



Gaithersburg Newsletter

<http://www.Rotary7620.org> June 26th, 2015

Meeting on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the Holiday Inn at Rt. 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue

Club Leaders

Diana Swanson

President

Linda Hanson

President-Elect

Jeremiah Eliason

Secretary

Dan Dellon

Treasurer

Winfree Irvine

Sergeant-at-Arms

EVENTS

NO LUNCHEON MEETING ON JUNE 30TH

6/27, Installation of Ken Solow as our new District Governor. Registration for this event is closed.

6/30, 5:30 p.m.: Family picnic and installation of club officers, 14100 Quince Orchard Road. See story at right.

7/7: Meeting in the Holiday Inn. Speaker: Renee Bailey lacona of AstraZenica

7/14: Luncheon and Club Assembly

7/21: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn

7/21: RYLA North America Caribbean Carnival, 6:30 p.m. Information on the district website

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg

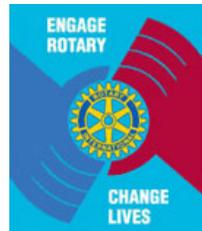
Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

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 in your community; assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts. Establish contacts with an international network of professionals. Develop leadership skills. Involve family in promoting service efforts. [More info.....](#)

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Installation of Officers June 30th



The Rotary club's 2015-15 officers have served us well. On Tuesday, there will be a realignment for the coming year:

- President Diana will become Immediate Past president
- President-elect Linda will move up to President
- Secretary, Jeremiah, will become the President-elect
- Michael will take over as Secretary
- Dan, our Treasurer, will give it a go for another year
- and Winfree will carry on as Sergeant-at-Arms

The installation will take place at the Hanson farm on Tuesday, June 30th, in a family event that will start at 5:30. Guests are welcome, with RSVP to lindamhanson@comcast.net lindamhanson@comcast.net Picnic clothes are recommended. Swimming suits are optional. Did we say that? Food and drink will be provided. Those who would like alcoholic beverages should please take them.

Donation by Our Foundation

The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation has made a donation of more than \$5,500 to the international Rotary Foundation for its campaign to end polio. Our foundation leaders determined that the funds would be matched, 2 to 1, by money from a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, so we will in effect be providing more than \$16,000.

One of Rotary's overriding goals has been and is to eliminate polio from the earth, and we are well on the way to accomplishing that. The donation from our club's foundation will be of significant help.

The money donated was raised a few years ago by our member, Adrian,, and her sister, to finance their trips to Nigeria to participate in a polio vaccination campaign. The trip was cancelled when a volcanic eruption in Iceland halted most air traffic over Europe.

Flags For Our Heroes: Memorial Day Weekend



Sponsor a Flag for a Hero

The Rotary Clubs' "Flags For Our Heroes" project will be held again next year, with 750 or more large American flags displayed at Bohrer Park on Memorial Day weekend. The 4th of July would be a perfect time to order your flag for next year. Contact anyone in the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg of Montgomery Village, or go on the Internet to <http://www.flagsforourheroes.com>

Our Luncheon Last Tuesday

President Diana ran her last meeting on Tuesday, and we couldn't tell if her sigh was of relief or of sadness. Our guest introduced herself - Dr. Louise J. Worthington, Principal of John T. Baker Middle School in Damascus and mother of our guest speaker.

The group agreed unanimously that our foundation should donate the money raised by former member, Adrian. See story, above.

Our guest speaker was Barry Worthington, filmmaker. He described his background and how he got into the business of making films intended **to help people understand each other**. In high school he showed some of his films in the school cafeteria at lunchtime. He said there were chaperones but did not mention censors, so presumably the films were OK with all concerned.

He made "River Haven" and "Kin" in Gaithersburg, "Hollywood Trash" in Los Angeles and "Sponge" in Texas and is now back in Gaithersburg preparing "The Infinitely Generous Francis Victus." All of his films have won awards, and they are can be viewed free on the Internet. Most are approximately 20 minutes in length. His website is www.limitlessfilms.com.



There were many questions about the independent film-making business, which sounded like a labor of love but certainly not a quick or easy way to fame and fortune.

There were many **happy dollars**, starting with Ken's about Bea questioning a note on his calendar that said, "Installation, Ken Solow." "Why Ken solo," she asked. "Can't I go too?"

Ron had a Happy Dollar for Ed's work with the foundation, Diana for Linda and some gifts that arrived in the mail on time, Linda for her installation and the speaker, Georges for the speaker, and Ed for the club's endorsement of the contribution for "Polio Plus." Then, Jim put in \$1 because Michael had gone to a meeting with him and \$5 because the meeting, at an aquatic laboratory, might lead to **several new after-school programs**. Sounds excellent, Jim!

We sang Happy Birthday to Jack and Ed and decided our chorus was NOT ready for prime time. Dan got to draw one of 10 remaining cards, to take home 345 big ones, but was not a winner.
