



# Gaithersburg Newsletter

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October 11th, 2014

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

10/12: Octoberfest in the Kentlands. Club members have volunteered to help.

10/14: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Club Assembly

10/15: District Sandler Sales Training for the fight against polio. Information on district website.

10/21: Luncheon: Speaker to be determined.

10/24: World Polio Day. Information on district website.

10/25: District Leadership Seminar. Information on district website.

10/27: Interact Club member installation at QOHS

10/28: Luncheon. 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 good will 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.

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.

## Shanthy and Lisette Addressed Us

### Shanthy and Lisette Speak To Us

Gaithersburg's Office of Human Services is a busy place, but Shanthy Srinivasachar and Lisette Orellana managed to be with us for 59 1/2 minutes. **Shanthy** spoke of the Character Counts program and the My Hero essay contest. For those who might not remember, Character Counts is a national program of which the six pillars are **Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring** and **Citizenship**. Gaithersburg has participated for many years and includes a Person of Character award, scholarships, and character-building activities for young people, with parental involvement. There will be a Family Fun Night October 10th.

Each year our club makes a small donation to Character Counts and does the initial scoring of more than one hundred "My Hero" essays. Each writer relates the pillars of Character Counts to a person selected as his or her adult hero.

**Lisette** spoke of the city's plans to organize a **Thanksgiving** dinner for numerous families and to enable others to buy foods for the holiday. There is an "Adopt a Family" program by which one can provide a Thanksgiving and/or a December holiday dinner.

An easy way to participate with the city is to provide Target gift card for \$10 or \$20. That or they can be taken or sent to the Human Services office in the Wells Robertson House.

These programs are planned and carried out in cooperation with several local churches. There is coordination with other organizations, as for example, Summit Hall Elementary School, to prevent duplication

In the past, our Rotary participation in the Holiday Giving Program has been organized by the club and carried out by individual members.



## Our Meeting October 7th

On Tuesday we had an **Acting** President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms. Yet, the show went on. That strangely-named DC football team has nothing on us.

To our members was added Professor **Ramesh C. Pandey**, PhD, a visiting Rotarian from New Jersey. He is always very welcome. Also we had a pair of excellent guest speakers. Please see the story below this one.

David reported **income from the flea market sale** of \$960, plus \$40 that he will contribute and approximately \$200 from sales on the Internet. He thanked the Rotarians who were there to help, St. Rose of Lima and a consignment store for donating merchandise, and Ron Deneau, who spent a chilly night in his truck to reserve our space.

Tom reported that many of the boxes of dictionaries had not been picked up. Come on, Rotarians. The kids can't use them if we don't hand them out.

Nawal cheerily paid a buck to announcing a **mixer** on 10/24 and a seminar for **first-time home buyers** on 10/25. Both look like excellent events.

There were **happy dollars** for the flea market sale, distributing dictionaries at Rosemont School, and the guest speakers. Ken offered one Victoria Zavakskaya, who has been recommended for membership, and one for the newly-named next mayor of Gaithersburg, Jud Ashman.