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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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Secretary

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Events

9/10: Luncheon in the Hilton

Hotel at 12:15p.m. Guest speaker: **Mr. Jon Cardin**,

Mr. Jon Cardin, Member of Maryland House of Delegates and Candidate for Attorney General of Maryland

9/17: Luncheon in the Hilton at

12:15 p.m. Program to be determined.

9/24: Luncheon in the Hilton at

12:14 p.m. Program to be determined.

9/25: Community Forum and

Networking in the Hilton, 4:30 p.m.

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.

Out Meeting September 3rd

On September 2nd, **Georges Taib** joined us again as a guest. So did **Ralph Lovejoy**, who has been recommended for membership. Our Area Governor, **Goeffrey Fenner** was present, and our guest speaker was Montgomery County Councilman **Craig Rice**.

President Fredric led us through the week in history and then summarized the impressive resume of our guest speaker. A synthesis of his remarks is below.

Ken reported on our participation in the **Labor Day parade** and presented copies of an "Honor roll" to the 17 people who marched miles in the heat and humidity to spread the word about Rotary.

Ed reminded us of his proposal to adopt part of an orphaned elephant in Kenya. He is still getting details about how we can own at least de-tail.

Area Governor Geoffrey praised the high level of energy in our club. He informed us of a plan to invite the presidents and presidents-elect of all clubs in the district to visit the Carroll Creek club and see how it operates. Since this is a breakfast club, free hotel rooms might be arranged for people who have to travel long distances.

Also, he mentioned the ongoing challenge of developing leaders for Rotary clubs. For the Olney Club, he has developed an ideal organization chart, a list of things they must do to be a great club, and a list of things they should do. He will make these available to us.

Michael was called on for a bit of humor and told how his sons were visiting, ate some mints they found in his glove compartment, and said they were the worst mints they had ever tasted. Their reaction was soon explained; Mike was carrying aspirin tablets in the mint box.

When it was time for happy dollars, Ralph paid a buck to tell us that, when Past, Present and Future all walked into a bar, it was tense.

Also, Craig Rice donated \$5 for his visit and because Montgomery County was going to be part of a large campaign to provide housing for homeless people.

John added \$5 for the Labor Day parade, and others chipped in to praise our participation and the celebration afterward, at Ruby Tuesday in Lake Forest Mall. All 17 of the marchers were there, to rest and recover.

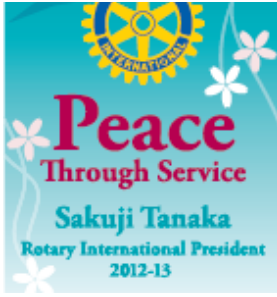
Our Guest Speaker

County Councilman Craig Rice added to his introduction, saying he was the Montgomery County's representative to the Maryland Association of County Executives. Also, he expects to be president of the County Council next year (a challenging election year).

He discussed the proposed Cross-county Connector, dubbed M-83, which has long been planned to link Clarksburg with Gaithersburg. He added that more development was needed in the eastern part of the county.

Councilman Rice said he would be leaning on the current and future state governors to invest more in Montgomery County. Also, our state delegation and the county County Council should do a better job of working together. The county needs more funding from the state for education, dealing with drug problems, and other important expenditures.





In response to a question about public transportation, he agreed that our county is very weak in this regard. To a question about what was happening with the money from development impact taxes, he said he had introduced a bill that would require this money to be spent in the areas that were impacted and not somewhere else. Asked about the timetable for building the Cross-county Connector, he predicted it would not happen soon. This road will be very expensive, and the funds are not available. There was a final question about a proposal to increase the minimum wage in the county to \$12 per hour, and Mr. Rice said this would bankrupt many small businesses. There is, however, a proposed measure to raise the minimum wage for persons who work on state and county contracts.

He concluded by asking us to voice our concerns to members of the County Council, not by signing petitions, but by sending individual letters or email messages. Our opinions are valued.

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Our club's participation in the **Labor Day Parade** was very successful. Our banners and signs summarized both the club's service projects and the priorities of the Rotary Foundation.

On September 4th, two members of the club attended "Club Day" at Quince Orchard High School to help existing **Interact** members and the advisor to recruit new members. More than 100 students indicated their interest by leaving their names and email addresses.

Cornerstone Montgomery, formerly St. Luke's House and Threshold Services United, has announced a fund raiser to be held September 17th at The Ratner Museum in Bethesda. This looks like a wonderful event, for only \$25 per ticket. For information, contact Annette Rauch at 301-896-4286 or email annette.rauch@cornerstonemontgomery.org.

Four club members met by phone on September 5th to discuss the idea of using **crowd funding** to finance activities of the Interact clubs we sponsor in high schools. Like most innovative ideas, this one will require time and effort if it is to "get off the ground".