



Gaithersburg Newsletter

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August 21st, 2014

Now meeting in the Holiday Inn at Route 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue in Gaithersburg

Club Leaders

Diana Swanson PhD

President

Linda Hanson

President-Elect

Jeremiah Eliason

Secretary

Dan Dellon

Treasurer

Winfree Irvine

Sergeant-at-Arms

Tom Breece

Immediate Past President

Events

8/26, luncheon in the Holiday Inn, 12:15 p.m.

Classification talk by our member, Dan Dellon.

8/28, **GGCC** event at Main St. Pavilion in the Kentlands sponsored by our member, Rodney Mayer. 5:30 p.m.

9/1, 1:00 p.m., Labor Day Parade. Participation by the Rotary Club.

9/2, luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Program to be determined.

9/9, luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Club Assembly.

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.

Change of meeting Place

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg has changed its meeting place to the Holiday Inn at Route 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue. The main reasons are to obtain a room in which we can grow and for a more varied menu.

It is common for Rotary clubs to switch meeting places, as their needs change or as the places themselves change.

We are very grateful to the Hilton Washington DC North for its excellent service over the years. It is hard to leave our many good friends there, but we will surely see them again, especially for their wonderful annual **Give Kids The World Dinner**.

Info. U can Use

Our group is facing up to Facebook. Please **follow the Gaithersburg Rotary Club**. Keep in touch with use and our activities.

The Olney Rotary Club will hold a **happy hour** tomorrow (Friday) at 5:00 p.m., in the Inn at Brookville. That club's events are fun! Visitors are welcome

The Monntgomery Village club will hear from the Rotary **District Governor** at its breakfast next Wednesday, 7:15 am. at the Hampton Inn near Kaiser Permanente. Guests are welcome.

On Sept. 20th, Gaithersburg Help will hold its 3rd annual **Neighbor Helping Neighbor Run & Walk**, at Bohrer Park. Let's support our member, Linda. SIGN UP at www.gaithersburghelp.org.

Our Meeting August 19th

In a trial meeting in the Holiday Inn, President Diana explained the draft agreement with that hotel. Also she distributed some very nice "Rotary, See Us in Action" cards. Then she recommended to us a Rotary Leadership Institute course September 15th in Mount Airey and Rotary Day at the United Nations on November 1st.

Ken spoke about our float in the Labor Day Parade and received *interesting* suggestions.

Our **guest speaker, City Councilman Henry Maraffa**, was a member of the Olney Rotary Club, is in private business, has been on the City Council for 20 years, and chaired the Economic Development Committee for the National Council of Cities.

Henry outlined the process of selecting a replacement for Mayor Katz, who was elected to the Council Council. Also he spoke of obtaining a federal grant but losing the state Transfer Tax. Gaithersburg is a relatively low tax area for Maryland, he said, has no debt and earns interest.

He said also that development has proceeded well to the west of Route 355, most recently at Crown Farm and Watkins Mill but noy to the east of it. for example, Lake Forest Mall needs to be revitalized. In Olde Towne, average family income is about \$50,000 per year, and that is too low to attract a chain restaurant.

Henry said an arena at the county fairground would be very useful and would help preserve that valuable land from further development. He finished by inviting us to contribute our ideas for the continuing improvement of, as the mayor often says, "the greatest city in the world."

Following the talk, Diana provided an update on the project of **distributing** encyclopedic **dictionaries** to third graders in the city and the members decided to go ahead with it. Then she

asked members if they wanted to vote on changing our luncheons to the Holiday Inn. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously that we make that change.

Among the happy dollars, Winfrey had one for the Pioneer's luncheon at the county fair. He is among the pioneers. Linda had \$5 for success in the fair. Her father-in-law is al pioneer also.

Ivan was happy that his daughter had made the difficult decision to have four wisdom teeth removed, to prevent possible health problems in a mission trip. Diana kicked in \$5 for the support the club had given her, and Georges was happy about the talk by our guest speaker.