

# Rotary



# Club of Gaithersburg

August 28th, 2021

## Club Meeting

Meets at Lu Buffet and Grill  
[218 N Fredrick Ave](#)  
[Gaithersburg, MD](#)  
Time: Tuesday at 12:15 PM

May also be streamed on  
Zoom. For logon credentials,  
write to  
[gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com)

## 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 31st, 5:30 p.m.  
**Fifth Tuesday Happy  
hour**At Boca Botanas in the  
Festival Shopping Center  
**Come One, Come All.**  
**We will not meet for  
lunch that day.**

September 7th  
**Club Assembly**  
**The usual fun and frolic,  
and President Janet will  
have a serious agenda  
for us.**

September 14th  
**Equity Initiative**  
**Speaker:** Marya Hay  
**Subject:** Equity initiative  
**How can we work**

## Our Social Life

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, August 28, 2021



**Party with the Butterflies:** The party in our butterfly garden postponed from today (August 28th) until September 5th or 12th. Watch for updates.

**Be Happy in Boca Botanas:** This event has NOT been postponed. Tuesday, August 31st, 5:30 p.m. in Boca Botanas, in the Festival shopping center. Cash bar; hors d'ourves on the club. Excellent for potential members.

**Gaithersburg Labor Day Celebration:** In-person, folks. Take your masks. September 5th at Bohrer Park. Entertainment from 5:30 and fireworks at 8:00. Take picnic food or buy it there. Expect difficult parking, a good time, and a traffic jam when it's over.

## Afghan Refugees in Gaithersburg

toward equity in health care in southeast Asia and around the world. This will be highly informative.

September 21st

**Author Event**

**Speaker:** Hena Khan

**Subject:** Personal

Experience as author and in book publishing

**Hena, a Pakistani-American, is a prolific author and a compelling speaker.**

September 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

Part three of seven-part series on **The Rotary Foundation**. Information on the district website.



Many people coming from Afghanistan, some to Gaithersburg. Information about helping was sent previously to club members, and at least four have responded. See the statement below from **George Freeland**, of Gaithersburg (edited by Ken).

*Help for Afghan refugees - update.*

*I am overwhelmed at the response. Have tried to respond to many of you who had questions. Sorry, I don't have any sizes...decided not to ask sizes from people who find it a challenge to keep their phones charged. We continue to take everything and will pass on to other refugees things in sizes we can't use or will post sizes when people arrive. People offering big things like furniture, please hold them until housing is arranged. If you can bring smaller items now, we will be glad to store them here at 504 Rock Lodge Road. People who have offered English lessons, driving help, jobs etc., thank you. Will get back in touch when refugees have arrived and we can sort out their needs. We are disappointed we don't have more information about arrival dates - we are dealing with governments whose red tape and bureaucracy run circles around ours! One of my Afghan renters has taken a leave of absence from her job and is working full time to get as many people as she can here safely and soon.*

**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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**Our New Guy, Jose**

Banking, then work as a CPA, and then banking again, now with FNB in Olney. That is, in a nutshell, the career of our new member, **Jose Ilagan**. He summarized that career in his **classification speech** last Tuesday. He came to Rotary after meeting our past president, Richie, who is also in banking and is also from the Philippines. Our club helps satisfy Jose's needs **to serve others** and to build new relationships.

Banking has changed, he said. People rarely go to branches anymore, so you have to go see them in order to help solve their problems. He thinks, though, the pendulum will swing back to more personal contact.

Jose related the **Rotary Four-way Test** to banking and showed how its principles apply. One must always be honest, for example. In our regulatory environment, a small infraction can ruin a person's career.

Turning to personal matters, he said that his family had come to the U.S, from the Philippines in 1986, and he had not been on a plane since. That will change, as he is about to jet to California for a few days. He lives in Germantown with his 21-year-old son, who, he said, sports a full beard. **Welcome, Jose!** May you have a long and happy relationship with the Rotary

**Our Meeting Last Tuesday**



From the Lu Buffet, Richie managed to stream our meeting on Zoom, and Diana was our test viewer. The first big event was a celebration of **Rick's birthday**. There was a little dance with Susy, a birthday vest, and Janet's famous short song.

After Jose's talk, President Janet said we had obtained 30 more plant for our butterfly garden, some of them milkweed **with caterpillars and chrysalis**. That is exciting! She spoke of our forthcoming garden party, and then Richie discussed our "fifth Tuesday" happy hour.

Bob read a letter from the executive director of **SpecialLove, for children with cancer**, thanking us for our donatons of \$1,000 from our foundation and \$1,500 from Glenda's Project, an activity of our member, **Susy**.

There were several **happy dollars** for Jose's speech. Janet said she would soon be a grandmother - a very happy event. Rob offered a \$3 IOU, Bob contributed \$5, and then Ken, Susy, Jose, and others chipped in. Richie put in three bucks to say that he had - the editor hopes he heard right - pressed 315 pounds and lifted 80 with one arm. He **is** a muscle man.

We ended with discussions of **the county fair and the shooting** in a community center. Several members had attended the fair. **Ken** said he had watched a pig race in which one pig won easily because the others stopped to pee, and he wondered about the moral of that story. **Richie** said the boys who were killed and injured at the community center were among those whom our club helped during holiday celebrations. Everything we do to help our young people is important, and it is never enough.

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