



# Gaithersburg Newsletter

<http://www.Rotary7620.org>

June 19th, 2015

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

### Club Leaders

**Diana Swanson**

President

**Linda Hanson**

President-Elect

**Jeremiah Eliason**

Secretary

**Dan Dellon**

Treasurer

**Winfree Irvine**

Sergeant-at-Arms

### Events

6/23: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. [Speaker: Barry Worthington, filmmaker](#)

6/27: A little sweeping and raking at the Hanson farm to get ready for our picnic and changing of the guard. 10:00 a.m.

6/27: Ken Solow's installation as District Governor. Info. on the district website

6/30: No luncheon meeting. [Presidents dinner and Club officer installation](#) at the Hanson Farm (see separate story)

7/7: Luncheon meeting. Speaker: Rene Bailey Tacona of Astrozenica

7/14: Luncheon meeting and [Club Assembly](#).

### 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: Of those people who are defrauding the medicare and medicaid systems, we are betting that none is 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.....](#)

## Gaithersburg Rotary gives Grant to Mpambara-Cox Foundation

The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation gave its first grant on February 24th to the Mpambara-Cox Foundation, a Derwood-based foundation that creates community based partnerships between the USA and Africa for global education and sustainable development. Children in some areas of Uganda have difficulty attending and being successful in school because meals are not provided. These students must go hungry during the school day. The grant will be used to provide tools, seeds, and labor to build a garden at a school where the children will grow produce for their school lunches. For more information go to [www.mcoxfoundation.org](http://www.mcoxfoundation.org).

## Our Meeting August 13th



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNSHIP WANTED In the U.S. or abroad, short length of time, for bright young man in last months of high school. Contact [ronden@comcast.net](mailto:ronden@comcast.net)

Serviceable USED CAR wanted for local family whose car died and whose bank balance is low. Contact [weissfam@aol.com](mailto:weissfam@aol.com).

INAUGURATION OF KEN SOLOW as our next District Governor. Y'all, get signed up. Information on the district website.

## Changing of the Guard in Our Club

Subtitle (Do we dare?) FROM ONE FEMALE PRES. TO ANOTHER

President Diana's year will end on June 30th, and President Linda will take over.

Her installation will take place at a **family picnic** on Tuesday, June 30th, at 5:30 p.m., at the Hanson farm, 14100 Quince Orchard Road. RSVP to [lindamhanson@comcast.net](mailto:lindamhanson@comcast.net). Look for food, games, a pool, antique cars, farm animals, and more. Take footwear fit for a farm. Dignitaries will include our new District Governor, Ken Solow and the incoming Rockville club pres., Jim Gilchrist.

For a preview and **to get the place ready**, we are invited to go on June 27th at 10:00 a.m. with rakes, brooms and work gloves. This might be more fun than the party! Your editor is IN.

## Our Meeting Last Tuesday

What's this? Some members forgot to sign in? The secretary was kind enough to save them from starvation by calling their names and ask what they wanted to eat.

With the group of Rotarians, we had six guests:

- A Rotarian and his wife from **New Delhi, India**. He described some of their fund raising and service projects including an annual fair that raises about **\$130,000**. Wow!
- Geoffrey Fenner, our current **Regional Governor**. How much longer, Geoffrey?
- Danielle Senk, college student, daughter of members Frank and Michelle
- Beatrice Weiss, wife of Ken, just back from the international convention in Sao Paulo
- Our guest speaker (see below).

In President Diana's absence, Linda took over and read a letter from the city to acknowledge our donation of school supplies.

Ken reported briefly on the Rotary International convention in Brazil. He was impressed with the power and reach of Rotary and speakers who had touching Rotary stories and could tell them well. Linda mentioned the 10 year old girl whose story brought thousands of people to tears and then applause.

Ken introduced **States Attorney, John McCarthy**, who gave about a two hour talk in twenty minutes. He covered crime in Montgomery County (down 30% in the past six years), a great piece of police work (finding killers 4,000 miles away in just a few days), citizens' impressions of our court system, body cameras for the police, drugs and alcohol, criminals and others with mental health issues, crimes against elderly people, truancy, and more. Of the 154,000 kids in the county's public schools, about 8,500 do not go to school regularly, and they are more likely than others to be involved in crimes, drugs, and sex. His office runs a truancy prevention program.

Question and answer topics included "free range parenting," public confidence in the police, the "21 foot rule," and more. **It was superb presentation.**

Linda thanked the members who worked in 90 degree weather at Celebrate Gaithersburg. The "heroes" (present all day) were Jim, Michael and Ken, and several others took turns. We got some good PR and identified at least two potential guest speakers and a few potential members.

The **Happy Dollars** flew thick and fast, with Dan, Linda and Frank each kicking in \$5. All were meaningful. Beatrice drew Ken's ticket for the **50-50**, but he did not draw the right card. The pot is now well over 300 smackeroos.