

# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

August 22nd, 2020

### Club Meeting

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA, is now meeting on Zoom at noon on Tuesdays.

For logon information, write to [gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com).

You can see our meetings after the fact on Facebook Live.

### Club Leaders

**Emmyrich Meneses 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 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 25th, 12:00 noon  
**Club meeting**  
**Speaker:** Kelly Grossberg  
**Subject:** Classification talk  
**Do we really know Kelly?**  
**Probably not. Sign on**  
**Tuesday to hear about her**  
**life and her work.**

**There is talk of live cello**  
**music, by Stephen**  
**Czarkowski, leading up to**  
**our meeting on Tuesday. Will**  
**that happen? Join us early**  
**and see.**

August 25th, 3:30-4:00 p.m.  
DACDB University: "**Club**  
**Image**"  
See info. on the district website.

August 27th, 5:30 p.m.

## Recipe for Changing Club Culture

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, August 22, 2020

**Club Leadership Training**, today, August 22nd. It covered Strategic Planning, Membership, Public Relations, the DACDB, the Treasurer's Job, and Rotary Youth Programs. **Kumba** was there for us; perhaps others were also. This was simultaneous with Area Governor training

Materials for the training included an **outstanding** document: *Recipe for Changing Club Culture*. This can be used by any organization that needs to be re-invented or modernized. Everyone in our club could, and should download it at [file:///C:/Users/Weiss/Downloads/RecipeForChangingClubCultureWorksheet\\_Terry%20Weaver1%20\(5\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Weiss/Downloads/RecipeForChangingClubCultureWorksheet_Terry%20Weaver1%20(5).pdf)

## My Rotary Story (Colleen Aycock)

By Kenneth D. Weiss

Our speaker on Tuesday, **Colleen Aycock**, Ph.D. was **the first woman** officially inducted into Rotary in the state of Texas, shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that "qualified" women could not be excluded from membership (May, 1987). She joined the University Club in Austin, Texas in 1986 and later transferred to the Rotary Club of West Austin, where she became a Paul Harris Fellow and first female president, in 1997-98. She attended the first Rotary International Conference for Women, held in Glasgow, Scotland at a time when women were excluded from membership in the British Isles, and told the audience **just how she felt** about that. As her District's Community Service Director, she led in placing Bosnian Refugees allocated to Texas during the Clinton administration. During this time she helped organize **12 Interact clubs and 1 Rotaract Club** in the District.

Colleen was named to the Rotary International Hall of Fame in 2000 and because District 5870 **Rotarian of the Year** in 2001. When her husband was relocated from Austin to Gaithersburg, in 2001, she joined the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg and started the Interact Club at Gaithersburg High School. She was named Rotarian of the Year in 2004 and served as club **president** from 2005-2006.

During this time, she wrote biographies for the Capitol's Statuary Hall and began research in Baltimore on her biography of the **First African-American Boxing Champion**, Joe Hans. She has written numerous articles and encyclopedia entries on boxing and biographies of the father of Madison Square Garden, Tex Rickard and world champion and movie star, Max Baer. She grew up with boxing stories told to her by her father, Ike Aycock, a Depression-era professional boxer and one of Max Baer's sparring partners.

She and her husband are retired and live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They have two sons, Jason Wallace in New Mexico and Neil Wallace in Arizona.

## Colleen's Talk to Our Club

The speaker, Colleen Aycock, was President of our club in 2005-2006. She remembered some names and faces. She spoke of her journey through Rotary since being invited to join a new club in Austin, Texas. At that time, women weren't allowed, so the club sent **her husband's name** to RI. She was amazed that "little old me" could affect change by her small donations to the Rotary Foundation. Small amounts from each of **1.2 million Rotarians** add up.

After a Supreme Court decision in 1987 and a Rotary Board ruling in 1989, Colleen joined a Rotary club in West Austin, whereupon several men left. She became President of that club in 1997. Every year, they sent their president to the International convention. That's where you **really** learn about Rotary. At a hotel in Scotland, during a Rotary convention, she met the curator of the William Wallace Museum and found links to her husband's deceased and living relatives.



Club virtual **happy hour**.  
Zoom ID: 996 978 3888  
Passcode: GetHappy

August 27th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
**Rotary Foundation training**  
Info. on the district website

August 28th, 1:00 p.m.  
Infinite possibilities for **women in Rotary**  
Info. on the District website.

August 29th, 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
**History** of the Rotary Foundation  
Info. on the district website

September 1st  
**Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Jimmy Frazier Beys from Wells/ Robertson House  
**Subject:** Update on the Wells/ Robertson House

September 8th  
**Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Tbs  
**Subject:** Tbs

September 15th  
**Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Tbs  
**Subject:** Tbs

Another time, she went, unannounced, to a men only club in Stockholm. The members grudgingly allowed her in, and they held the traditional **exchange of banners**. Then, club members grilled her on the Latin phrase in her banner. No problem; she know some Latin. Later, Colleen compelled changes in Rotary documents that used only male pronouns.

When she was given the job of helping settle thirty **refugees from Bosnia** in Austin, Texas, she didn't know how to start. What did she do? Contacted Rotary clubs, of course. Soon, she had clothing, housing, jobs, schools, and more for the refugees. The great golf instructor, **Harvey Pinnick**, had died. Harvey was a small man. His clothes fit the refugees well. They were made available, so Bosnian refugees were to job interviews dressed like wealthy pro golfers.

In 2001, the Aycock family moved to our area, and she joined the **Gaithersburg Rotary Club**, which then met in a bar/restaurant in Olde Towne. Her son gave his bicycle to a child whose mother died in New York on 9-11. He had the Rotary spirit. Colleen also mentioned the Montgomery County sniper, the anthrax scare, Rotary holiday parties and participating in Summerfest. She remembered donating to WANADA, helping young people leave gangs, Character Counts, helping start the Interact Club of Gaithersburg High School, and more

Not long after Colleen served as President of our club, he family moved to Albuquerque, a city beset by gang violence, and experience in Rotary helped her start the organization, "Women Taking Back Our Neighborhood." "If you want (list of benefits), she said, you **have** to be in Rotary."

## Our Meeting on Tuesday

Twenty signed on to see and hear us on Zoom, and many more followed on Facebook Live. **Suzy Candiaso** was there - a guest of Bob, as well as **Stephen Czarkowski**. **Stephen has since been recommended for membership.**



After Colleen spoke, Frank said her stories were so interesting that we could use them in fund-raisers. Maybe, Frank. There was more talk about early events regarding women in Rotary. They had to be "qualified," whatever that meant. In the United Kingdom, one response was to start women only clubs. How things have changed!

Dan D., with a straight face, asked our speaker about **red chilies versus green chilies**, and she gave a spicy reply. Then, **Suzy** donated \$20 for our speaker, and many other donations followed, including one for Suzy.

We moved to **finest and happy dollars**. Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Dan K., single-handedly doubled the "no-Rotary-ID" fine to \$2.00, but Frank wrangled a 50% discount. T.O. fined himself for arriving 24 hours late to the goodbye drive-by for Scott. Kelly was equally guilty, and Ken was fined for not "catching" them. Life **can** be unfair.

**Frank said he would donate \$250** to the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation in Scott's name. Also, there are well-founded rumors that Scott's wife, **Lori**, is donating in honor of Scott's association with our club.

### 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?



Rotary Opens Opportunities