



Gaithersburg Newsletter

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Immediate Past President

Meetings

Meeting from 12:15 until 1:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Holiday Inn, 2 Montgomery Village Ave. in Gaithersburg

Events

9/1: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Speaker: **Shanthi Srinivasachar**, City of Gaithersburg Community Services

9/8: Luncheon and Club Assembly

9/2: District 7620 **Next Generations Summit**, 12:00 noon. Info. on the District website.

9/15: Luncheon. Speaker to be determined.

9/22: District **End Polio Now** annual fundraiser - "New Approach to Peace," 8:30 a.m. Details on the District Website

The 4-way Test

Of all that we think, say and do:
- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned
- Will it bring 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.

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. [More info.....](#)

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 and develop leadership skills. [More info.....](#)

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Our Luncheon Last Tuesday

We nearly always have visitors who are well worth meeting, and last Tuesday was no exception. We enjoyed hosting:

- **Daniel Deneau**, a senior in Magruder High School and the son of our member, Ron
- **Robert Wu**, an attorney with legal and military experience and a City Council candidate
- **Marla Grace de la Cruz** and **Raymond Belano**, from the Philippines, now in the U.S. to promote investment in real estate in their country
- Our guest speaker, **Mary Murphy** (see below).

Ken got us started with some **Rotary poetry**. Then Linda said she and Amanda would attend the district's **Young Professionals meeting**. also she announced the **Workshop on Peace Transformation** September 22nd (see "Events") and an **Interact Leadership Conference** October 17th.

Ed rose to say that **our orphaned elephant** in Kenya, Kibo, needed more hay again. Before we left the Holiday Inn, he had collected 70% of what we send annually to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

After our guest speaker (see below), our Pres. asked a **quiz question** but confused us by referring to the "Avenues of Service" as the "Objectives of Rotary." **Winfree**, is it too late to levy a fine?

Then, the Happy Bucks came in force. **Winfree** had one for the county fair, **Ron** because his son Daniel was getting a pilot's license, and **Ken** because Kibo was about to be fed. **Dan** offered a dollar for the speaker and **John** for his guests from the Philippines. **Georges** was happy that Ken's minor surgery had gone well, and **Mary** for having been invited to speak to us.

John wound up the meeting by saying that we were up to 300 "Likes" on Facebook but need 200 more to reach elite status. **Spread the word. Tell your friends to "like" our Rotary club!**

Our Guest Speaker



Diana introduced our speaker, **Mary Murphy**, whom she had met through the Civic Volunteer Council. Mary has a pair of titles at **SeniorConnection** in Wheaton MD. She introduced the organization's programs: Providing transportation for senior citizens to medical and other appointments, taking them shopping or shopping for them, and financial consulting. They refer people to other organizations for services that SeniorConnection cannot provide.

This group started with the transportation program, which now provides more than 300 rides per month. Then they added the shopping program and later the financial advisor program. All three are very useful to the clients, and all could be expanded if there were more volunteers available, especially for providing transportation.



With all the services, there are excellent safeguards to protect both the senior citizens who receive services and the volunteers.

Regarding financing, Mary said they received some funds from the county and others from grants and individual donations. There is information on the website, www.seniorconnectionmc.org or from Mary Murphy at phone 301-942-1049 or by email to mary.murphy@seniorconnectonmc.org.

Joke of the Week

Two business partners (definitely NOT Rotarians) had just arrived at the race track when one of the said: "We might have a problem; I think I left the safe open." "There's no problem," said the other. "Both of us are here."