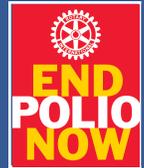




Weekly Bulletin, 4/21/13

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?

Club Leaders

Fredric Abramson

President

Diana Swanson

President-elect

David Sickle

Secretary

Linda Hanson

Treasurer

Winfrey Irvine

Sergeant-at-Arms

Tom Breece

Immediate Past President

Kenneth Weiss

Bulletin Editor

Events

8/27: Luncheon in the Hilton Hotel at 12:15 p.m.

8/28: Reception in the Hilton Hotel at 4:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

9/2: Participation in the Labor Day Parade in Olde Towne, 12:00 p.m.

9/3: Luncheon in the Hilton Hotel at 12:15p.m. Guest speaker, Montgomery County Councilman Craig Rice

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.

SELECTED NEWS ITEMS

ARC Clothing Drive: ARC of Montgomery Community Clothing Drive Saturdays, August 24th and August 31st. Take items to The ARC Montgomery County, 11600 Nebel Street in Rockville, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Yes, you can clear out your closet AND help ARC in its vital work of helping people with disabilities.

Community Showcase Networking: Enjoy meeting and greeting while you hear of the work of some lesser-known non-profit organizations. Wednesday, August 28th, 4:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 620 Perry Parkway. Happy Hour prices for imbibers and free hors d'ourves for us all.

Labor Day Parade: Don't miss the big parade in Olde Towne, Gaithersburg at noon on September 2nd. Want to walk with the Rotary Club? We can use a few good folks to carry signs that say what our club does. Contact the Editor (Ken)

Rotarian from Australia: Jim, a Rotary Club member from Australia, plans to arrive in D.C. on September 30th. He will stay a few days with Ken and then move to other host families. He has a keen interest in the U.S. Civil War and would like to see battlefields and other sights. If you would like to meet him, other than at the club's luncheon October 1st, please contact Ken.

Walk for Wounded Warriors: We now have the correct website to register for and/or donate to this important walk, on the Washington mall October 19th. It is www.wdww.kintera.org.

Our Meeting August 20th

President Fredric, back in his chair, asked about important events of the week in history. One was Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Another was the 19th amendment to the constitution, which gave women the right to vote. Your editor listened for snide comments about this, but there were none.

Tom, acting as Secretary, said we had 13 members present and several guests:

- **Joy Burdin**, returning guest of Ken, now working for an advertising and technology company and in real estate
- **Ralph Lovejoy**, returning guest of Ken, a Rotarian from North Carolina now working for State Farm Insurance in Germantown
- **Brian Barge** and **Robert ?**, guests of Jack, representing a family foundation that helps with education finance
- **Solomon Opoku**, guest of Tom, who does consulting in business management and Internet technology

Fredric offered belated **birthday recognition** for Adwoa, Shu-fen and Roy. By being absent on their birthdays, they could not contribute to the club or enjoy a slice of cake. Of course, these actions can still be arranged.

There was a discussion of recruiting members for our **Interact clubs**. We pretty much have to wait until each school has its Club Day, so we should look for ways to stand out at those events. Fredric said we should make short videos of Interact activities for use in fund-raising.

Our super treasurer, Linda, presented a **financial report** for the 12 months ended 6/30/13. As of that date, the numbers all looked good.

Tom asked who were our delegates to **GGCC meetings** for this Rotary year. We can name two.





Fredric is one, and selection of the other was left pending. There was also a question as to whether we would have a **flea market sale** this year. No conclusion was reached.

Ken asked if we would have a summer picnic. Ed said that, instead, we could have a **cleanup day and picnic** at Seneca Creek State Park with our Interact clubs. All seemed to agree, so Ed will work with Cristina to make arrangements.

Ed suggested the club adopt, or partly adopt, **an orphaned elephant** in East Africa. Ken asked which end of the elephant we would get. Diana said it might be the one that looked like a rope. Fredric, getting back to business, asked Ed to submit a budget for consideration.

Ed told a story about looking at the Vietnam War memorial with a youngster, who asked Ed whether his name was on it. Fortunately, it wasn't, but it started Ed to wondering which wall his name **would** be on. He challenged us all to think about which walls **our** names would be on. It was a profound moment, especially for a group whose motto is, "Service Above Self."

Winfree had a happy dollar for a Poiner Club meeting at the MoCo Ag. Fair. Adrian offered one for putting solar panels on her roof; said it would cost her nothing and cut her electricity bill in half. Also she had one for a palm reading, which disclosed that she was an elephant in a prior life (maybe an ancestor of the one Ed proposed adopting). Fredric said our monthly showcases were drawing good responses from other clubs. Also, his son, Drew, attended an wedding organized by Orioles' owner, Peter Angelos, who bought a hotel for the occasion.

Finally, Diana offered a happy dollar for Linda's hard work, and Jack one for past work by Diana and Ron Deneau on the Dictionary Project.