

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

July 25th, 2020

Club Meeting

Rotary Club of Gaithersburg,
Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA

We are now meeting on-nine at
noon on Tuesdays. For login data,
write to
GaithersburgRotaryClub@gmail.com

In-person meetings are held in the
Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg.

Club Leaders

Emmyrich Vicente

President

Scott Rebein

Immediate Past President

Kelly Grossberg

Secretary, with Kumba Brewah

Dan Dellon

Treasurer

H. Winfree Irvine Jr.

Sergeant-at-Arms, with Dan King

Frank 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

July 28th

Virtual Club Meeting

Speaker: Judith Clark

Subject: Women Who Care
Ministries

Judith, a member of the
Montgomery Village Rotary Club,
has worked wonders in the
Montgomery Village area. Services
include a **food bank**, which is
very active right now. **Hear
about it from the founder and
CEO.**

July 30th, 5:00 p.m.

Club Happy Hour and awarding

of the Linda M. Hanson

Scholarship. **Join us at Zoom
meeting # 9969783888**

July 31st, 1:00 p.m.

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

A Golden Opportunity for Rotary

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Friday, July 24, 2020

Thousands of Rotary clubs are meeting virtually. This lets them have guests, and guest speakers, from **anywhere in the world.**

But, not everyone is interested in, for example, local affairs of Gaithersburg. The answer might be for a club to adopt a specific Cause - one that is relevant to its community **and the world**, such as clean water or Alzheimer's disease. This cause-based club could draw interested people from anywhere - could have scores of virtual members. **There are clubs like that.** They are not limited to a single issue, but they specialize in it.

Strong, dynamic Rotary clubs should not try to fix what isn't broken, but weaker clubs should seriously consider their *raison d'etre* and see if they need to adopt a laser-like focus on a single cause or problem.

Our Meeting Last Tuesday



Sajan Mohammad was our guest speaker - more about him later. Geri Sliffman was there from Gaithersburg High School, to accompany **Nicole Akinseye**, who received a scholarship from our club. Her brother, **Jason**, was there for the happy event. Jason has an MBA degree and works as an accountant.

Another special guest was **Keith Eig**, grandson of **Sam Eig**. Before the meeting began, he and our old timers reminisced about the days when Sam was around. He came here as a penniless immigrant and decided that, if he made any money, he would give away half of it. He did just that. His many gifts included \$10,000 to the Rotary Club to set up a scholarship fund in his *alma mater*, Gaithersburg High.

Sara and Geri presented our scholarship winner, Nicole. She is an **amazing** young lady - a member of the National Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Debate Club, International Club and much more, with hundreds of service hours. She already had the check and held it up to her camera. She wants to **make the world better, through science.**

After an excellent guest speaker (see below), we went for happy dollars. **Dan D.** levied no fines, for which **he** should be fined. He paid to say that, for the first time in 56 years of marriage, his wife, Daria, had let him cut her hair. He did **not** show a photo. **Sara** was happy for Nicole, **Frank** for a vacation, **Scott** for finding a house to buy and **Ken** for getting a new webcam. Now, he can actually **show** things.

T.O. announced that the **Montgomery County Muslim Federation** was working with the mosques in Montgomery County to establish a fund of money. Half of the funds will provide **scholarships** to African American young people to study law enforcement, basic sciences, engineering and medicine. The other half will provide **legal aid** for disadvantaged African-Americans in the county. He and his wife, Faizi, have made a major contribution to the fund. This was all very good news. Frank offered to connect T.O. with the president of the **Emory Grove Satellite Rotary Club.**

As a happy finale, Frank said he had asked people on the club's mailing list if they wanted to be removed from it, and no one had said "yes." We must be doing something right.

Cybersecurity - For What and How Much

Speaker: Sylvia Whitlock, first female president of a Rotary club
Subject: Infinite Possibilities - WomEn in Rotary
Information on the district website.

Do not miss this one.

August 4th
Club Meeting

Speaker: Leena Palav
Subject: VISION SPRING

August 11th
Club Meeting
Details to be announced.

August 18th
Club Meeting Details to be announced.

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?



Our speaker was **Sajan Mohammar**, MBA, Master's in Cybersecurity, Bachelor's in Computer Science and Engineering, a long list of certifications and another of articles published. For more about him, see his Linked-in profile at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sajan-mohammed-7406a012> Sajan **knows** cybersecurity.

What to look out for? He said: - Phishing
- Ransomware and malware
- Insider threats and other threats

Phishing is increasing fast, he said. It accounts for 90% of breaches in organizations and about \$115 billion per year in losses. He described the types ("spearphishing, etc.) and several countermeasures, starting with employee training and retraining.

Ransomware and malware are huge also, and not just for large organizations. In most cases, he said, the victim has to pay up or destroy his computers and use backup data to start again. About 15% of the victims pay. Normal antivirus software, he said, does not give enough protection.

Sajan discussed insider and other threats and then went into **risk management**. The idea is that, the more an organization has at risk, the more it has to spend on cybersecurity. He started with an example: How great is your risk from a bald car tire? Risky, of course, but what if the tire is not on a car but dangling on a rope? Not much risk? But, what if that rope swing goes over a stream? It can be hard to calculate the risk, but it is very important.

The **summary** was, if you're in a large organization, the question is not **if** you'll be attacked, but **when**. It is vitally important to analyze the risk and **get protected!**

