



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

7/28: Luncheon meeting. "Classification speech" by new member, Frank Senk. This should be a good one!

8/4: Luncheon meeting. Speaker: Dawn Shuler, author of Writing From Your Soul, etc.

8/11: Luncheon meeting and Club Assembly

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

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 (for members only)

MEMBERSHIP! Is anyone looking for potential members? We have to bring guests to our events, but that doesn't seem to be happening. We should be out networking and offering Rotary business cards, but that isn't happening enough.

Did you know you could invite people to our luncheons through **Meetup.com**. Just enter a person's email address, and Meetup.com will invite him or her. It is quick and easy.

The Luncheon Last Tuesday

On Tuesday, Ken started with a reflection on how many businesses were becoming more socially conscious. They are increasingly supporting worthy causes and encouraging their employees to help as volunteers.

The secretary reported 13 members and no guests present, other than our speaker. Preident Linda asked a question based on the *Rotarian* magazine and then told a very good joke, from her father-in-law. It concerned an elderly lady in court, in a small town, who was asked if she knew the attorneys. She did and related several salacious details of each one's life. The judge quickly called the lawyers to the bench and admonished them to not ask her if she knew **him**.

Our friendly Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Ed, was **too** friendly; he levied no fines. Most Happy Dollars were for our speaker. Then, Linda hit the jackpot (over \$300) with the 50-50 and promptly donated her winnings to the club. Many thanks to Linda. We all appreciate it.

Our Guest Speaker

Carol Shreve, Development Director of Mercy Health Clinic, described her organization and the excellent work it does, day in and day out. She said an estimated 6,000 residents of Montgomery County still had no health insurance and relied on organizations such as her's.

The clinic has 40 volunteer doctors and, in some cases, can refer patients to outside specialists. They see about 2,000 unique patients a year, and an in-house pharmacy supplies numerous medications for reasonable prices. Carol gave examples of very ill patients whom the clinic was able to help. Patients must be adults and residents of Montgomery County.

Mercy Clinic is the only one in the county that does not charge for services, but it accepts donations from patients - a total of \$55,000 last year. Also it has two major fund raisers per year, a gala and a golf tournament. The organization has a continual need for people to volunteer to help with office work, etc.

For more information, contact Carol Shreve at 240-773-0332 or carol.shreeve@mercyhealthclinic.org



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 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. Let's get together in Frederick.