



Gaithersburg Newsletter

Meeting Tuesdays at noon in the Holiday Inn, Rt. 355 & Montgomery Village Avenue
<http://www.GaithersburgRotary.org>, April 18th, 2015

Join Rotary to:

- Meet leaders
- Share ideas
- Have fun and
- Serve humanity

Club Leaders

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

Events

4/21: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Speaker: Stephanie Bont-Lebar of Empower Your Voice and Duet Vocal Academy

4/25: **D.C. Rotary Day in Farragut Square.** Four clubs combine to showcase their projects. See celebrities, etc. Open to everyone.

4/28: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Program to be determined.

5/5: Luncheon. Guest speaker: **our scholarship recipient**

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. We 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; develop leadership skills. [More info.....](#)

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It looks like our club had record attendance in the district's Club Training Assembly today. Excellent! We are on the move! The more we all know about Rotary and how it works, the better.

We still have opportunities for both individual and corporate sponsors in the Flags for Our Heroes project. Hundreds of full size American flags will fly at Bohrer Park on Memorial Day weekend. To sponsor one or more flags and honor your heroes, contact any member of the Gaithersburg or Montgomery Village Rotary clubs

Our Luncheon Last Tuesday

To start the ball rolling, President-elect Linda gave Ed a special pin for bringing new members to our club. **Congratulations, Ed**

Then Linda ably led us through a club assembly. Rodney, Chairman of the Flags For Our Heroes project, said he would start giving two prizes every week, one for the top seller and one for the most help in any aspect of the project. Let us all try to win

Also, Ken described PR and publicity activities for the flags project.

Ed said we needed about \$1,000 more to be able to buy 250 flags. In addition, we were committed to pay about \$600 for advertising signs and medallions to go on the flags. He mentioned that we would need a place to store the flags. A public storage room would cost about \$400 per year.

John said his company's park cleanup had gone well, thanks in part to about 25 students from Seneca Valley High School.

Linda said we would have a table in the Education Tent at the Gaithersburg Book Fest, with the Montgomery Village Rotary Club. We will focus on the dictionary project. People are still needed to staff the table during the afternoon.

Also she emphasized that members should sign up for the Club Leadership Seminar April 18th and the District Conference on May 8th and 9th. It will be so close, so inexpensive, and so fun and useful that **we will not want to miss it.**

A visiting Rotarian from Nepal, Tilak Magar, briefed us on the activities of his Rotary Club and district and showed a video about adventure tourism in Nepal. There are about 60 clubs in the country, and they work extensively in the areas of health and education. More funds are needed from Rotary clubs and other organizations.

The video ran the gamut of outdoor adventure, from climbing Mount Everest to white water rafting. It looks **very** exciting.

Following his talk, Tilak and Linda exchanged club flags, so he will have something to take home and we will have something by which to remember him.

Our **Sergeant-at-Arms**, Winfree, swung into action with a



couple of fins. John protested but to no avail. There were numerous happy dollars, especially from Eileen because her daughter won championships in horseback riding and from Georges because his son is coming back from Texas. The 50-50 was won by Tilak - cash on the barrelhead - an old expression whose meaning will never change.