Meeting for lunch on Tuesdays at The Holiday Inn, Route 355 and Mongtomery Village Avenue

Club Leaders

Diana Swanson
President
Linda Hanson
President-Elect
Jeremiah Eliason
Secretary
Dan Dellon
Treasurer
Winfree Irvine
Sergeant-at-Arms
Tom Breece
Immediate Past President

Events

May 12th, 12:15 p.m.: Luncheon and Club Assembly in the Holiday Inn

May 16th, 8:30 a.m. District Grants Presentations. See District Calendar for info.

May 16th, 5:30 p.m. Flags For Our Heroes meeting, Monument Bank on Gaither Road

May 19th: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Speaker: Greg Susla, National Museum of Civil War Medicine

May 26th: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Classification Speech by a new member.

OUR 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 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.....

Weekend Events

The Rotary District 7620 conference wrapped up Saturday evening. Our club was represented by Diana, Linda and Ken, who enjoyed seeing people they had met in other Rotary activities. A member of a club in Frederick said the group had installed 18 new members in the past 12 months, and **16 of them** were registered for the conference. That club is going places!

CF Alliance Insurance Services (our member, John) celebrated its big 10th anniversary on Saturday evening. Those folks from the Philipines **really** know how to party! Georges and Elizabeth were there, as were Ken and our former member, Cristina. There were proclamations from the state, the county and the city.

Our Meeting May 5th

It was great to see our room fill up on Tuesday, with 18 members and 5 guests. Our scholarship winner, Ke Keon Lum was there with three staff members from GHS: Todd Nutter, Assistant Principal, Geri Sliffman, College Career Coordinator and Caro Carolyn West-Gipson, School Counselor. The final guest was Kelly Gilbertson, a Community Marketing Executive for Welcome Wagon.
    Dr. Nutter said the school was pleased with our club's involvement with the school, and Ms. Sliffman explained the process by which our scholarship winner was selected. She has long played a very important role in that process.

Keon Lum was called to the podium and said, in perfect English, how she had come to the U.S. at age 12 and spoke NO English. In the 9th grade, she began to get involved in the community by volunteering at the Quince Orchard library, partly because she loves to read. She went on to be active in tennis, the Key Club, the National Honor Society, and more.
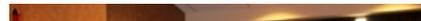   In her Junior year, Ms. Lum was a volunteer at Shady Grove Hospital and later at intern at the National Cancer Institute and George Washington University. These experiences, and her father's death from cancer, drove her toward a career in bio-medical research so she can help people to survive diseases and stay well.
    In addition she took several Advanced Placement courses, had a GPA of 3.96 or 4.5, depending on how it is measured, and is on track to be a National AP Scholar.
    We all were delighted to hear her speak.

Then, **Kelly Gilbertson** told us about Welcome Wagon. She said the organization was alive and well in our area and encouraged us to see if our

businesses could participate.

From a brief report on Flags Four Our Heroes, we learned that the flags had arrived and were on pallets at Ron's company. Rodney gave Winfree a prize for revenue generated, and President Diana emphasized that we had to keep selling.

Moving on, Amanda said we were ready to participate in the Gaithersburg Book Festival, Ken briefed us on plans for Celebrate Gaithersburg, and Diana urged us to participate in the District Conference.

When our Sergeant-at-Arms levied a "no pin" fine, a member tried to beg off because his wife had washed his shirt. Nice try, Frank.

 There were numerous happy dollars for our scholarship winner and other visitors, and for other reasons. Heck, we were all happy.

The 50-50 went un-won. Diana told us how much was in the pot and said that, if anyone attend meetings just for the 50-50, the time to begin had arrived. 😃

Flags For Our Heroes: Memorial Day Weekend

Sponsor a Flag

You can be part of our community's tribute to the heroes in our lives – past and present. This is your opportunity to honor your personal heroes. They could be a member of the military, or police, fire or other first responders who put their lives on the line for us every day.

You may also choose to honor a teacher, coach, mentor, community leader, family member, or anyone else who has been a hero in your life.

Each of the 750 American flags (made in America) on display in Bohrer Park along Route 355 will have a tag with the names of the donor and their hero. You'll be able to roam through this field of heroes and find your special flag. What a great way to honor your hero while helping support greater Gaithersburg charities.

For more information and to sponsor a flag, contact the Gaithersburg Rotary Club or go to http://www.flagsf http://www.flagsforourheroes.org/