

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

September 1, 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

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

September 14th
The Lu Buffet at noon
Speaker: Marya Hay
Subject: Equity initiative
How can we work 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.

Gearing Up for Our Garden Party

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, September 11, 2021



It is party time again - party time in our Monarch butterfly and pollinator **garden**. The date and time are Sunday, September 12th from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. The place is the Lakelands Park Middle School at 1200 Main Street in Gaithersburg (Lakelands). Walk in between the school and the soccer fields.

Janet and the committee have worked to make this event a success. Look for tents, food and beverages, a raffle and more. Do take **guests**. You and they will be glad you did. There are rumors that some in the group might gather in nearby restaurants after 6:00.

Help for Refugees from Afghanistan

EDITORIAL: Leaving Afghanistan was chaotic for most refugees. There are reports of people going two or three days without food, water or sleep, and they were the lucky ones; they made it.

Up to **100,000 refugees** are expected to settle in the USA in the coming months. They will need food, clothing, jobs, transportation, and socialization. Our member, Nancy Scull, is now housing a family of three. A recent speaker to our club, Claudia Tsas, may host a family of four.

Many of the refugees have worked with Americans. They know a lot of English and something of U.S. culture. Their spouses and children; however, are a different story. They will have much to learn.

All of us are likely to have opportunities to help. In addition, all of us should respond quickly if we see any incidence of undesirable speech or actions against our new arrivals.



Our Meeting Last Tuesday

As members joined us in the Lu Buffet and via Zoom, Margaret, stood guard while Susy pinned the birthday banner on Dan. Then, we sang him Happy Birthday and our super-short **birthday** song.

Then, **Nancy introduced her guests**. We met Yar, his wife, Sadaf, and his young daughter, Nargis. They are now staying with Nancy in her home. If we heard it right, Yar worked for the U.S. Military as an interpreter and had come to the U.S. When the pullout from Afghanistan was announced, he went there to bring his wife and daughter, and, somehow, succeeded. Now, the family needs the many things that are required to settle here. Yar said his most urgent need was for full-time employment. Please send any leads, or offers of assistance, to yar.m@live.com.

Susy had a guest also - a friend from Argentina. Then, Bob spoke of the **Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust** and of happy



September 25th, 9:00 a.m. Virtual training on membership and The Rotary Foundation
??????? Info. on the district website.

October 5th
CLUB ASSEMBLY

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

dollars from previous meetings flowing to our foundation. He also introduced the program, **Youth for Peace & Action (YPA)** and said that our club still needed a group of high school students, and a sponsor, so we could participate. We are running out of time to find them for this program year.

After other announcements, President Janet spoke of our **dictionary program**. She said we would give our remaining 160 books to one or two schools and then invite each of two schools, perhaps Fox Chapel and Summit Hall, to tell us how they would use \$2,500 from Rotary. This, essentially, marks the end of our long-standing Dictionary Program.

In final announcements, Janet said that Margaret would take over managing our cooperation with **Gaithersburg Help**, from Jack, who will leave soon for the great Midwest (Iowa). We will surely miss him, especially when it's time to dismantle Flags for Our Heroes. Richie said he would be planning our Charter Night celebration and would like suggestions as to a venue.

There were numerous **happy dollars**, and we made an instant decision to give them to Yar and his family. Note: Cell phones rang at least three times during the meeting. The culprits should have been fined heavily (\$1.00 per call), but that aspect of our meetings has not been revived since we returned to meeting in-person.
