



Gaithersburg Newsletter

Meeting Tuesdays at noon in the Holiday Inn, Rt. 355 & Montgomery Village Avenue
<http://www.GaithersburgRotary.org>, March 29th, 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

3/3: 5th Tuesday Happy Hour,
BC Steak, 15710 Shady Grove
Road (behind Red Lobster), 5:00
p.m.

4/7: Luncheon and Club
Assembly

4/11: RLI in Frederick. [Let's get
some members there!](#)

4/14: Luncheon. Speaker: **Greg
Susla** from the National
Museum of Civil War Medicine

4/18: District club training
assembly. Details to be
announced.

4/18: Potomac-Bethesda Rotary
International Night at Bretton
Woods. This is a very nice
annual event.

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.....](#)

Please join our group on Meetup.com, "like" us on facebook, follow us on Linked-in, and select the Gaithersburg Rotary Club Foundation when you shop on Amazon Smile: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0992470>



In Brief:

Scholarship Winner Selected. Ms. Keon Y. Lum was chosen from a superb group of candidates. We will meet her on May 5th, when she attends a club luncheon and will receive her award.

We have a Meetup Group. Please join us on Meetup. Help us enlarge the group and invite more wonderful people to our events.

Buy a Canopy? President-elect Linda is looking for contributions to help us buy an official Rotary canopy, so we will look good at **Flags for Heroes**. Please contact her about this.

Flags for Heroes: It seems that we now have about 50 flags sponsored. That is good but only 20% of our goal. We need more people who would like to honor their heroes.

Happy Hour Approaching. Remember, no club luncheon this Tuesday. Instead, we will gather at 5:00 at **BC Steak** on Shady Grove Road behind Red Lobster. Let's impress our host, Marco, by gobbling up every last hor d'ourve and washing it down with - whatever.

Our Luncheon March 24th

The club was attendance-challenged last Tuesday, with several members occupied elsewhere. Your editor is grateful for notes from Camilo and a photo from John.

After other announcements, *Flags for Heroes* Chairperson Rodney, said there would be a brief meeting after the happy hour on Tuesday. We will see who is there and, in what condition.

President Diana urged all members to register for the District Conference in Frederick. This will be close, inexpensive, and excellent. Each of us should attend part or all of it.

After our guest speaker (see below), John said we were at 270 "likes" on our Facebook page but needed to reach 300. Please spread the word so we can reach that goal.

Our Sergeant-at-Arms, Winfree, was back in action with fines and happy dollars. His ticket was picked in the 50-50, but he did not draw the \$232 card. That's OK, Win, you would have donated it to the club, anyway??

Bob Bartlett of The Washington Spirit

Bob Bartlett has become an expert on women's soccer. He spoke of previous attempts to form leagues and said the current one was in its third year and seemed likely to succeed. It might be the world's best women's soccer league.

The Washington Spirit has 24 players from several countries. A women's world Cup is approaching, and 5 Spirit players will play on their national teams (3 for the USA).

The Spirit team is service-oriented, according to Bob, in that its players are role models and inspire thousands of young people. It shows them they can dream and can make their dreams come true.



Bob's responsibility to the club is to make sure it generates enough income to be financially stable. He said that salaries were low and that, during the off season here, some of the women played abroad to earn extra money.

The Spirit has 7 full time employees, compared with 60 for the men's team, D.C. United. The two are not related but cooperate with each other.

The Washington Spirit's owner and General Manager is Bill Lynch, who is passionate about helping girls to realize their potential. It's home games are played at the Marland Soccerplex in Boyds. Average attendance is 3,500 in a stadium that holds 5,000.

For information, go to www.washingtonspirit.com. One can join the email list, volunteer, and/or sponsor the team. The first home game this year will be April 18th at 7:00 p.m.