

# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

June 27th, 2020

### Club Meeting

Now meeting on Zoom, at noon on Tuesdays.

Normally meets at the Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA

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### Club Leaders

**Richie Vicente**  
President and President-elect

**Kelly Grossberg** Secretary, with Kumba Brewah

**Dan Dellon**  
Treasurer

**Scott Rebein**  
Immediate Past President

**H. Winfree Irvine Jr.**  
Sergeant-at-Arms, with Dan King

**Frank E. Senk Jr.**  
Assistant Governor

**The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation**  
Sara Torrence, President  
Bob Bokma, Secretary  
Jack Bell, Treasurer  
Dan King, Member-at-large  
Diana Swanson, Member-at-large

### Events

June 28th  
**Virtual Installation of the new District Governor**  
Go to [Rotary7620.org](http://Rotary7620.org) for logon information.

June 30th  
**Happy Hour and Installation of Officers for 2020-21** See the first story (at right).

July 7th  
**Club Meeting on Zoom**  
**Speaker:** Susan Kerin  
**Subject:** the Peace Action Network - it's goals and activities

July 9th  
Probable happy hour at the Lone Oak Brewery in Olney  
Details to be announced.

July 14th

## NO MEETING Tuesday at Noon

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, June 27, 2020



Happy hours! For years, we rarely had them. President (somebody) instituted five per year, President Richie bumped it to twelve, and our friend, Covid, made them virtual. **However they're done, they are fun.**

On Tuesday, June 30th, we will not have a noon-time meeting. Instead, there will be a **happy hour** at 5:30 p.m. Here is the logon information: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/394934861?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/394934861?pwd=d0JtaG8xb1I2WUEwYmo5bGgyK1JqUT09)

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We'll have a **Western theme**, says Richie, so dust off your cowboy hat and bandana. It might be hard to show your boots on Zoom. Be ready for a quiz on *Women of the West*. Richie might thank members of his leadership team, and the club will thank him for his year as President. Then, he'll be installed as President for 2020-21, along with his crew of top lieutenants. **Do join in the fun** and feel free to invite your friends.

## District Conference and the Incoming DG

**Meet Jimmie**, our District Governor as of July 1st. She was introduced in the District Conference, which finished early Saturday afternoon.

**The keynote speaker** in the conference was Tom Thorfinnson, Chief Strategy Officer for Rotary International. He told us that RI had adopted a seventh area of focus, **the environment**. Projects to save and improve it are now eligible for matching grants from the Rotary Foundation. He mentioned the growth in hybrid (part virtual and part face-to-face) Rotary clubs and in **cause-driven** clubs. He said too that COVID-19, disruptive though it is, is showing us **opportunities**. For example, more than **60,000 people** watched part or all of the Rotary International Convention. That's about double the normal attendance. Also, training of the 535 district governors might be done on-line, he said, and, if it is, the **savings**, mostly in travel cost, will be about \$10 million.



The wonderful **4 Way Test Speech Competition** followed, then a word from our global scholars and then a service to remember Rotarians who had passed on during the past year - our member, **Archie Avedesian** among them. There was a second a keynote speech, by Seth Goldman, awards for exceptional clubs, and remarks by Jimmie Gorski. Outgoing District Governor, **Barton Goldenberg**, was introduced as a Rotarian who sometimes participated in his clubs meetings while riding on a bicycle path. He thanked several members of his team, including our club's **Bob Bokma**, for his work with *Coins for Alzheimer's Research*, CART.

**Jimmie will be installed**, virtually, as the new District Governor tomorrow (Sunday) from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. The logon information is on the website, [rotary7620.org](http://rotary7620.org). Let's join in and raise a toast to Jimmie!

## Our Meeting Last Tuesday

Once in a while - who knows why - a group of people click and a meeting is actually **FUN**. That happened on Tuesday. President Richie started by talking about the District Conference. Then, Bob spoke on the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) and Dan K. on our foundation's response to the COVID-19 crisis.

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### The Rotary Four-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 friendship?

- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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Ken briefed us on the **Rotary International Convention**, especially new types of clubs. There are face-to-face and virtual hybrids, "passport clubs," and several other kinds. He said also that the film about our deceased member, **Archie Avedesian**, was about to be screened in the Columbia Film Festival. It gives a brief history of Archie with emphasis on his many years of leadership in Boys and Girls Clubs of America. WANADA is mentioned near the end.

Richie said we would invite former members of the club to our happy hour June 30th. Then, we discussed meeting physically and settled on a sort of happy hour at the **Lone Oak Brewery** in Olney, probably on July 9th. Kelly might follow up on this, as she knows the owners. Hey, Kelley, how is the BEER?

Then, we plunged into **happy dollars**. Dan K. fined himself for eating during the meeting. There is no rule against that, but the club will take the money. Also, he quizzed us on the name of the incoming president of Rotary International and finally awarded the prize to Ken, who least know the country of origin - Germany. The name, by the way, is **Holger Knaack**.

**Richie** was happy that his parents in the Philippines were doing well and were helping others through the COVID crisis. **John** paid \$5 to say that his son had graduated from high school and that he had spent a lovely Father's Day with his dad, who is 84 years old. **Dan D.** kicked in \$5 for the meeting and for the new Popeye's in The Kentlands. Fried chicken, here we come.

**Dan K.** was happy because of the new issue of The Rotarian and for having seen his grandchildren for the first time in three months. **Ken** paid a buck to say he had finally let Beatrice cut his hair, and she did OK. No, he didn't show the back of his head. **Kelly** offered a measly dollar because her daughters had come home alive from a hike on the Appalacian trail. One daughter was offered jobs, by two companies, as hiking guide and assistant to *wilderness therapists*. Also, Kelly's bicycle for **Ride Allegheny** was about to arrive. She plans to participate in this four day, 310 mile adventure, which is expected to raise a half million dollars for wounded American heroes.

Not yet at the end, **T.O.** kicked in \$10 because Montgomery Magazine had published a story on the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation. Also, he had ordered a power push golf cart. We trust he will not turn it on. His daughter was accepted to the University of Pittsburth, with a full scholarship. Finally, **Bob** paid \$5 for his satisfaction for a full-family Father's Day reunion.

Somehow, the talk turned to the Philippine language, **Tagalog**, and Richie said every member should learn a word of it every week. He didn't say whether that applied to the week of June 29th, on which we won't have a regular meeting. *We say: Malalaman natin sa lalong madaling panahon kung mangyari ito.*

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