



Gaithersburg Newsletter

<http://www.Rotary7620.org>

December 26th, 2015

Meeting at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Holiday Inn at Route 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue

Club Leaders

- Linda Hanson**
President
- Jeremia Eliason**
President-elect
- Michael May**
Secretary
- Dan Dellon**
Treasurer
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Treasurer
- Winfree Irvine**
Sergeant-at-Arms

Events

Dec. 29th, **5th Tuesday Happy Hour and Holiday Party**, 6:30, home of Linda Hanson

Jan. 5th: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Program to be announced.

Jan. 12th: luncheon and Club Assembly

Jan. 16th: big oyster fest by the Rotary Club of Baltimore. Info on the district website

Jan. 30: President-elect Training 2

**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 Gaithersburg club meets weekly and is 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; assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts, and develop leadership skills. [More info.....](#)

[Why not come to a luncheon and check us out?](#)

Happy Holidays

Here is wishing a very **happy New Year** to all the members and friends of the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg. May your year be filled with health, success and happiness, and may you live by the Rotary 4-way Test, at the bottom of the left-hand column.

Our Meeting Last Tuesday

On Tuesday, members arrived from 20 minutes early until 20 minutes late. No matter; in the end we had a very good group.

Jim brought us a **guest - Matlick Mennu**. He is a junior in the U. of South Florida, studying Mechanical Engineering. He had met Jim through the Robotics Program at GHS.

Ken opened by summarizing **a story from The Rotarian magazine** (before Linda could use it for a quiz question). A Rotarian from Ohio was in Kenya and say that many kids had no shoes and others had cut the toes from shoes so that, as they grew, they could keep using the same ones. He saw also that many kids suffered from soil-borne diseases that entered the body through feet. The Rotarian went home and invented a sandal that can be made inexpensively and expanded to fit five sizes. With help from his club, he formed a 501(c)(3) organization to produce the sandals and distribute them in Africa **That really in Rotary in action!**

Linda announced our Dec. 29th party and gave us a quiz on how **Boxing Day** got its name. Jim had a different explanation, and both were interesting and unrelated to fisticuffs.

After a very good Classification Speech (see below), Winfree waived the fins and collected **Happy Dollars**. [Linda](#) had one for Dwayne's speech and another for her trip to Williamsburg VA. [Jim](#) offered one for Dwayne, [Georges](#) for the party on Jan. 29th, and [Ken](#) for Dwayne. [Jeremiah](#) gave a buck to describes his daughter's actions for the Winter Solstice, and [Dwayne](#) put in a buck for all of us.

But the dollars didn't get to the bank. With a lot of cards still in the deck, **Ron won the 50-50** and will get enough cash for 60 or 70 non-alcoholoc beverages in whichever place he frequents.

Dwarne's Classification Speech

We suspected our new member would tell us an interesting story, and indeed he did.

Dwayne is a single dad with **three daughters**. That already sounds like a lot for one man. One of them is finishing college, the second is about to attend college, and the third is at the fun age of 15.



He spent his early years in New York and then left for the deep South at age 11. Someone said he had to help his granddad on the farm, and our unsuspecting member was jolted out of bed very early and unloaded in a field to pick potatoes. "Where are the potatoes," he asked. "In the ground," was the answer, and getting them out of the ground was a lot of work.



Dwayne later moved to California and worked in **sales** for Foot Locker. A customer looking at very high end shoes was impressed by him and invited him to work in a Cadillac dealership. Dwayne did not accept the offer, but it encouraged him to make a career of sales. He went on to twelve good years with Verizon and is now with **US Health Advisors**. More about this later.

In Montgomery County, Dwayne went to mixers of several organizations, but they were all missing something that he wanted - service. He met Ken and started researching Rotary, where he saw on the Rotary International website, the headline and subhead:

WELCOME TO ROTARY. We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good. With you, we can accomplish even more.

Then he started attending our luncheons and learned about our fundraising and service projects, and was impressed. Now, he is proud to be a new member. He enjoys and learns from the other members and from the guest speakers.

Asked what got him into the health industry, Dwayne said it allowed him to earn a living by helping others. The mission of US Health is to protect its customers from financial hardship due to unforeseen illness or injury. It offers quality health, dental and income insurance for reasonable prices and has recently won three major awards