

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

August 29th, 2020

Club Meeting

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA is meeting on Zoom at noon on Tuesdays. Write gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com for logon credentials or follow us on Facebook Live.

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 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 31st, 5:30 p.m.
Introduction to Rotary for potential members. Logon credentials have been sent to members.

September 1st
Club Meeting at noon on Zoom
Speaker: Jimmy Frazier Beys from [Wells/ Robertson House](#)
Subject: Update on the Wells/ Robertson House - how it's doing and what it needs

September 1st, 3:30 p.m.
DACDB University - Our Favorite Tips for Users
Info. on the district website

September 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
Rotary Foundation Training
Info. on the district website

She Will Ride for Wounded Veterans

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, August 29, 2020



From Pittsburgh to Gaithersburg - 310 miles. Our member, **Kelly**, will ride it during four days in October. She heard about **Ride Allegheny** at a Rotary Club meeting.

Ride Allegheny is organized by Operation Second Chance to raise funds to help wounded American veterans. In 2019, it brought in a half million dollars, much as donations from riders' friends and relatives. You can find information and donate at

http://events.operationsecondchance.org/site/TR/Events/RideAllegheny?px=1010822&pg=personal&fr_id=1060

These days, there is much demand for our money, but, **310 miles**. Rotarian Kelly deserves **something**.

Kelly Speaks on Kelly

A joy of Rotary is hearing newer members talk about themselves. Each describes his background and what she does for a living. It's the one time a Rotarian can promote his or her own business between the opening bell and the closing bell.

Kelly Grossberg, actually a member for a while, said she was nervous, even with our meeting virtual. She described herself as the "world's greatest hugger," to which we all agreed, although hug are off limits for now. Then, she traced her moves from Cleveland to California, then to Cleveland again. Along the way, she got married and was a stay-at-home mom for 15 years, an experience she does not regret. Her "kids" now range from 19 to 31 years old.

Kelly didn't make it to college but got into the insurance business and liked it a lot. She enjoys connecting people, for both business and personal reasons. After a divorce, she went back to that business and, in 2015, signed on with Capitol Benefits, in the Kentlands. Incidentally, **they are hiring**. The pandemic, she said, makes people want to protect themselves.

Also she is active in her kids' schools, her synagogue and more. Scott R. introduced her to **Rotary** early in 2019, and she quickly became the club's secretary. When she spoke of missing her neighbors' smiles during the pandemic, a member said she should get a mask with the words, "Trust me, I'm smiling." We all trust her, on this and on much more.



A Musical Start to Our Meeting

People signed on to the sound professional cello music as musician and conductor, **Stephen Szarkowski**, played a 15-minute concert. **Styvo Cambiaso** was with us also. Both have been recommended for

September 8th
Club Meeting

Speaker: Lucia Torres, Parent Resource Center Coordinator Family Services

Subject: The work of Family Services and needs of its clients

September 15th
Club Meeting

Speaker: Tbs
Subject: Tbs

September 19th, 9:00 - 2:00
Virtual Membership Seminar
Info. on the district website

The Rotary 4-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



membership. In addition, there were several visitors on Facebook Live.

Kelly was introduced almost before the bell stop vibrating. See the story above. When she finished, President Richie invited members to help the **Germantown Cares Hub** with food distribution, every Tuesday at 2:00. Then, we discussed whether to participate in the Rotary (international) **Youth Exchange Program**. Kelly said she might be able to house a foreign student for three of the nine months, next year. No one mentioned the cost of participating.

Kumba and Frank had participated in **Rotary training** the previous Saturday. Frank proposed a project to **subsidize rent payments** for people in need, to be selected by Family Services in Gaithersburg. He will contribute \$1,000 to start the fund. When the club doubles that, T.O., will add a like amount, for a total of **\$3,000**. With that, we can give ten subsidies of \$300. Also, Frank will seek matching money from the district. **To contribute to this fund**, send your payment to Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 312, Gaithersburg MD 20884-0312.

Richie announced the August happy hour and said that everyone should send John the names of 3-5 potential members. Then, Dan K. leveled **finer** (not enough, Dan), and **happy dollars** gushed forth, mostly for Stephen and Kelly. Diana was happy that her daughter had gone back to school but still missed her, John because he had become a grandfather, and Kumba for Rotary training. The meeting, with music, can be seen and heard on **Facebook Live**.

Definitely a Happy Hour

We got to 12 participants - not bad for a virtual happy hour - in spite of confusion with the Zoom password. Our guests were Stephen and Susy (see the story above), **Zoe Zindash** and **John Hanson**. Zoe is the 2020 winner of the **Linda M. Hanson Memorial Scholarship**. Sara presented the check, virtually, and John gave capsule histories of Linda and the scholarship.



Zoe is a truly amazing young lady, with **more than 800 service hours** and an outstanding, or whatever is beyond outstanding, record of activities. One year, when she felt discrimination and was in a "negative mental state," she started taking photos and felt that "that would take my head into a creative space." She has won in competitions. Her next stop will be the **Savannah School of Art and Design**, where she plans to major in photography and videography. She expects to use her education and skills to focus on ills of society, such as depression and anxiety, especially among young adults.

John Hanson congratulated Zoe and summarized Linda's life. He spoke of running with Linda in many races, including one in which he got ahead, then doubled back to look for her. That didn't look right on the video monitor, and race officials were soon asking him questions. He told also of the time, in a Marine Corps Marathon, when a runner kept seeing someone beside him, who **looked like a penguin**. It turned out the runner was seeing his own reflection in a long store window. After that, for several years, the last to finish was given a stuffed penguin.

To wrap it up, John urged Zoe to enter photos in the contest at the Montgomery County Fair. Then, he asked **why dogs can't dance**. The answer: "They have two left feet." Thank you, John.
