



Gaithersburg Newsletter

<http://www.Rotary7620.org>

Meeting at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Holiday Inn, 2 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

9/9: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Club Assembly

9/13: Rotary Leadership Institute, Part 1, in Mount Airy. Information at www.rii33.org.

9/16: Luncheon. Official visit and update on Rotary by District Governor, Bill Fine

9/22: District Membership Seminar, 6:00 p.m. Info. on the district website

9/23: Luncheon. Speaker: Derek Longbrake, Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless

9/27 and 28: Fabulous Octoberfest at the fairgrounds in Frederick., sponsored by three Rotary Clubs. Info. at www.frederickoctoberfest.org

9/30: No meeting in the Holiday Inn. District luncheon at Gaulladet University. Club Happy Hour that evening.

10/4: Our fundraiser in the Germantown Flea Market. Get your merchandise ready. David will accept it soon.

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.

Rotary membership provides the opportunity to become connected to your community, work with others in addressing community needs, interact with other professionals in your community; assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts, establish contacts with an international network of professionals, develop leadership skills. and Involve family members in useful service activities.

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg is open to to service-oriented persons who can attend at least half of its weekly luncheons.

Wonderful Talk at Meeting This Week

September 5th, 2014

Rukundo International. The name means "Love" in the language of Kabale, in Uganda near the border with Rwanda.

On Tuesday, Amanda Jones and Angela Jackson told us of the work they are doing in that part of the world. Their project has provided medical and other assistance, and now it is starting a **school**. They already have the land.

In Uganda, only 1/3 of children go beyond primary school. They have to pay to enroll, facilities are poor and supplies scarce, many students can attend only in the morning, and girls often miss a week per month because the schools do not provide for their special needs. Also, they must take a comprehensive exam after the 7th grade, in English, but most do not study English until the 5th or 6th grade.

The children will help maintain the new school and, after graduation, will be encouraged to study agriculture or other trades that the country needs.

Rukundo is an all-volunteer organization in the U.S but has paid staff members in Uganda.

How can we help? First, we can "like" Rukundo on Facebook. Second, we can volunteer our services or join the Dollar a Day program. Finally, we can donate shoes. We all have shoes, yes? Write to amanda@rukundo.com, and she will arrange to have them picked up.

When your editor started his first international job, he asked an old hand how to be successful. The answer was, **"Justdo something."** We have a chance to do something, here. Will we take that chance?



Our Luncheon on Tuesday

September 5, 2009

On Tuesday we had the pleasure of meeting two guests of our member, Amanda: Babita Singh of Monument Bank and Tracey Masuku, who is starting an import business. Also present: our former President, Adrian Halperin. She introduced us to her new book, *Succeeding through Doubt, Fear & Crisis*. At least two copies were sold on the spot.

President Diana said a press release on our foundation had been published in the Gazette. Also, she is no longer a director of the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation. Anyone who would like to be considered for a position on the board should contact its president, Ed.

Rodney was pleased that eleven members of our club attended a GGCC networking meeting that he sponsored.

Ken praised the "heroes" who stood up to the heat at the **Labor Day Parade**. They were Amanda and three of her relatives,



Jeremiah and his entire family, Linda and her spouse, Diana, Eileen, Michael and Ken. Some of those who were still standing celebrated at La Frontera, where the owners donated an excellent "quesadilla."

Our guest speakers generated considerable interest. When it was time for **Happy Dollars**, they poured forth for the speakers, Adrian, Rodney's event, vacations, a successful court trial (Jeremia), growth of the club (from Adrian) and an opportunity to be with our group (Tracey).

We left, as usual, invigorated and ready for the rest of the day.

