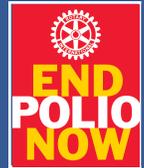




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Luncheons at 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays in the Hilton hotel, 620 Perry Parkway



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Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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Events

9/24: Luncheon in the Hilton at

12:15 p.m. Guest speaker:

Michael Bobbit, Producing Artistic Director for Adventure Theatre

9/25: Community Forum and Networking in the Hilton, 4:30 p.m.

9/28 and 29: Octoberfests in Frederick and Westmister, both with participation of Rotary Clubs. The Carroll County club has printing

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg

We are a small, dynamic Rotary club, founded in 1966. We are part of Rotary International, with some 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs, in nearly every country in the world.

Rotary is primarily a local and international service organization; however, its members can make very good business contacts. There is an emphasis on having fun at nearly all events.

Rotary clubs are affiliated with the Rotary Foundation, which is dedicated to wiping out polio in the world and which is very active in the areas of international development and peace.

Interact Clubs Take Off

Our two Interact clubs are at the take-off stage. Chairperson Cristina has put together a committee that includes Linda, Michael, Ed as an ornery, oops, we mean, honorary, member, and Beatrice Weiss from outside the club.

Club organizers in both school have held initial meetings. Interact attracted quite a bit of attention at "Club Day" in Quince Orchard High School, and the faculty advisor at Gaithersburg High School has asked that a similar event be organized there.

The Rotary Club's Board of Directors has approved most of the items in a budget for club equipment and supplies. Also, a training course for Interactors, in organization and leadership is planned for the month of October. Each club will be encouraged to carry out a local project this semester and an international project the following semester.

"Clean" Venue for Board meeting

The Rotary Club's Board of Directors met on September 17th in the business of one of its members, Tom's Cleaners. Tom provided a conference table, chairs, food and beverages. It turned out to be an excellent place to meet.

Topics of discussion included fund raising, service projects and the Interact clubs. Board meetings are expected to be held monthly

Our Guest Speakers

Adrian's daughter, Ashley and her (still) new husband, Constantine, were introduced and spoke of human trafficking, which Ashley had studied and they had seen in Romania. They told of child begging rings, prostitution, and domestic servitude that are not free-lance, but organized and controlled by international hoodlums who make large amounts of money.

When Ashley visited Costi in Romania, they went to a ghetto area at midnight to see all the above -- truly a saddening experience.

Anything was for sale, they said, even human body parts, of doubtful origin, for transplantation.

On the same trip, Ashley and Costi helped a local Rotary club obtain eight computers, which Costi refurbished so the club could donate them.

Recently, they visited the Olney Rotary Club and heard of a Romanian gypsy family that needed help with interpretation so they could explain their refugee situation. Fortunately, Costi could speak their language and was able to assist.



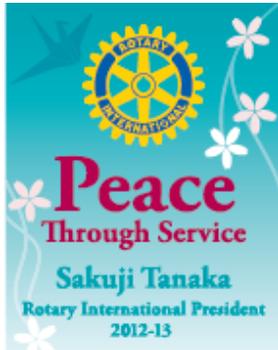
Our meeting September 17th

45,000 copies of a 16 page supplement about the event and has obtained \$43,000 in sponsorships.

10/1: Luncheon in the Hilton at 12:15 p.m. Guest speaker: Denene Yates from Safe House of Hope, on domestic trafficking. Special guest: a visiting Rotarian from Australia

10/5: Participation in the Germantown Flea Market, by the MARC train station. This is a small but successful fundraiser that we do every year.

10/8: Luncheon in the Hilton at 12:15 p.m.



In President Fredric's absence, President-elect Diana called the meeting to order. The **guests** introduced themselves:

- Dave Dallas, a guest of Jack, who said he was "kind of retired."
- Kim Carter, the faculty advisor to our Interact Club at Gaithersburg High School
- Fatemeh Tavakkoli, guest of Diana, who is a Clinical Development Fellow at Medimmune
- Georges Taib, guest of Ken. He has a fascinating international background.
- Eileen Greenwell, guest of Ken. Eileen is a financial advisor for the Edward Jones company.
- Our guest speakers (see separate story).

In **the week in history**, we were reminded of the Battle of Antietam, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the victory in tennis of Billie Jean King over male chauvinist, Bobby Riggs. Ed said it was the birthday of the poet, William Carlos Williams, and he read lines from a poem.

Diana announced the **Community Showcase**, to be held September 25th at 4:30. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hilton Hotel. Then she distributed copies of our By-laws, with an amendment to bring the document in line with your current practice. The amendment passed by a vote of 11 to 1. One person was temporarily out of the room so did not vote.

David announced that he needed more merchandise as well as workers for our **flea market sale** October 5th. Cristina reported on the Interact clubs (see separate story), and then Adrian introduced our guest speakers (see separate story).

There were some interesting happy dollars.

- Michael said he had had a rough week, and going to the Rotary meeting raised his spirits. Also, he had refinanced a mortgage and was saving \$600 a month.
- David's wife had left six scrumptious rum cakes on a bus. He called, and the bus company located them, but when David went to pick them up, there were only three. Somebody had a nice snack.
- Ed announced that a baby elephant in Kenya would soon have a new foster parent -- our club. Adrian donated money for our club's participation, and Ken added a ten-spot for hay (or whatever elephants eat).

And there were others. We finished with a rousing round of "Happy Birthday to Adrian."