



Gaithersburg Newsletter

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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 men and women who share its goals and will enjoy participating in its social, community service and fund raising activities.

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

8/28, **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, Unit #79

9/2, luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Speaker on work to further education in Kabale, Uganda.

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

9/16, luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Speaker to be determined

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?

Luncheon August 26th in the Holiday Inn

Our new meeting place, or something, attracted nearly every club member to attend. We sampled the first of 11 proposed menu items, after which we will pick the best few and discard the rest. The one we tried on Tuesday will be ... , well, the Editor should not opine.

President Diana was pleased that most committees were working well.

Rodney described the GGCC event, 5:30 p.m. this evening, at 301 Main St. in the Kentlands.

Ken gave a briefing on the Labor Day Parade. Members and friends are welcome to walk with us.

Tom explained the food cycle in the Holiday Inn, and Jeremiah gave a glowing attendance report.



Diana reminded us of the Sandler Sales Training, to benefit the fight against polio. It will take place October 15th in Catonsville, MD. Proceeds will be matched, 2 to 1, by the Gates Foundation. **The last day to register for \$199 is August 31st.**

The group discussed upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute courses and decided that members should attend Part I of the training, on January 7th in Rockville. If we have four participants, the district will pay half the cost of \$95 per person. Ivan will be the "unofficial" coordinator.

We also discussed the Membership Seminar on September 22nd. At least two people should go to pick up the latest ideas on how our club can grow.

And John said our club's Facebook page had gone from 140 likes to 240, in one week. **"Like" our page, please**, and use social networking sites to ask your friends to do so.

After a fascinating "Classification Speech" (see below), Ed collected money to help feed our elephant (Kibo). Yes, our elephant. Diana said he had ordered more than 1,000 dictionaries for third graders, and David said we would be in the Germantown Flea Market October 4th. He can receive merchandise as of mid-September and can put some items on EBay now.. The funds raised will help pay for the dictionaries. **Let's set a goal**. Maybe a Grand? We came close to that the first time we did this.

John survived being fined for being late. Jeremiah had a happy dollar for his new goof, we mean golf, club. Later, Ivan said that, in two years of practicing golf, he had gone from terrible to just plain bad. John gave a bucl for a trip with family members, and Ken put one in for a women's Power Conference that featured Adrian Halperin's presentation of her new book.

Finally, Diana had a quiz question for us. Why does the Rotary year start on July 1st? The answer: the convention was set for August and the accounting guys needed time to prepare the statements.

ClassificationSpeech by Dan

In Rotary Speak, one's "classification" is what he or she does for a living. Dan does accounting.

He treated us to a summary that included his birth in NYC and his roaming through eight accounting firms until he found one that fit him, Deleon and Stang. They are, he said, a first class, ethical, community-oriented company. For example, everyone is encouraged to take off a day per year for community service.

Accounting firms can be delicate. Dan was asked to leave one because he was too good a friend of a



fellow who quit to work elsewhere. Later, he became a Partner of a firm in Bethesda but found that, to get to the next level, he would have to indemnify the other partners for any shortage in their retirement accounts. Talk about risky business!!!



Dan put humor into the recount of his adventures, even breaking his back in a bicycle accident at age 11. Also, he mentioned a roommate at U. MD, who slept by day, drank by night, and always had very good grades. Ah, the envy!

Well done, Dan. It was an excellent speech.