



Gaithersburg Newsletter

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July 10th, 2015

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

7/14: Luncheon meeting and Club Assembly.

7/16: *Flags For Our Heroes* meeting, Monument Bank, 2101 Gaither Road, Suite 600, Rockville. 7:30 p.m.

7/17-19: Rotary Leadership Institute Faculty Training. Info. on the district website.

7/21: Luncheon meeting. "Classification speech" by a new member.

7/21: **RYLA Caribbean Carnival**, 6:30 p.m. at GWU. See details and register on the district website. Sounds like fun!

7/22: Luncheon meeting. Speaker: Rene Bailey Iacona of AstraZenica.

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?

Note: You probably heard of the "Brit" who saved hundreds of children from the Nazis and just died at age 106. We understand he was a Rotarian.

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.....](#)

How Are We Doing?

How is our club doing, and what will it do in the new Rotary year? Find out this Tuesday in the Club assembly.

Last Tuesday we were just two members short of having **perfect attendance**. Can we do that well again? Let's try it!

The Luncheon Last Tuesday

On Tuesday we pledged our allegiance and then Ken read a statement from a full page in The Washington Post, about Pope Francis's Encyclical on climate change. It ended with the words: **"It's time for action. Help the pope save the planet."**

Our new secretary, Michael, jumped into his first membership report. Besides our members we had a visiting Rotarian, Gary Buchanan from the Montgomery Village Club, and our guest speaker (see below).

President Linda announced upcoming events and pointed out a new feature in our meeting room, a suggestion box. By the end of the day, it contained 2002 suggestions (minus 2,000). Anyway, it will be there for us to use.

After our guest speaker, IPP Diana presented awards to two Rotarians who excelled during "her" year but could not attend the installation on June 30th. Then we plunged into the happy dollars.

David had one for a food delivery service he had tried and a big one for having changed his car and homeowner's insurance, via www.compare.com, **saving** respectively **60 and 70 percent**.

Diana gave a happy dollar for all of us and **Ron** had \$5 for Famous Dave's Chicken at the installaton. **Ken** gave one for the CVC breakfast, and **Jim** one for meeting, at a Roy Rogers (chicken again), an old friend whom he thought was deceased.

John offered a buck for a Rotary meeting he attended in California, **Linda** one for Diana, and several members for our guest speaker.

Frank had dollars because his teen-aged daughter had spent a week with him rebuilding a house for the Appalacion Service Project. keep up the good work, Frank and Emma.

The 50-50 was at \$359, with just 10 cards left but, alas, the money stayed in the kitty.

Our Guest Speaker

We had the pleasure of hearing from Seaton R. VanderWoude, Assistant Director of Employment Services for Community Support Services, Inc. He knew exactly what he wanted and made sure we did also: employment for people with autism and other developmentl disabilities.

His organization provides essential services to both children and adults - about 175 at the present time. Among other things, it has 155 houses in which disabled people live. Mr. VanderWoude has people who can do cleaning, archiving, data entry, shredding of papers, and other work. They accept both paid employment and volunteer tasks such as preparing pews in churches for the next service. The organization sends staff members to the job



sites, and the employer does not pay for them.

Some entities that have CSS workers are Nourish Now, the Groomery, Houston's restaurant, Manna, Habitat for Humanity and, Neon Golf. Some jobs were lost when the Gazette newspapers were closed.

Our speaker closed with an appeal to give him ideas about where his people could work. All that is needed are a doable task and a set schedule. Seaton can be contacted at 301-926-2300, ext. 209 or svanderwoude@css-md.org. The organization's website is at www.css-md.org.



Hold the Dates in August

On August 18th, **District Governor Ken Solow** will make his official visit to our Rotary Club. We need every member and some guests for this important occasion.

On the 22nd, Rotarians will watch a Nationals Game to **benefit the fight against polio**. Get this: just \$40 just \$40 will get you \$60 - a ticket worth **\$45**, a concession credit for **\$10**, and a **\$5** contribution to Polio Plus. Members who cannot or do not want to attend are invited to contribute \$10 to the cause. It takes just a check payable to Rotary District 7620. Our Polio Plus Chairperson can collect them and send them.