



Gaithersburg Newsletter

<http://www.GaithersburgRotary.org> December 12th, 2015

Meeting 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

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

12/15: Luncheon at the Holiday Inn. **Speaker:** Jim Clifford, **on Swimming the English Channel** at age, well, maybe he will tell.

12/22: Luncheon at the Holiday Inn. **Classification Speech** by new member, Dwayne Coaxum.

12/29: No luncheon. **Holiday party** in the president's home. Details 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?

Editorial, for members only

Last week Dwayne Coaxum was installed as a member. We are thrilled. He will be a good one. However, during the ceremony our President said it was the first installation during her term as President. That means that, in six months, we have brought in just one new member. That is well below the replacement rate. Instead of growing, we are shrinking, and we are all at fault.

John has pledged to sponsor two new members by the end of June, and Ken likewise, who else will make a sincere effort to do that? The future of our club depends on it! The Editor

Election of Officers

Last Tuesday the members of the Gaithersburg Rotary Club elected their officers for the year beginning July 1st. There were no surprises, just good vibes. Our officers will be as follows:

- President, Jeremiah Eliason (who will be fully trained and ready)
- President-elect, Michael May. He has more than earned the honor.
- Secretary, Frank Senk. It is good to see him moving up in the club.
- Treasurer, Dan Dellon (continuing). Many thanks Dan.
- Sergeant-at-Arms, Winfree Irvine (continuing). We want fines! We want fines!
- Immediate Past-President, Linda Hanson

The vote was u-nan-i-mous. They will surely serve us well.

Members, New and Upgraded

Our newest member, as of last Tuesday, is Dwayne Coaxum of U.S. Health Advisors. We look forward to associating with Dwayne, meeting his family and hearing his Classification Speech.

Right after the installation, Dan and Jeremiah were finally had the NEW stickers "stripped" from their badges. They are now full-fledged members.

See below for photos of these events.

Our Luncheon Last Tuesday

Installation of Dwayne Coaxum, **election** of our leaders for next year, and **"stripping"** ceremony. See the stories above.

Financial report by Dan. Beautiful. The club is in good shape.

Admin. report by Diana. That committee handles social events, speakers, the weekly bulletin, etc.

Membership report by Jeremiah. We might start a satellite club for people who can't attend luncheon meetings.

Fund raising report: Linda, in Frank's absence, said Comedy Night brought in about \$1,100 for the club and \$970 for the foundation. Rodney asked for suggestions of organizations with which we can partner on the Flag project.

Interact report by Linda. The club at GHS now has a sponsor, Michelle Wright. It held a food drive for Gaithersburg Help. Michelle Senk might be our liaison to the club at QOHS. We plan to send one student from each club to the RYLA retreat February 13-5.

Public relations report by Ken. We are active on Facebook and Meetup.com and try to obtain publicity for newsworthy activities of the club and foundation.

Foundation report by Ken: Then by-laws are being revised, and then priorities for giving will be established. Linda and Diana said the foundation board needed to hold a meeting and to elect officers, as required by the by-laws.

Service projects: Linda said we needed a chairperson for the committee.

Then Linda asked **quiz questions** and someone, Jeremiah, actually answered one. Hooray!

Our longest serving member, **Winfree**, donated \$140 to the club - \$1 for each year of marriage and \$1 for each year of age.

There were several **Happy Dollars**, mostly for Dwarne's installation and for relatives coming to visit for Christmas. David was happy because he had dumped Verizon TV and gone to Tivo, for a considerable saving in cost. Dwayne had gone to a Dallas Cowboys game, which the Cowboys won.

Note: With this GD DACDB it seems impossible to upload and arrange photos. Some will be sent by email.