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Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries found.

Events

February 5th

[Christine Ninda of Work Source Montgomery](#)
(and a special event)

February 12

[Classification Speech by Kathleen Caponiti](#)
[Learn about this returning member.](#)

February 19

[Gaithersburg City initiative named G-Parc : Tracy Rouleau](#)
This is about parks and a whole lot more.

February 26

[Eric Golub, Using Humor for Better Advocacy and Unity](#)
A little humor helps in almost every situation.

The 4-way Test

Of all that we think, say and do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Note: The club's general mail box, president@gaithersburgrotary.org, is no longer active. Beginning now, the general mail box will be gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com. Frank and Ken can check for messages.

It was, then it wasn't, then it kind of was again

By Kenneth D. Weiss

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Our 5th Tuesday happy hour was to take place on January 29th. Our member, Sahar, nicely offered her home. As the snow continued, and MCPS cancelled evening activities, our happy hour was cancelled also. We usually follow MCPS with snowflakes fall.

However, not everyone heard the word, and two people rang Sahar's doorbell. Their pint-size happy hour was reportedly very enjoyable.

Now, what is our next move. One option is to reschedule, maybe for on or about Valentine's Day. Another is to wait until the **next** 5th Tuesday, which will be April 30th. Our esteemed authorities will welcome opinions.

Excellent Rotary Programs

There is much to Rotary besides club, district and international meetings. Our club calendar, at left, hints at some additional activities.

RLI stands for Rotary Leadership Institute. In numerous countries, RLI offers series of three Saturday seminars on leadership and management, Rotary style. The planning is done on a regional basis, and the programs are held in various locations. They include good fun and opportunities for networking. The tuition is low, and our club is paying it for members who attend. **Every Rotarian should go to RLI.**



PETS is President-elect Training. It is offered once a year in each district to help presidents-elect to plan and prepare for **their year** as club president. There is normally a one-day Pre-PETS and then a two-day PETS, although some districts are experimenting with webinars. Serving as President is a valuable experience, and **no amount** of preparation for it is **too much**.

RYLA is Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. This is a misnomer, however, because the RYLA is actually leadership training. Each year there is a one-day session for junior high students and a three-day meeting for high school students. Rotary Clubs select young people to attend and pay their fees. The subjects include leadership, communication, project management, conflict management, and more.

Other Rotary Clubs Around



Rotary is nearly everywhere. There are well over 30,000 clubs in the world. People who might want to join a Rotary club often visit two or more to see which one best meets their needs. After a person joins one club, he/she is encouraged to attend meetings of others. This results in **new acquaintances** and a **cross-fertilization** of ideas. Many Rotarians strive to have perfect attendance. To do this, if a member misses a meeting in his/her own club, he/she makes it up by attending a meeting of another club. Though this technique, some Rotarians have maintained perfect attendance for well over 50 years.

In our immediate area, the **Gaithersburg** and the **Montgomery Village** clubs meet on the same day in the same room, one for breakfast and the other for lunch. Rotary is also active in **Rockville, Olney, North Potomac**, and other jurisdictions. For information about any of them, go on the Web to Rotary.org and click on "Club Finder."

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg

By Frank E. Senk Jr.

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