



# Gaithersburg Newsletter

<http://www.Rotary7620.org>

October 24th, 2015

Meeting from 12:15 to 1:15 on Tuesdays in The Holiday Inn at Route 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue, in Gaithersburg

## 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

10/27: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn, 12:15 p.m. Speaker: [Kathy Mackey, International Rotary Scholar](#)

11/3: No luncheon

11/5: the club's 49th birthday celebration and Comedy Night

11/10: Luncheon and Club Assembly

11/15: Rotary [Foundation](#) Recognition Dinner. Members are encouraged to attend. See details on the district website

## 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 membership is open to all. It provides the opportunity to become connected to your community, work with others in addressing community needs, assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts, establish contacts with an international network of professionals, develop leadership skills, involve family members in promoting service efforts, and more. [More info.....](#)

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## Comedy Night

By Diana Swanson **The Editor asks:** Is this a Comedy Night and, incidentally, a celebration of the club's 49th birthday, or is it a celebration spiced with comedy. **The answer is:** either way, we will have a meaningful and very pleasant evening.

# ROTARY COMEDY NIGHT

**WHEN**  
November 5th, 2015  
6pm - 10pm

**WHERE**  
Courtyard Marriott  
Washingtonian Center, 2nd Floor  
204 Boardwalk Place, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

**FEATURING •**  
Comedians **Irving Loring • Kelly Terranova • Wes Martens**  
MC **John Cabrera**  
Prizes **Silent Raffle • 50/50 Drawing**

**WWW.GAITHERSBURGROTARY.ORG**

### DON'T MISS EVENT

#### TICKETS

\$60 General  
Group rates  
available on site

#### INCLUDE

6 pm cash bar  
7 pm Dinner  
8 pm COMEDY

#### SPONSORS

Rotary Club of  
Gaithersburg  
Gaithersburg Rotary  
Foundation

#### BENEFITING

Local and International  
Charities, Disaster Relief,  
College Scholarships,  
High School Leadership  
Programs, The Dictionary  
Project

## Our Meeting Last Tuesday

**Surprise, surprise:** we were ushered into our old meeting room, remodeled and beautiful. Everyone had to make a tough decision: sit at square table, or a round one.

As usual, we were blessed by guests. They were **Talitha Hampton** of AstraZeneca, **Cecilia Bailey** (wife of Edco), **Edco Bailey** from the Montgomery Village Rotary, David Diaz of the United Services Rotary E-Club and a former Ambassadorial Scholar, and our guest speakers (see below).

Linda had a packet of tickets for Comedy Night, and they are available for \$60 each. She reminded us of the need to help flood victims in South Carolina and said to tell Dan if we can contribute money.



David Diaz introduced us to the concept of electronic Rotary clubs. You can check out his at <https://www.facebook.com/unitedservicesrotary>.

After our guest speakers (see below), went straight to the Sergeant-at-Arms festivities. Acting, Ed skipped the fines and extracted **Happy Dollars** from Jim for Messrs. Linchuck and Robert, from David for Edco and Cecilia, from Ken for the same two plus David, from Dwyne for the speaker, from Linda (\$3) for all the guests, and from Jim for his guest. Gee, guys and gals, guests are great but we must have been other reasons to be happy.

## Look Well Before You Hire

Our speakers were Marc Linchuck and Curtis Robert of the firm, **Global Investigative Services** (Global). This 20 year-old company, in Rockville MD, specializes in pre-employment, and in some cases employment, background checks. A basic service can be done in as little as 24 hours.



A poor employment decision can be very costly, said Mr. Linchuck, and a high percent of job applications contain outright lies. He gave examples - names we know. The wrong employee can steal a company's money, cheat its customers, crash its vehicles, and more.

One needs permission from an applicant to search his or her records at the federal, state and local levels. In its work, Global must be compliant with the Fair Credit Reporting Act and must carefully avoid discrimination. They can check past employment records and salaries, a person's address history, his or her driving record, etc. They can obtain information from foreign countries if needed.

According to the company brochure, Global conducts criminal and civil searches, identification screening, drug alcohol and physical testing, and referencing credentialing. The information they provide can be worth many times its cost.

## Service Plans and Opportunities

Besides aiding flood victims in South Carolina, the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation plans to donate \$200 to the City of Gaithersburg for its **"My Hero" essay contest**. Also it is considering donating \$500 to the **Robotics Club at GHS** and some amount to **Nourish Now** for Thanksgiving dinners.

Linda has encouraged individual members to participate in the **City of Gaithersburg Holiday Giving Program**. The options are: (1) provide any number of families with Thanksgiving dinners and deliver them, (2) provide any number of children with holiday gifts and deliver them, (3) contribute any number of \$10 or \$20 Kmart gift cards, and (4) contribute money. Checks can be sent to Gaithersburg Holiday Giving Program, 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Tell Linda or Ken so the club will know what its members have contributed.