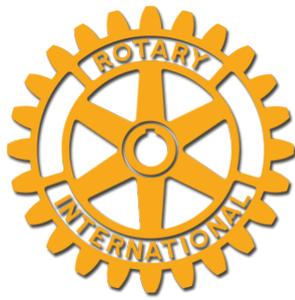


Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

July 31st, 2021

Club Meeting

Meets at Lu Buffet
218 N Fredrick Ave
Gaithersburg, MD
20879
Time: Tuesdays at
12:15 p.m. (**buffet
lines open at 11:0
a.m.**)

We will try again to stream the meeting on Zoom. Logon info. will be sent to members.

Club Leaders

Janet Greiner
President

Kelly Grossberg
Secretary, with
Kumba Brewah

Dan Dellon
Treasurer

Emmyrich Vicente
Immediate Past
President

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

Sara R. Torrence
Rotary Foundation
Chair
- Dan King, Vice
Chair
- Bob Bokma,
Secretary
- Diana Swanson,
Treasurer
- Nancy Scull,
Member-at-large

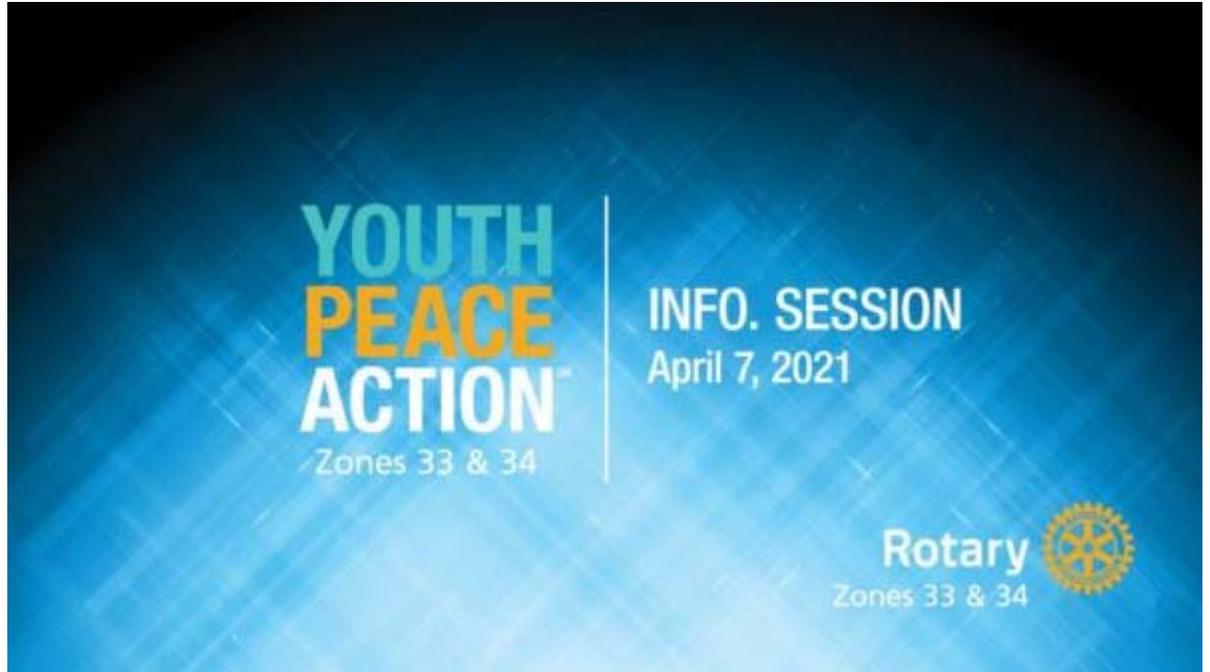
Mark P. Milby
Area Governor

Events

August 3rd
Speaker: Stephen
McKenna
Subject: Home
painting
**Dr. McKenna is a
surgeon and an
artist. He will
have tips for all of**

Youth & Peace in Action

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, July 31, 2021



By now, we've all heard of **Youth & Peace in Action**. It's a program of two Rotary zones to involve young people in building peace. It was the subject of an excellent webinar on July 30th. The main speaker was Peter Kyle, from our Rotary district. The program's official "kick off" will be on International Day of Peace, September 21st, 2021.

Students from participating schools will celebrate on that day and then engage in **on-line learning**. There are four courses, with excellent content guides. Later, each will design and execute a peace project. Finally, there will be a celebration and community dialogue on May 22nd, 2022. To date, 100 high schools in the two zones are participating. The students will be briefed on International Day of Peace, and the event will be publicized extensively.

Expanding on the idea of 4-H clubs, Youth & Peace in Action has seven key words that start with the letter H. Taken together, they form an excellent framework for activities that promote and facilitate **peace**.

Big Bob Speaks To Us

us who dream of creating works of art.

August 10th
Speaker: Fernando Carvajal
Subject: Cyber security
Can you keep your computer safe? Maybe not 100%, but Fernando's ideas will help quite a lot.

