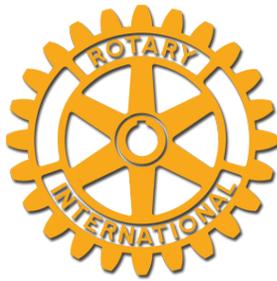


# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

September 27th, 2021

### Club Meeting

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

**Why attend? The FOOD is one reason, and there are many more.**

Also, our meetings are being streamed on Zoom. Write [gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com) for logon information.

### Club Leaders

**Janet Greiner**  
President

**Kelly Grossberg**  
Secretary

**Dan Dellon**  
Treasurer

**Emmyrich Meneses Vicente**  
Immediate Past President

**Jose Ilagan**  
Sergeant-at-Arms

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

**Mark P. Milby**  
Area Governor

### Events

September 28th  
**Speaker:** Margret Young  
**Subject:** Classification talk  
**So, who is our newest member? Hear about her, in her lovely accent, tomorrow.**

October 5th  
**Subject:** Club Assembly  
Agenda to be announced.

October 12th  
**Speaker:** Bob Bokma  
**Subject:** Alzheimer's research funding.

October 19th  
**Rotary Polio Plus day**  
**Speaker:** Ms. Marny Eulberg  
**Subject: Rotary's huge project, to eliminate polio. Hear why we have to keep**

### Our Sergeants-at-Arms

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, September 25, 2021



Wikipedia says: "A **sergeant-at-arms**, is an officer appointed by a [deliberative body](#) ... to keep order during its meetings. ... Historically, serjeants-at-arms were armed men retained by English lords and monarchs, and the [ceremonial maces](#) with which they are associated were ... a [type of weapon](#)."

Now, legislative bodies, i.e., the U.S. House of Representatives, clubs and other organizations have sergeants-at-arms to keep order and perform other functions. They set up the room, make sure meetings start and end on time, and more. **H. Winfree Irvine Jr.** performed this role for our club for many years. He collected happy dollars, levied fines, ran the weekly 50-50 raffle, and more. More than once, known by standing up and walking out. Winfree, we thank you for

when a meeting ran over time, he made it your excellent service!

Last year, when our meetings went on-line, **Dan King** assumed the role as "Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms." **Rob Rogers**, who had recently joined our group and held that post in his former club, became the "Acting Assistant ..." Both have served well and are still setting up and taking down for our meetings. Great work, guys!

Now, President Janet has named our new member, **Jose Ilagan**, as our new "Serge." He is jumping into the job - even read the official description of what he's supposed to do. **Welcome, Sergeant Jose.** May your tenure be long and happy, even when you fine us or get tough with us).

### Author Hena Khan

What is Hena Khan's favorite food? It's a three-way tie between Vietnamese, Tex-Mex and Pakistani, she says. Hena is a Pakistani-American Muslim. She grew up in the U.S. and had to switch back and forth between two cultures. When she was young, there were not many Muslim girls in her school, or in most other schools. She was named Hena and had Henna on her hands.

She loved to read, she said, and spent a lot of time in the Rockville library but did not find books in which she could see herself. Ultimately, she decided to write them and **now has 20 published.** There are **middle-grade books** including *Amina's Song*, **picture books** including *Night of the Moon*, and **anthologies** including *The Hero Next Door*. One has a title the Mullahs might not like. It is *Under My Hijab*.

Hena showed and discussed her books. She admitted that making them meaningful was complex because our identities have many parts. Through her stories, she presents her parents' country, Pakistan, in a positive way.

Then, she gave several tips for would-be writers in our group. Besides information about how to write, for kids or otherwise, she said to avoid moralizing or overtly teaching. Simply tell a good story well, and people will want to read it.



### Our Meeting Last Tuesday

spending on this when the number of cases is near zero.

October 23rd, 6:00 p.m.

Talk by the Basic Education and Literacy Rotary Action Group. Information on the district website.



### 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

**Attendance** was good on Tuesday - thirteen members in the house and two watching on-line. We are getting better on the technical side ♦ have almost mastered it ♦ but could still use a CTO. If you don't know what that is, you are not one.

President Janet took us through opening procedures and then introduced the speaker. Announcements would wait for another day. After Hena Khan's talk, Janet introduced **Jose** as our new Sergeant-at-Arms, and he went straight to happy dollars. There were some for him and several for the speaker. **Dan King** offered \$5 for Jose and another \$5 for his wife's BIG birthday.

**Bob** gave a fiver because he could not attend the last meeting. How should we take that, Bob? Also, he was able to spend time with his grandchildren because they were out of school for two weeks. Their teacher had tested positive for the Coronavirus. **T.O.** forked over two five spots, **and Sara, Ken, Daniel, and Gilroy** chimed in.

After the closing bell, Janet took time for lunch, and a few others stayed with her enjoying dessert, coffee and conversation.