



# Gaithersburg Newsletter

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**Meeting on Tuesdays at noon in the Holiday Inn, Montgomery Village Avenue and Route 355**

## Club Leaders

**Linda Hanson**

President

**Jeremiah Eliason**

President-elect

**Michael May**

Secretary

**Dan Dellon**

Treasurer

**Winfrey Irvine**

Sergeant-at-Arms

**Diana Swanson**

Immediate Past Pres.

## Events

8/4: Luncheon meeting.

Speaker: Dawn Shuler, author of Writing From Your Soul, etc.

8/6: Gaithersburg Rotarians invited to the Rockville club's meeting, 12:15 p.m. in Potomac Grill

8/6: Board of Directors meeting, open to all members. noodles & Company in the Kentlands at 5:30 p.m.

8/ 8-9: Opportunity to assist Gaithersburg HELP with a food drive. See your Presl, Linda.

8/11: Luncheon meeting and Club Assembly

**8/18: Luncheon meeting - official visit from Ken Solow, Rotary 7620 District Governor**

8/22: Rotary fundraiser at a Washington Nationals game. Information on the district website

8/25: Luncheon meeting. Guest speaker: Mary Murphy from Senior Connection

## 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 world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are 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. establish contacts with an international network of professionals, and develop leadership skills. [More info.....](#)

## Editorial: Avenues of Service

Rotary defines five "avenues of service" in which we should each be involved. These are: (1) to our club, (2) in our vocations, (3) to our community, (4) international and (5) to youth. Each of us, as an individual, serves the club and helps through his or her work. Service to the community, in foreign countries, and to youth can be done as an individual, through the Rotary club, or through other organizations such as [Gaithersburg Help](#) and [Nourish Now](#). The important thing is that each of us keeps in mind the five areas in which he or she has pledged to place **service above self**.

## The Luncheon Last Tuesday

President Linda kicked off the meeting by saying that Nigeria had gone a full year with no new cases of polio. The end in that land might be in sight. In two more years, with help from Rotary, the country might be declared **free of polio**.

Then Linda spoke of having enjoyed high tea with RI President K. R. Ravindran. Among other things, "Ravi" gave her an official scarf and told the story of how he had become a major donor to the Rotary Foundation long before he could afford it, when he saw the power of Rotary following a disaster in his country.

After our super speaker (see below), Linda announced events beginning with the D.C. United game on August 1st. Others were the Board of Directors meeting, meeting with the Rockville club, the food drive for Gaithersburg Help, Ken Solow's visit to our club, a Young Professionals meeting, and a Rotary Workshop on Peace Transformation.

IPP Diana reported on the RYLA Caribbean Carnival but neglected to mention that, at the event, she was invited to serve on two district committees. She was overjoyed! Or was she? She also didn't mention Ken's short appearance on the dance floor with one of the very plump Caribbean dancers. When she bumped, man, he went flying.

Our Serg.-at-Arms levied two fines and went on to Happy Dollars. Most were for our speaker, Frank. Dan had one for Linda, who had won \$300+ in our 50-50 the previous week and had donated it all to the club. Thank you, Madame Pres!

And, finally, Ron said the editor never took a photo of him. That surely can't be true.



## Our Speaker

Frank and Michele Senk are among our newest members and, on Tuesday, Frank gave his "Classification Speech." He described a superb educational background, mostly in Biochemistry, and gave a brief history of the Federal Food and Drug Administration. It has a LOT to do with his work in AstraZenica.

Also Frank gave a definition of biotechnology, which we could actually understand, and said he worked in the part of AstraZenica that was developing, manufacturing and selling new pharmaceuticals. Your non-tech. editor abstracted that he was involved in developing and using computerized tabulation and analysis of the results of large-scale tests of new drugs. Frank, we need that, desperately!

He gave examples of how drugs, hot-off-the-press (so to speak) were curing illnesses that were previously incurable. These can be developed, in part, because of his work in data integration and clinical data science to combine and analyze results from separate studies. "A pharmaceutical lives because of its patent," he said, and patents are for different time spans, depending on the situation.



Frank did a good job of "selling" us on seeking employment in his field, in spite of high internal and external competition and of having to work across multiple time zones and cultures. Also, he explained how Rotary's "4-way test" applied to his work.

Responding to questions, he said that Michele did related work for a related firm and that their four children had grown up watching medical TV shows. One or more of them seem certain to follow in their parents' footsteps.

## Jacob's Ride, for Hearing

More than 12,000 children are born in the U.S. each year with hearing loss. One of them, Jacob Landis from Annapolis MD, received a cochlear implant and later rode a bicycle across the U.S., visiting all thirty major league baseball stadiums, to raise awareness of the need for and the cost of this kind of treatment.

This year, Jacob is riding to local baseball stadiums and will be with **the Frederick Keys on Sunday, August 2nd** - meet and greet at noon and the game at 2:00. The ticket price is just \$7, and a portion will help fund implants for children who can not afford them.

Our Rotary district is a sponsor of Jacob's Ride-