



Gaithersburg Newsletter

<http://www.Rotary7620.org>

August 8th, 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

8/11: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn and [Club Assembly](#)

8/18: Luncheon and [official visit of District Governor Ken Solo](#)

8/20: Big Rotary Crab Feast in Pasadema, MD. Info. on the district website.

8/22: [End Polio Now](#) fundraiser at the Nationals game. Info. on the district website.

8/25: Luncheon. [Speaker: Mary Murphy of Senior Connection](#)

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?

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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

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was, which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub "

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No." said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

The August 4th Meeting

We nearly filled the Room on Tuesday with members and four visitors - Susie Yoon, Realtor (guest of Jack Aal and Ken), Sara Torrence and Alicia Doherty from the Potomac Rotary Club (Alicia is the President-elect), and our guest speaker (see below).

President Linda reminded us to invite guests to the August 18th meeting. Then she asked a quiz question based on [The Rotarian](#) magazine, and no one knew the answer.

Ken told of an experience by Anita Mpambara-Cox. In brief, she was outside a toy store in California, saw a t-shirt that she knew as Rotary because she had seen Linda in a similar shirt, talked to the person, went with him to a Rotary meeting, unexpectedly became the guest speaker, and now has high hopes for receiving help from that club for her work with education in Uganda.

Visitors Alicia and Sara said their club was meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in That's Amore restaurant on Shady Grove Road. She invited us to any meeting but especially on September 9th, when the speaker will be County Police Chief Tom Manger. RSVP to Sara, saratorrence@att.net. Let's go. Support our fellow Rotarians.

After the guest speaker (see below), Ed played Sergeant-at-Arms. He levied a cell phone fine on Ron and then cancelled it because Ron was repairing our bell. Ken had done a quick fix by suspending it from a knotted napkin.

The big Happy Dollar (a ten spot) was from Michael because his son had returned from a nine week, fifteen country adventure that included running with the bulls in Spain and much more. Frank was happy for the movement to restore Pluto's status as a planet, Linda one for a trip to Williamsburg VA, and several people for the guest speaker. Ken kicked in a buck to tell a joke.

We returned to the 50-50 with a new deck of cards, which means that the chosen person's chance of winning was merely 1 in 52 (or more if there are jokers in the deck). There probably aren't because, with our members, we don't need more jokers.

Our Guest Speaker

Our speaker, Dawn Shuler, helps people write for any purpose. See details on her very attractive website at www.writingfromyoursoul.com.

There are many aspects to good writing. In her talk to our group, Ms. Shuler focussed on the crucial topic of content **content**.

She suggested that, to start writing, we (1) list some of our successes or things we are proud of, (2) write what we most love to do, (3) review the content we already have, (4) ponder it all quietly for ten minutes, and then let our minds run wild (brainstorm).

She said also that, to write well, one needs **commitment** to get a message out, must **schedule** the writing, and must set aside **time** to write and review.

She is prepared to help people improve both their personal and business writing.

