

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

July 3rd, 2020

Club Meeting

Currently meeting on-line.

Normally meets in the Holiday Inn at 2 Montgomery Village Avenue in Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA
Time: Tuesday at 12 noon

GaithersburgRotaryClub@gmail.com

Club Leaders

Emmyrich Vicente
President

Kelly Grossberg
Secretary, with Kumba Brewah

Dan Dellon
Treasurer

Winfree Irvine
Sergeant-at-Arms, with Dan King

Scott Rebein Immediate Past President

Frank E. Senk Jr.
Area Governor

The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation

- Sara Torrence, President
- Bob Bokma, Secretary
- Jack Bell, Treasurer
- Diana Swanson, Member-at-large
- Dan King, Member-at-large

Events

July 7th, 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Club Meeting
Speaker: Susan Kerin
Subject: the Peace Action Network - it's goals and activities

July 9th (tentative) **NON-virtual get-together** at the Lone Oak Brewery in Olney, Maryland

July 14th
Virtual Club Meeting.

July 21st
Virtual Club Meeting

July 28th
Virtual Club Meeting. July 31st, 1:00 p.m., talk
Subject: Infinite Possibilities - Women in rotary
Speaker: Sylvia Whitlock, the

Happy Fourth of July

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Friday, July 3, 2020



The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg wishes a very happy 4th of July to its members, its friends and their families. May the day give us all a new sense of patriotism and greater devotion to working peacefully for the good of our country and the world.

Happy Hour and Installation of Officers

Our virtual happy hour June 30th drew 30 people, about half because of our member, **Kumba**. She had invited fellow Sierra Leoneans from Sierra Leone, England, Iraq, the U.S. and maybe other countries. Also, the **Rockville Rotary Club** honored us by sending a strong delegation.



Out outgoing (and incoming) **President, Richie**, said he never expected his year as President to be interrupted by COVID-19. Of course, no one did. He briefed us on club and foundation projects and said we would, somehow, again provide **Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners** for residents of the Montrose Mobile Home Park. We already have about \$500 toward the cost.

Richie thanked several people for contributing to the club's success and introduced the new officers: **himself** as President, no one yet as President-elect, **Kelly** as Secretary, **Dan D.** as Treasurer, **Winfree** as Sergeant-at-Arms and **Scott R.** as Immediate Past President. Editor's note: During the coming year, a president-elect will be named, we hope Winfree can return from an illness, and Scott will move out of the region. That will, presumably, make **Frank** the Immediate past-president again.

We drank a **virtual toast** to the new board of directors. Frank reported on the district conference, saying: "Rotary is all about trying to make an Impact." Richie reminded us that Rotary International's theme for the year is "**Rotary Opens Opportunities.**"

Then, there was a quiz on **Women of the wild west**. To a question about who was Jesse James' wife, Gilroy astutely responded, "Mrs. James." The quiz gave way to the game of "Two truths and a falsehood" (or "lie," if you prefer). Everyone got into it and enjoyed it. The event got the 2020-21 Rotary year off to a flying start!

A New Focus for Rotary - The Environment

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Friday, July 3, 2020

On June 26th, 2020, Rotary International announced something new - **a focus on the environment**. Rotary clubs have completed hundreds of environmental projects, from removing plastic waste to putting solar roofs on schools. The difference is that, now, the **35,000 clubs** worldwide are encouraged to plan projects to protect and improve the environment, and many of them will be eligible for matching grants from The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1917. It has a four-star rating from Charity Navigator and disbursements of more than \$300 million dollars per year. Its areas of focus are



first female Rotary Club President
Register on the district website.
Do not miss this one.

We have openings for excellent Rotary speakers. Please send your suggestions to shavanas@comcast.net

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 bring goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

(1) preventing disease, (2) providing clean water, (3) supporting education, (4) growing local economies, (5) saving mothers and children, (6) promoting peace and, now (7) **supporting the environment.**

The **Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, ESRAG**, which is affiliated with Rotary, has led in promoting environmental funding and activities. ESRAG recently sent a questionnaire to people connected with Rotary, worldwide, and almost 6,000 people responded. Nearly 95 percent said that Rotary should work on environmental issues. The respondents agreed that, besides helping save our planet, a focus on the environment would attract thousands of new members to Rotary clubs.

Salvador Rico, a Rotarian in Mexico, said recently: ♦ I am in tears of joy, gratitude, and full of hope! I know that, with Rotary, ESRAG, UNEP and all the strategic partners, we are going to save the planet, all living beings, and all of humanity?♦ (UNEP is the United Nations Environmental Program.)

ESRAG will offer a webinar on July 20th entitled, ♦ World Environment of Rotary and the United Nations. ♦ Information will be available at <https://www.facebook.com/GoESRAG/> and at www.esrag.org. All donations to ESRAG will help The Rotary Foundation respond to more requests for matching grants in this vital new area of focus.
