

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

August 15th, 2020

Club Meeting

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA is meeting on-line at noon on Tuesdays. For logon information, write to gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com

www.GaithersburgRotary.org

Club Leaders

Emmyrich Vicente
President

Kelly Grossberg
Secretary, with Kumba Brewah

Dan Dellon
Treasurer

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

Frank E. Senk Jr.
Area Governor

The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation

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

Events

August 18th
Club Meeting at noon on Zoom. Obtain logon information from gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com

Speaker: Colleen Aycock, Former club president and an authority on **boxing**
Subject: On Rotary experience
We will enjoy hearing Colleen. Do join us.

August 18th, 3:30 p.m.
DACDB University, "Wild Card Event" on Zoom. Each participant can ask two questions, in advance. **This will be interesting.**
See Info. on the district website.

August 22nd, 8:30 a.m.
Virtual Club Leadership Training and Area Governor Training
See info. on the district website

August 25th

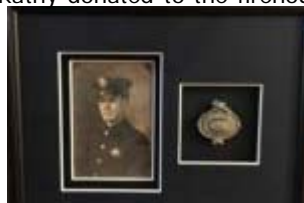
Short Stories

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, August 15, 2020

Hey, we're live! If you miss one of our meetings and want to see what happened, just log onto Facebook, click on "Watch," and search for Rotary Club of Gaithersburg. We're like TV stars now. Maybe we should dress better. Of course, one can always turn off his camera off and/or delete her name.

Send-off for Scott: There was an amazing send-off and birthday party for our departing member, Scott. His wife, Lori, dreamed up a car caravan, which assembled in a school parking lot. Ken led us by their house with horns blaring and balloons flying, around a cul-de-sac and back to the house, where we dashed for the porch as the **rain** became serious. We were trapped there for an hour, but the time flew by with Scott and Lori's hospitality, a good bottle from Gilroy, a beautiful dress worn by Kumba, and shouts for Frank to get out from under a tree. Scott and his family have now headed south, to North Carolina.

Kathleen and History: Our former member, Kathy, just traveled to Newburgh, NY where her father joined the volunteer fire department in 1926. He rode on the FD's first motorized pumper. Kathy donated to the firehouse historic photos, a plaque honoring her father, and his badge.



Peter on Peace: Our former District Governor, Peter Kyle, will speak in a virtual seminar organized by the Rotarian Action Group for Peace (RAGP). Look for it on Friday, August 21st at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. To register, go to Event Brite and search for "Together for Peace." You will see a "Contribute" button, of course. The RAGP wants our ears and eyeballs, **and** it needs funds to advance its vital work.

This On-line Thing in OK

Was it record attendance? Yes, since we started meeting on Zoom. Our guests were **Michael** Doggett (see next story), **Stephen** Czarkowski (invited by Richie), **Bob Rogers** from the Potomac Rotary Club, **Mattie B.** and **Josh Funk** (invited by Kelly), **Kathleen** (former member), and, sometimes, Kelly's daughter, **Hannah. Do come again, every one of you.**



President Richie asked for continuing donations to Flags For Our Heroes and to the **Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation**, for COVID-19 relief. Then, he went straight to our speaker, Michael. After Michael's talk, Richie urged us to invite friends, especially on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, when we have guest speakers. He announced our next **happy hour**, August 27th at 5:30 p.m.

Then, the **happy dollars** poured forth. **Dan K.** said Michael had convinced him to listen to at least one rap, all the way through. **Scott** offered \$5 for all of us but wouldn't promise to listen to a rap. **Kathleen** was happy to be traveling to present memorabilia of her father to his former fire station, and **T.O.** because the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation had donated packages of meat to more than 1,500 families.

Sara offered, if we heard this right, \$5 each for the speaker and Scott and \$1 for each of her 33 years in Rotary. **Bob Rogers** was happy about our welcome and the speaker, and **Kumba** chipped in for Scott, the speaker and each guest. **Richie** contributed \$10, saying that Scott was not allowed to join a Rotary club in North Carolina; he had to stay on our club.

Rick gave \$5 for Scott, **Kelly** \$10 for the speakers, etc., and **T.O.** \$10 for Scott being an influential leader in the club. Richie describe how Scott had led in repairing the floor at a camp for **kids with cancer** and providing holiday meals for residents of the Middlebrook **Mobile Home Park.**

Club meeting

Speaker: Kelly Grossberg

Subject: Classification talk

We have no idea how she's gone this long without giving her introductory speech to the club.

August 27th, 8:00 p.m.

History of the **Rotary**

Foundation

See info. on the district website.

This will be fascinating!

September 1st

Club Meeting

Speaker: Jimmy Frazier Beys
from Wells/ Robertson House

Subject: Wells/ Robertson House
- update on status with cCOVID-19

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

There were other bucks, so we can't add it up. It amounted to a nice contribution to our club and its work.

Hip-Hop and Rap for Teaching



Creativity. That's the word **Michael Doggett** focused on as he described using hip-hop and rap in teaching. He's been writing songs and rapping with students for four years, and this would have been his third year organizing a concert and a summer camp. The virus put him on-line, where he and his students meet and exchange video clips. He played two clips of students doing original raps. Also, the students produce digital art.

Michael is very happy at **Hallie Wells Middle School** in Clarksburg, Maryland. He said Hallie Wells had "Power Hours" and gave students freedom, including freedom to build their own curricula. The school tries to "... do education in ways that kids like." For his part, Michael does not pressure kids and does not criticize them. "Kids have enough pressure already," he said.

One former student sent a message saying that, because of Michael, he wanted to be a teacher. Our guest, Mattie, said, "It's not about the school; it's about the teacher."

Michael's work received unexpected publicity on TV news (Fox and ABC) and in *Bethesda* magazine. This led to wider recognition of the value of his program and teaching style.

In the end, Michael thanked us for listening to him, and **he, Richie and Mattie pledged to start our next meeting with a rap.** We will not forget, friends. It is printed here for all to see.
