

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

October 3rd, 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

www.gaithersburgrotary.org

Club Leaders

Emmyrich Vicente
President

Scott Rebein
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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
- Dan King and Diana Swanson, Members-at-Large

Events

October 6th
Club Meeting

Speaker: Dr. Mohisin Mohiuddin, Associate Director of IBM Research Center (2007-2013).

Subject: Artificial intelligence and the future world

Dr. Mohiuddin is a proven leader in Information Science and Technology R&D.

Also, installation of new members.

October 13th
Club Meeting

Speakers: Tenille Ademiluyi and Liz Nardin of Opportunities, Inc.
Subject: Opportunities, Inc., serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Quantities of Food

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Tuesday, September 29, 2020



What an operation, on Tuesdays at the Church of the Nazarene! Before opening time, 2:00 p.m. there was a double line of cars from the back of the church to the street. A police officer made sure no one drove in through the exit. Cars coming for large families were marked with a sticker that meant "double rations for this one."

In the center of a parking lot were a truck, filled with boxes from *Nourish Now*, and another with bags of fresh produce, probably from the county government. Between their open tailgates was a long table. Volunteers would unload the boxes and bags onto the table and add six pound bags of beans or rice, as long as it lasted. Cars passed on both sides, opened their trunks or tailgates, and volunteers put in food and closed them.

President **Richie**, our body builder, could carry three or four boxes at once and still hold his clipboard. That takes talent! **Bob B.** arrived with a friend and took charge immediately. No one dared ignore his instructions. **Rick** surveyed the operation and wondered how much exercise he would have to do before he could climb into one of the trucks and push boxes or bags toward the tailgate. **Ken** was boss of the beans until they ran out and then became ruler of the rice. **Nancy** arrived at 3:00 (we **had** said 2:00 **or** 3:00), but, by that time, the action was nearly over.

A top level volunteer estimated that at least 200 cars had passed through, at a frenetic pace, and that roughly 80% of people receiving food were Hispanic. Whatever the numbers, the folks at that church, with *Nourish Now* and *MOCO*, are feeding a whole lot of people. Our club helped on September 29th, and we should definitely do it again.

Dollars to Disaster Aid

The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation has decided to **donate \$1,000** to Disaster Aid USA. This is a non-profit organization started by Rotary in 2010 and located a few miles from Gaithersburg. **Bob Grill**, from Disaster Aid, exhibited with us one year, at *Celebrate Gaithersburg*. He and a coworker set up a tent and displayed the equipment and supplies that go with it. A super water filter and purifier provided cool drinks to those who could ignore the appearance of the stuff that was poured into it. A few years ago, Tito Roncoco of Disaster AID spoke to our club between trips to help in Haiti.



The name, *Disaster Aid USA*, does not mean the organization helps only in the United States. It is the U.S. arm of an international Rotary Disaster Aid system. The U.S. group has rushed aid to people in need after floods, hurricanes, etc. in this country and also in Haiti, the Philippines and elsewhere. It provides quick and badly needed services, while its Rotary affiliation assures honesty and transparency.

Besides the current grant of \$1,000, some members of the Gaithersburg Rotary have provided support as individuals. Others who want to do likewise can go on the internet to <https://disasteraidusa.org/>

Our Membership is Growing

In September, **Susy Cambiaso** and **Stephen Czarkowski** became Gaithersburg Rotarians. On October 6th, the club will install **Sharinna Sarmiento** and **Bob Rogers**. Who will be next? Rotary clubs need members to participate in service activities and help with fund raising to finance them. At the same time, members make useful contacts, become part of a wonderful group of people,

October 20th

Club Meeting

Speaker: To be Scheduled

Subject: To be Scheduled

October 27th

Club Meeting

Speaker: To be Scheduled

Subject: "Classification talk" by a new member (self-introduction and explanation of his or her career)

learn about their communities and the world, develop leadership and public speaking skills, and just have fun.

So, who will be next to join us? There are minimal requirements. The most important is to be service-oriented. The others are be able to pay the dues and attend at least half of the weekly meetings. This includes meetings "made up" by visiting other Rotary clubs, in person or on-line, thereby meeting another great group of people. Then, ask a member to recommend you, and you will soon enjoy the benefits of Rotary.

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?
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