

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August 14th, 2014

Club Leaders

Diana Swanson PhD

President

Linda Hanson

President-Elect

Jeremiah Eliason

Secretary

Dan Dellon

Treasurer

Winfrey Irvine

Sergeant-at-Arms

Tom Breece

Immediate Past President

Events

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

8/19, Luncheon meeting, 12:15 p.m., the Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg. **Speaker:** City Councilman **Henry Maraffa**.

8/26, Luncheon meeting, 12:15 p.m. **Classification speech** by our own, **Dan Dellon**.

9/1, Club participation in the **Labor Day Parade** in Olde Towne, 1:00 p.m.

9/2, Luncheon meeting, 12:15 p.m., program to be determined.

9/27, Rotary *Tour de Cure*, bicycle ride to raise funds to stop diabetes.

9/30, Rotary District luncheon at **Gallaudet 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?

The Club Foundation is Open for Business

The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation, Inc. now has 501(c)(3) status and so can accept tax deductible donations to support its charitable and service activities. It can also accept items of value that can be sold on eBay. The foundation was established to support the work of the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg.

Different Venue for Aug. 19th Meeting

Next Tuesday, the club will hold its regular 12:15 p.m. meeting in the Holiday Inn at Route 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue. The reason is so members can see first-hand the meeting rooms, food and service that hotel has to offer.

The Meeting August 12th

We gathered, as usual on a second Tuesday, for a Club Assembly. There were no guests or visitors.

Diana summarized club activities in the first six weeks of her year as president.

Rodney reminded us that he would host a GGCC meeting in the Kentlands, August 28th at 5:30 p.m. Members can register through the chamber or with Rodney.

Ken asked how many members would join the club to walk in the Labor Day parade. Several hands went up but not enough to staff the unit, as planned. Who else can join us?

Georges reported that the county fair, and the annual GGCC kick-off breakfast, were both excellent.

Diana summarized the report of the Board of Directors meeting:

- **From the Treasurer:** We are in pretty good shape. (She provided numbers, of course.)
- **Foundation:** Income and expense associated with fund raising projects will run through our new 501(c)(3) foundation. Proposals to use funds can be made to the foundation's board of directors.
- **Membership:** Most members are attending at least 50% of our meetings. "We miss you" letters will be sent to those who are not attending often.
- **Service projects, international:** The district has extended the date to apply for matching funds. Ken described a potable water project in Colombia and offered to get more information about it.
- **Services projects, local:** Diana shared the results of a survey of third grade teachers regarding our donations of encyclopedic dictionaries, after which the members decided to continue this for at least the current year. Linda stressed the importance of presenting the books with a quiz, which shows how to use the books and is fun for the students.

Then, there were brief reports from some committees:

- **Administration:** Ivan has sent invitations to several potential guest speakers.
- **Public Relations:** Ken, Georges and Jack Aal are preparing a press release, revising the club's brochure, and preparing to exhibit at the GGCC event that Rodney will sponsor.
- **Membership:** Jeremiah, John and Ken have prepared a follow-up letter for guests and speakers and revised the Membership Proposal form.
- **Interact:** Eileen said this group was preparing for the new school year.
- **Foundation:** Ed said the foundation existed to fund donations and service activities of the club.

There were several interesting happy dollars. Linda had met a waitress who had been a Rotary Scholar and wanted to speak to the club. Dan was happy about the hard work Diana was doing. Eileen has a child taking Drivers Ed (oh oh). Georges and Jack reflected on the life and work of Robin Williams, and Ken praised a mechanic who diagnosed a problem with his car, just by hearing the engine as Ken drove into the shop.

Diana announced our meeting place for next week and tapped the bell to adjourn the meeting.