



Gaithersburg Newsletter

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November 2nd, 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

Winfrey Irvine

Sergeant-at-Arms

Tom Breece

Immediate Past President

Events

11/4: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Speaker from the American Dairy Association. (*nobull*).

11/11: Luncheon and Club Assembly

11/11: [Red Line Rotary Happy Hour](#), Bier Baron, 1523 22nd St. NW, Washington DC, 6:00 p.m.

11/14: Our club's [Charter Night celebration](#), the Holiday Inn, 6:00 p.m.

11/18: Luncheon. Speaker to be announced.

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.

Major Club News

Passing of Diana's Mother: The members of the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg express our sincere condolence to our president, whose mother passed away recently. Diana will travel to Michigan for the funeral service, which will be held on November 8th. We extend our best wishes to her and all the members of her family.

Rockville Rotary Luncheon: Do you know the difference between an epée, a saber and a foil? Those who attended the Halloween luncheon last Thursday do know. They enjoyed a demo. of fencing and, in general, had a ghastly good time.

Foundation Dinner: The Rotary Foundation Recognition Dinner is scheduled for this evening (Nov. 2nd) in Hanover, MD. Ann Matthews, a past Vice President of Rotary International will address the group. Our club will be represented by its president, Diana.

Red Line Happy Hour: Get ready, get set, **go** to the a happy hour for clubs that are near the Metro Red Line. See details, at left. The organizer this time is the young, dynamic Dupont Circle Club.

Charter Night Dinner: Our dinner is coming soon folks; it's less than two weeks away. Co-chair, John, asks that every member bring a handful of (fun loving) people by selling them tickets or inviting them.

Wonderful Meeting October 30th

At our luncheon on Tuesday, besides the usual fun and frolic, we:

- Inducted Victoria as a new member
- Stripped the "new" sticker from Eileen's badge
- Heard a super classification speech from Naway.

We are all pleased and proud to welcome **Victoria Zavadskaya**, who works for the Marriott Corp., as the newest member of our club.

Eileen had obtained all the qualifications to become a full member of the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg.

Nawal's Classification Speech was one for the record books.

Nawal expertly intermingled info-bits from her background with samples of Moroccan culture. She was with her future husband in a university but did not know him until they met later, in a McDonalds in Morocco. After a traditional wedding (we saw photos), the young couple lived in France and then back in Morocco, in Dallas and finally in the Washington, D.C. area. On the way they acquired four lovely children, now aged from 16 months to 13 years.

Toward the end of her talk, Nawal passed around delicious Moroccan cookies, showed us **how to prepare tea** (which Moroccan women **must** do well, and gave us each a red rose. At this point,

Georges became emotional and began to sing, in French, Le Myosotis et la Rose (The forget-me-not and the rose). All together, it was a real experience - what we used to call a "happening."

Before the events described above, President **Diana** produced charts to show that both our membership and our attendance were holding steady. **Amanda** said some schools were still waiting for their dictionaries, and **Ken** said an article on the Dictionary Project had been published in Montgomery C Montgomery County Media. Also Ken reported on a District Leadership Conference. There are many opportunities for Rotarians to further the work of the district.

Diana said we had to look to the future and continue inviting guests to our luncheons and other events. **Eileen** reported that 26 students at QUHS had pins and membership certificates of the Interact Club. **Nawal** said she was starting to set up an Interact club at Lakelands MS and that Amanda and Jack B. would be working with the kids at GHS. **Ivan** reminded us of a major event - the 100th anniversary of the death of Jonas Salk, creator of the vaccine against polio.

After Nawal's classification talk, the substitute Sergeant-at-Arms levied a fine for being late and asked for happy dollars. There were many for Victoria, Eileen and Nawal. Also there were happy dollars for help that Jack A. had provided in Baltimore, a trip to Seattle by David, and Mike's successful sale of his Subway store. Perhaps he will now be a man of leisure.