



# Gaithersburg Newsletter

<http://www.GaithersburgRotary.org> December 6th, 2014

**Meetings Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the Holiday Inn, Route 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue**

### Club Leaders

**Linda Hanson**

President

**Jeremiah Eliason**

President-Elect

**Michael May**

Secretary

**Dan Dellon**

Treasurer

**Winfree Irvine**

Sergeant-at-Arms

**Diana Swanson**

Immediate Past President

### Events

12/9: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn and **Club Assembly**

12/9: **Subbing for Santa** in the Wilson Health Care Bldg. at Asbury. 2:00 p.m.

12/9: **Leading carols** in the Kindley Assisted Living Building at Asbury, 7:00 p.m.

12/13: Rotary District **social media training**. Information on the district website

12/16: Luncheon in the Hioliday Inn. Guest speaker, Jim Clifford, Sr., Esq., on **swimming the English channel** in record time

12/23: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Program to be announced.

### 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?

## 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.....](#)

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## Our Luncheon December 2nd

It was members only at the last meeting. We missed having guests and visiting Rotarians. In the absence of an American flag, we pledged to the flag of Maryland. Winfree reminded us of the events at Asbury (see 12/9, at left), and Linda said that our officers for the Rotary year beginning 7/1/16 would be elected at the following luncheon.

Linda said the city government was accepting funds to help buy books for needy students, and members rushed to fork over \$20 bills.

After an excellent talk by Jeremiah (see below), there was only time for Happy Dollars and the 50-50. Miciael, Diana, Ken, Linda, Jeremiah and Dan all paid up to speak up. As the ticket drawn for the 50-50 was torn, John could not read the number, until someone suggested he turn the ticket around. Then, Diana challenged the winner because his ticket was not like the one that was drawn. It was not torn. If he had drawn the right card from the deck, who knows **what** would have happened.

## Jeremiah, the Lawyer, Gives Us Free Advice

But, beyond free advice, he offered to do Advance Directives for any club member, free of charge.

Jer said he was writing a book about giving. "A lot of people put all their stuff in their self box," he said. "They don't put anything in the other people box." He gave us four good reasons for having an estate plan and told us how to give through wills, trusts, deeds life insurance, and gifts, both "specific" and "remainder." He said, for example, that one could give his house to a charitable organization, write off the value at once or over a few years, and retain use of the house as long as he or she wanted to live in it.

Also he discussed using life insurance and pensions as vehicles for giving to 501(c) entities. He used his friends, Sam and Sue Snowbird, as an example of how to optimize use of one's resource to live well, assist their grandchildren and give the charity. The questions were many, as the topic was timely for nearly all of us.