August 14th, 9:00 a.m.,
District webinar: Leveraging a Monthly Day of Service to Build Club Membership Information on the district website

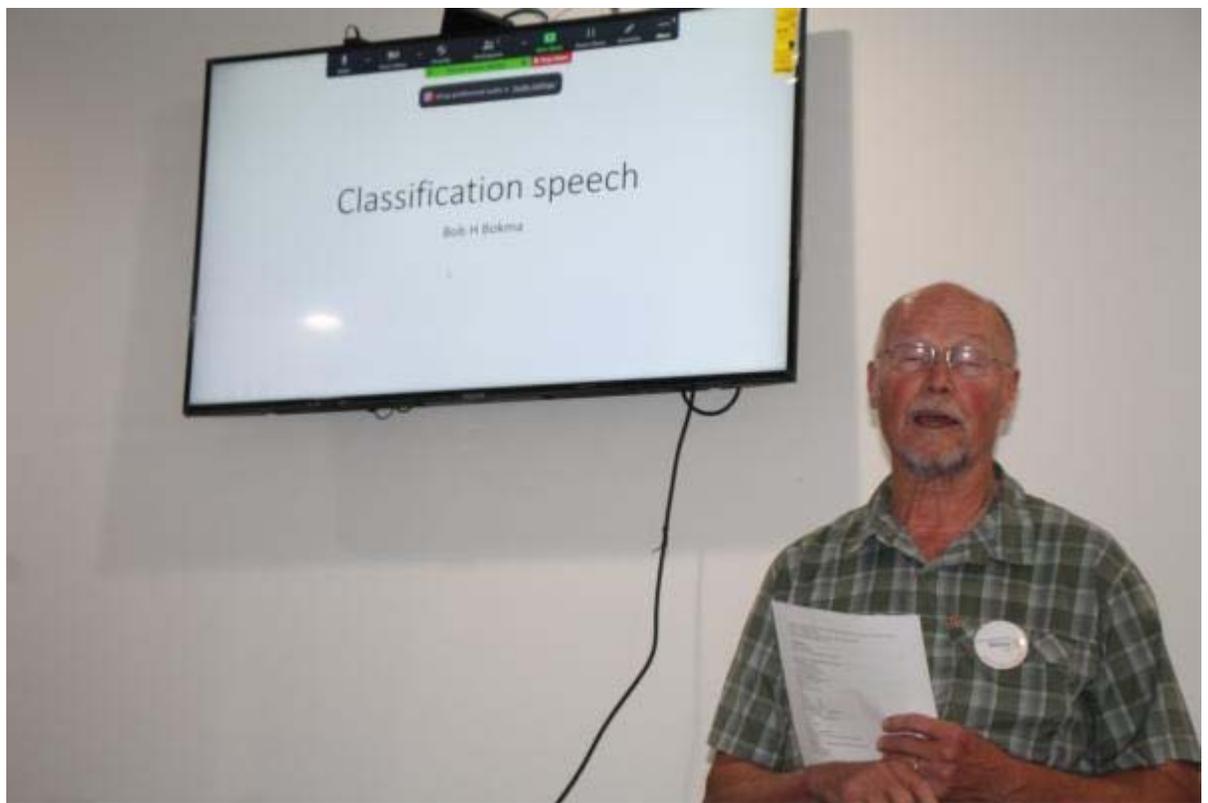
August 17th
Speaker: Debrah Moran
Subject: Environmental Sustainability in Gaithersburg

August 24th
Speaker: To be determined
Subject: Classification talk

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?



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Bob Bokma delivered, on July 27th, the fourth in a series of senior members' classification talks. Bob is a real Rotarian. He has been a member for 20+ years, in four clubs as he moved around the world. Now, he wheels it from Damascus to be part of the Gaithersburg group, for which he is Secretary of the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation. Also, he is the club and district chair of the Coins for **Alzheimer's Research** Trust.

Bob's "classification" is **Veterinary Medicine**, Retired (from USDA). His first credential, and he showed photos of it, was growing up on a dairy farm in southern California. Later, he was in the Golden State to earn a Master's degree from UC/Davis, and there he met **Adriana**. Using some choice words in Spanish that he had learned in Puerto Rico, Bob chatted up the lady from Venezuela, and soon they were married.

If your editor heard right, they adopted a son from Colombia and a daughter from Puerto Rico. Bob had short-term foreign assignments, and the family did some traveling. In 2011, Bob converted to Catholicism and joined the Knights of Columbus, which has much in common with Rotary. One is a major interest in facilitating peace. Bob strongly supports the program, Youth & Peace in Action. Also, he would like to see a Rotaract club in this area.

Adriana also has a Masters Degree, he said They have a son in Pennsylvania and a daughter in Rockville, MD, and, yes, there is another generation.

Our Meeting Last Tuesday



On July 27th, we had members in the house and one on Zoom, although our on-line presence was far from polished. Also, we had two guests, **Adriana Bokma and Margaret Young**. Margaret said one of her daughters had benefitted from a Rotary scholarship, and another was in an Interact club in New Jersey. Note; Margaret has now been recommended for membership.

Dan K. spoke of a friend who could talk to our members, and their children and grandchildren, about investments. A decision was made to consider this in October.

After Bob spoke, Janet led us in the birthday song - all twelve syllables of it. Also, **the birthday girl, Susie**, wore a beautiful vest. Then, Kelly said hands were needed to weed our **butterfly garden**. One can go anytime. Believe it or not, a few people are scheduled to work at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 1st.

Ken announced, for the PR Committee, that we would exhibit at the city's **Octoberfest** in the Kentlands. Also, Richie announced a **happy hour** at Boca Botanas on August 31st. We will not meet for lunch that day. Sara arrived

late, with a mixed message. She said, "Don't call Xxx Cab," but she arrived in her newly repaired car and spoke of a party for newcomers to Asbury.

Kelly led the happy dollars with a fiver for her daughter's Bhat Mitzvah and said all her kids would be together in the same place, for a few days. There were other bucks for Bob's talk, etc. Before the closing bell,

Bob said that the foundation had approved a grant of money to Camp Fantastic (for children who have cancer) and another to aid parents of those children. Rotarians are never far from doing good work.
