



Gaithersburg Newsletter

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August 22nd, 2015

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg.

We meet every Tuesday from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the Holiday Inn at Route 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue.

Club Leaders

Linda Hanson

President

Jeremiah Eliason

President-Elect, Club Membership Chair

Michael May

Secretary

Dan Dellon

Treasurer

Winfree Irvine

Sergeant-at-Arms

Diana Swanson

Immediate Past President

Events

8/25: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Speaker: Mary Murphy of Senior Connection

9/1: Luncheon. Speaker: Srinivasa Srinivasachar of Community Relations, City of Gaithersburg

9/8: Luncheon and Club Assembly

8/31, 6:00 p.m. Dinner at DG Ken Solow's home to start planning selection of the 1918-19 District Governor. Info. on the district website.

9/12, 12:00 p.m.: Young Professionals / New Generations Summit. Info. on the district website.

9/22, 8:30 a.m. District Polio Plus Fundraiser - A New Approach to Peace. Info. 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?

REMINDER

This is a reminder that we are invited to a meeting of the **Potomac Rotary Club** on September 9th, at 7:30 a.m. in That's Amore on Shady Grove Road. The guest speaker will be County Police Chief Tom Manger.

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Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders 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. Most of the world's 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 speaking and leadership skills. [More info.....](#)

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Joke of the Week

An elderly professor was walking to class when a Saint Bernard came dashing around a corner and banged into him. He was still staggering when a Mercedes *Smart Car* flew around the same corner and gave him another blow. Arriving for medical treatment, he reported the incident as follows: "The bump from that huge dog didn't hurt me much, but the tin can tied to its tail was really **nasty**."

The August 18th Meeting

Our new (temporary) room in the Holiday Inn was big enough, but just barely, thanks to **eleven** people who are not active members. They were:

- **Ken Solow**, Director of Rotary District 7620
- **Jud Ashman**, Mayor of Gaithersburg
- **Teresa Garcia**, Honorary Member and **Jim Gilchrist**, President of the Rockville Rotary
- **Rick Carter**, visiting Rotarian from the Montgomery Village Club
- Frank's guests **Priscilla Gathoni** and **Kathleen Bender** from Astrazenica, each of whom had completed a long bicycle ride to raise funds for cancer research
- Ken's guests **Christopher Rimerin** of Beacon Hill Financial and **Eileen Finn** of Results Leadership
- Jim's guests **Kenric Brooks Sr.** of the U.S. Army in Frederick and **Harold Douglas**, whose older son was crowned as King of the 2015 Montgomery County Fair. and whose younger son had baked a grand champion blueberry pie.

The welcome mat is out for each of them to visit our club again.

Ken reflected on the relevance to us in Rotary of a little poem:

The saddest words of tongue or pen are these four words: It might have been.

President Linda urged us all to attend the County Fair. Her father-in-law was a founder of the fair, and Winfree is a "Pioneer," of whom not many remain.

After the talk by Ken Solow (see below), we rushed through several Happy Dollars. Most were for Ken Solow's talk, the large turnout including Mayor Ashman, and members who had somehow aided other members. Linda was happy that two of her nieces had won blue ribbons at the fair.

The D.G. Has Spoken

Our District Governor this Rotary year, **Ken Solow**, is a partner in the Pinnacle Advisory Group, wealth management advisors in Colombia, MD. It has some 1,100 clients and manages \$1.8 billion in assets.

Ken gave a brief introduction to Rotary including statistics about its size and strength at the

international level. He said the endowment of **the Rotary Foundation** had reached \$1 billion. Then he recognized some of our club's members and some of its accomplishments, and said he was sure we would have a great Rotary club. He announced that our president had become a member of the prestigious Paul Harris Society, which requires a level of support at or above \$1,000 per year.

Then Ken mentioned the **New Generations Summit** (information on the district website) and Rotary's almost unprecedented successes in **the war against polio**. If all goes well, in two more years, that war will be over and mankind will have won it.

Regarding the upcoming **Workshop on Peace and Conflict Transformation**, Ken said that, if it sells out, thanks to a match from the Gates Foundation, we will raise nearly \$90,000 for the fight against polio. Also he introduced the **World's Greatest Meal** fundraiser, with which District 7630 raised about \$30,000. The clubs in our district will hold this event in November. In addition, we are participating in an **auto donation program** with a local non-profit organization called Melwood. Proceeds from sales of donated cars are split among the foundation, the Rotary district and the club that obtains the donation.

Ken went on to mention the new **Rotary Rewards** program (information at www.rotary.org) and the upcoming **International Convention** in Seoul. Then he showed a cute video to promote the **2016 District Conference** in Baltimore. Yes, the chef of our host hotel can prepare Rotary chicken.

Getting serious (he does this once in a while), Ken said **the amount of good that Rotary can do is endless**. This organization gives every member enormous opportunities to serve, to network, and to grow personally. "Every one of has something to give." he said. "Be a gift to the world."

