



# Gaithersburg Newsletter

Meeting Tuesdays at noon in the Holiday Inn, Rt. 355 & Montgomery Village Avenue  
<http://www.GaithersburgRotary.org>, March 21st, 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

3/24: Luncheon. Speaker, Barry Kamen, Washington Spirit Women's Soccer

3/26: Scholarship interviews at GHS, 9:30 a.m.

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

4/7: Luncheon. Speaker from the Civil War Museum in Frederick

4/14: Luncheon 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?

## 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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## My Hero Essay Awards

Last Monday in the Mayor and City Council Meeting, President Diana delivered awards to the students who were best in the "My Hero" essay contest, part of the city's Character Counts program. Our club helped score the essays. **Photo:** Councilman Spiegel, D.Swanson, award winner's father, award winner and Mayor Ashman



## Our Luncheon March 17th

Wonderful guests at our luncheon last Monday: **Marco Farfan** from BC steak restaurant, **Fred Kordheilil** of the Black Rock Learning Center, **Geoffrey Fenner** who is our Area Governor, potential member **Carole Harris** and her daughter, also Carole Harris, **Ron Deneau** who is about to rejoin our group, and two who were installed as members (see below). Guests contribute mightily to the Rotary experience.

**Geoffrey**, invited to speak and not one to miss an opportunity, spoke of the Rotary Foundation, why all Rotarians should support it, and the different levels of support.

We moved quickly to the inauguration of new members, **Michelle Senk**, who was a Rotarian in Pennsylvania and **Jo Jonathan Malloy** of Boy Scouts of America. Each spoke briefly, and we look forward to their participation in the life of the club.

After our guest speaker(see below), we determined that our 5th Tuesday **happy hour** on March 31st would be at BC Steak. See "Events," at left.

There was discussion of the "**Flags for Heroes**" project, which will take much of our time until the end of May. With the Montgomery Village Rotary Club, we will display hundreds of large American flags on the lawn at Bohrer Park. Contact any member for information about sponsoring a flag to honouo her.



John, drafted unexpectedly as substitute Sergeant-at-Arms, declined to fine anyone. Come on, guys, fines are fun.

There were many **happy dollars**, especially for the new members and the Mayor. We had forgotten to pass around the **50-50** basket, but Jim somehow managed to enter the contest. Not surprisingly, his ticket was picked, but he did not manage to draw the right card.

## The Mayor Speaks

Mayor Ashman has an easygoing manner, a great smile, and immense knowledge of Gaithersburg and its affairs. He is also the owner of a website development company.

The Mayor said he knew Rotary well and loved its ideals, and he thanked us for participating in Character Counts and other city activities. He spoke of the forthcoming new city budget, the expense of complying with new stormwater management rules, construction of a new policy station, and the important Crown and Spectrum developments.

His main topic; however, was the wonderful **Gaithersburg Book Fest**, which he created in 2010 and which has gotten bigger and better every year. It will take place on May 16th by the Gaithersburg City Hall. The mayor spoke of how the festival has grown and the many well known authors who will speak this year. There is information at [www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org](http://www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org). If this is like last year's event, it will also feature new and used books, activities for kids, delicious pastries, and more. This is one NOT TO MISS. There are many **opportunities to volunteer** at the festival; see the website.

After his talk the Mayor was offered, and graciously accepted, **Honorary Membership** in the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg. He will visit us again, at a later date, when this affiliation will be formalized.

