



# Gaithersburg Newsletter

<http://www.Rotary7620.org>

September 28th, 2014

Meeting at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Holiday Inn, 2 Montgomery Village Avenue in Gaithersburg

## Club Leaders

**Diana Swanson, PhD**

President

**Linda Hanson**

President-Elect

**Jeremiah Eliason**

Secretary

**Dan Dellon**

Treasurer

**Winfree Irvine**

Sergeant-at-Arms

**Tom Breece**

Immediate Past President

## Events

9/30: No meeting in the Holiday Inn. District [luncheon at Gaulladet University](#). Club Happy Hour that evening.

10/4: Our fundraiser in the Germantown Flea Market. [Get your merchandise to David now!](#)

10/7: Luncheon in the Holiday Inn. Speaker: Shanthi Srinivasachar on the Character Counts Program and the "My Hero" essay contest

10/12: Octoberfest in the Kentlands, noon to 5:00

10/14: Luncheon. Program to be determined.

10/15: Sandler sales training to raise funds for Polio Plus. Registration at [rotary7620.org](http://rotary7620.org).

## 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 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. and Involve family members in useful service activities.

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg is open to service-oriented persons who can attend at least half of its weekly luncheons.

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## Selected News Items

September 27th, 2014

### FLEA MARKET SALE OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

There is no more time to fool around. David is accepting any good quality merchandise, except clothes, for sale in the Germantown Flea Market October 12<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will go to the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation.

### OCTOBERFEST OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

This is always a fun and colorful event and, this year, Rotary Club members will help with the wine and beer concession. There is still time for those who have not signed up to do so.

### OUR MEETING LAST TUESDAY

With our president absent, President-elect Linda took over and announced our flea market sale, the Kentlands Octoberfest, the Red Line Rotary happy hour, Gaulladet Day, Rotary Leadership Institute courses, and Sandler sales training. For details, please look up or to the left.

Ed said that David had become a director of our 501(c)(3) foundation and that the foundation had approved buying about 1200 dictionaries for third gradeers in the city. Amanda urged us to pick up books for "our" schools and deliver them soon.

John said we should celebrate our club's formation in 1966), as we always do. Linda offered to work on this, with John and Jack (but the editor has forgotten which Jack).

Ken said the "Fireside Chat" with Victoria Zavadszkaya would be on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 p.m., in the Marriott in Rio, just before our happy hour.

After an excellent talk by our guest speaker (see below), Linda collected "Foundation Dollars" and then stroked the bell to adjourn.

## Our Guest Speaker, Derek Longbrake

September 26, 2009

Derek, of [Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless](#), began by helping each of us paint a picture of him or her self in the position of a homeless person, of which there are 891 in Montgomery County. "It doesn't need to happen," he said, It causes trauma, especially to kids. A person or family usually becomes homeless because of a combination of factors such as abuse, illness, and loss of employment.

The MCCH provides emergency housing and counseling, and helps move people into permanent housing. It serves three meals per day to about 100 people in warmer months and about 200 in colder months. Also, it offers special assistance to homeless people who are seriously mentally ill. Its



case managers use a technique called “motivational interviewing.”

Derek listed ways in which Rotary could help including assisting with meal preparation, greeting visitors, back-to-work mentoring, GED tutoring, collecting needed items, and providing holiday gifts. These are very good opportunities – helpful and not highly difficult.



Our speaker stayed, talking and answering questions, until well after the closing bell.