



Gaithersburg Rotary Club

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Meeting Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the Hilton Hotel, 620 Perry Parkway in Gaithersburg

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Events

June 18: Luncheon at the Hilton Hotel

June 19: Comedy Night at the Golden Bull

June 23-26: International Convention in Portugal

June 25: Luncheon at the Hilton Hotel

June 27: Rotary Community Showcase in the Hilton

Comedy Night is Upon Us

The Rotary Club's first **Comedy Night** Fundraiser will take place Wednesday, June 19th, at the Golden Bull on Route 355 in Gaithersburg. Hosted by Irwin Loring of Kaleidoscope Comedy, the show at 7:30 p.m. will feature Ed McGonigal and Patrick O'donnell, with a special appearance by DCs funniest tax accountant, Ken Watter. The door will open at 6:00 for those who want to enjoy a no-host dinner, with musical entertainment by David Meyers of the organization, *Beethoven Found*. Also there will be a balloon pop -- a fun way to win prizes, each work more than what you pay for the balloon.

Tickets for the comedy show are just \$25 per person or \$40 for two. Contact Shu-fen Tsai at 240-750-3619. Better git 'em while the gittin's good. At last count, there were only 16 seats left.

Our Luncheon Last Week

On June 11th, we filled the room and more. There were some great guests:

- Terry Anderson, Past President of the Olney Rotary Club
- Barbara ott, President-elect of the BCC Rotary Club
- Alfredo Colina, our scholarship winner this year
- Jack Bell, who has been recommended for membership
- Brynda Erb-Marquis of Brooke Grove Retirement Village (see story below)

This was a Club Assembly (no guest speaker) With a relaxed timetable, we discussed Comedy Night, our Community Showcase series, our Interact clubs, and the need to develop a plan of activities and a budget for the Rotary year beginning July 1st.

Our Sergeant-at-Arms got a head start on Comedy Night by telling about a conversation at a sentry post during the war. It went something like:

"Who goes there," asked the sentry, but there was no response.

"**Who goes there,**" demanded the sentry, but there was still no response.

"Either you come up here so I can see who you are, or I'll go down there and see who you were."

Winfree had a happy Dollar for his granddaughter's ballet and tap recital. David gave a buck for his reunion with an exchange student from Germany who stayed at his house several years ago. Ivan was happy because his youngest child had just graduated from a high school Academy of Finance, Terry was glad to be back with the Gaithersburg Club, and Jack Aal was overjoyed that his daughter had gotten a "real" job.

Our guest, Alfredo, had the winning number for the 50-50. He got half the money paid in that day, and the pot is still over \$600.

Presentation by Ken Solo

Ken introduced himself as the district's marketing guy for the Rotary Club Foundation, and he did a wonderful job of selling it. The foundation is Rotary's arm for service projects, with an emphasis on work in developing countries.

Most Rotaarians give \$25 per quarter to the foundation, and our district's goal is to double that amount. Through a complicated process, some of the money paid in comes back to the district and the clubs. Ken explained that most Rotary clubs see advantages to using this for local projects, but the system is weighted in favor of international work. He explained how a club can start with \$10,000 and turn it into **\$200,000** via contributions from other entities and matching grants. This not only can be done, it HAS been done in our district.

We are grateful to Ken for his high quality presentation.

Open House at Brooke Grove

Brenda Erb-Marquis, Director of Business Development for Brooke Grove Retirement Village in Sandy Spring, briefed us on that organization and the OPEN HOUSE it will hold on Thursday, June 20th from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Learn about their innovative approach to assisted living and memory support and about their independent living, skilled nursing care, and rehabilitation services. Call 301-388-7209 for a reservation, by June 17th.

