

# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

October 18th, 2020

### Club Meeting

Meetings on Tuesdays from 12:15 until 1:15 p.m.  
We currently meet on Zoom. For logon credentials, write to [Gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:Gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com)  
See us at [www.GaithersburgRotary.org](http://www.GaithersburgRotary.org) or on Facebook

### 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

October 20th  
**Club Meeting** - our annual **Polio Plus** Event  
**Speaker:** Mohammad Yousef  
◆ Survivor of Polio ◆  
**Subject:** Surviving Polio

Also, we expect a brief talk from a young lady, Cristina Liu, about **helping equip senior citizens for using telemedicine.**

October 24th  
**District 7620 World Polio Day virtual luncheon.**

Top speakers from Rotary and the World Health Organization

Register at [Rotary7620.org](http://Rotary7620.org)  
Free of charge. Suggested contribution: \$45 or more.

### JACK AND THE GRANDDADS GIVING FOOD

It was Jack and three granddads on October 15th in the Gaithersburg Help food pantry. They provided fresh and processed food to sixteen families that are needy during the COVID crisis. The pantry is in the Festival Shopping Center on Muddy branch Road and is open five days a week from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. Families can make appointments by calling 301-216-2510. Each family can obtain food nine times in a six month period.

The pantry receives food from numerous organizations and is staffed almost full time during the week, as volunteers receive, sort, pack and distribute at different times in the day. It is a service of **Gaithersburg Help**, which also provides infant items, prescription funding and transportation to medical appointments. This not-for-profit is 52 years old and is staffed entirely by **volunteers**.

The granddads did their work admirably after Jack carried them to their posts and uncoiled his whip. They can probably keep it up another 20 years or so, but, sometime, younger members will have to edge them out and take over. Younger members, why not start practicing? Our club's next date in the pantry is **November 19th**.

### We All Need Opportunities

Yes, we all need opportunities, but some people find it very hard to get them. **Opportunities Inc.** attacks this problem. It helps place adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities on the path to securing gainful employment.

**Elizabeth (Liz) Nardin**, Special Education Teacher at GHS and advisor to the **Interact Club**, introduced the topic. She is part of a group of five teachers who work with 25 young people. They have to leave the school system at age 21 but still need considerable guidance. Our member, **T.O.**, said that, in his years of work as a pediatrician, he saw increasing numbers of children with autism.

Then, Liz introduced **Tenille, Ademiluyi**, Executive Director of Opportunities Inc. She has a master's degree in Social Work and 20 years' experience in disability services. Tenille said the



organization had 38 full time and part time employees and served 204 adults, from age 21 to 72. About 30% are in group homes and the rest with their families. The staff help clients apply for adult services, a process that can be very stressful for them.

Before the pandemic, said Tenille, Opportunities Inc. helped its clients become more marketable and find work. Also, it provided transportation to buildings where its clients could engage in contract and volunteer activities. Some work was also done in the community.

Now, about 120 of the clients participate in virtual training in reading, writing, mathematics, etc. The organization has raised some money to buy electronic tablets, so more can benefit from this

October 27th

### **Club Meeting**

**Subject:** CLASSIFICATION TALK  
by one of our new members

November 3rd, **Club Assembly**

**November 6th**

### **54th Club Charter Night**

- Music by Maestro Stephen Czarkowsky, cello; Joseph Cunliffe of Flutar and Neil Brown of Apollo Orchestra
- Songs by Richie Vicente
- A special quiz for people who like music
- A chance to win a week in President Richie's condo at the Massanutten Resort in VA

### **From the comfort of your own home.**

Only \$40 for any number of viewers.

Proceeds to the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation.

Look for the official announcement, in the very near future.

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### **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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service. People are needed to give talks via Zoom on nearly any subject. Our member, Frank, offered to talk about Rotary.

Tenille said **Rotary** could help by providing internships and training in activities such as car washing and building maintenance. Also, donations of money are welcome. See more about this organization at [www.opportunities-inc.com](http://www.opportunities-inc.com).

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## **Our Meeting Last Tuesday**

No guests, this time, except our speakers, but our new member, Susy, was back from her country, Argentina. Rumors have it that the club she attended there would like a guest speaker from our club. Hooray for the internet.

Stephen gave an update on music for our **Charter Night** celebration. He is a well-known cellist and has invited a professional trumpeter and a professional flutist. To top it off, our president, **Richie**, will sing. The event will be November 6th, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. With a little luck, an announcement will go out on October 19th.

Ken spoke of the district's plans for **World Polio Day** - a club luncheon October 20th and a district luncheon October 26th. We are sooo close to wiping out Polio. We **have** to finish the job.

In other announcements, our club will distribute boxed **Thanksgiving dinners** on November 24th and 25 to residents in the Middlebrook Mobile Home Park. Our foundation is finalizing plans to help some families in Gaithersburg Elementary School with payments for **rent and utilities**. Frank has applied for a \$15,000 grant to increase the number of families we can serve.

Dan K. came on and **fined** T.O. and Sara for not wearing their Rotary pins (a most serious infraction). Then, **happy dollars** poured forth, nearly all for Tenille. Actually, happy dollars are for the club, but a groundswell of opinion said they should be given to Opportunities Inc.

**Bob R.** explained why his name in Rotary is now RobL. It has to do with leaving a legacy, and that led to a discussion of the word, "legacist." Then, **Diana** told a joke from her young granddaughter, which led Diana to say, "How great it is to just laugh." There was more, but that's enough, or, maybe, too much, for this report.

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