

# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

September 30th, 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 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

October 5th, 12:15 p.m. in the Lu Buffet  
**Club Assembly**  
**Important topics, discussions, decisions.**  
Be a part of it!

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

October 19th  
**Rotary Polio Plus day**  
**Speaker:** Ms. Marny Eulberg  
**Subject:** That Dreaded Disease

October 23rd  
District luncheon for Polio Plus  
Info. on the district website

October 24th  
"Pints for Polio"

### It is Rotary against Polio

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Thursday, September 30, 2021 (card design by Nia)



### Rotary International

a huge service organization  
with about 35,000 clubs in the world.

The **Rotary Club of Gaithersburg**  
has served our city and the world since 1966.



**Rotary** has worked for years to eliminate polio, with major assistance from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The wild virus has been eliminated in all but two countries - Pakistan and Afghanistan, but

vaccination campaigns continue in more than 20 countries.

The cost to finish eradicating polio will be approximately **\$1.5 billion.**

### Support the Rotary Foundation and End Polio program!

**Rotary Club of Gaithersburg**

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**World Polio Day**, October 24<sup>th</sup>, is coming fast. That dreaded disease is nearly eradicated, but it can surprise us ♦ can pop up again almost anywhere and anytime. There is still wild virus in at least 2 countries, and vaccination is ongoing in more than 20 countries. There are estimates that it will take **\$1.5 billion** to finish the job.

#### When it is finished, what a great day that will be for Rotary and the world!

The district Polio Plus Committee will hold a **virtual luncheon** on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and every Rotarian in the district will be invited. The event is free, but the committee is asking each participant to donate at least \$45. This will be recorded as contributions from each club to Polio Plus. Go to [Rotary7620.org](http://Rotary7620.org), then *About*, then *Calendar*, then *October 25th*, then *More*, then *Polio lunch* and, finally, *Register*. There are several ways to pay.

**While in the calendar, check out "Pints for Polio" in Frederick on October 24th. Now, that is a FUN way to contribute.**

Also, the committee is asking each club to hold its own Polio Plus fund-raiser. In our **October 19th luncheon**, we will have a virtual speaker (a polio survivor) and will dedicate the 50-50 and happy dollars to Polio Plus. Members, **please attend** and invite guests.

**Contributions to Polio Plus will be matched at 50% by Rotary's World Fund and then at 200% by the Gates Foundation. That means that, for example, \$45 will turn into \$202.50 ♦ enough to vaccinate 202 children.**

### Our Meeting and Margaret Young

Our group met on September 28th in the Lu Buffet. What a feast! We were

Info. on the district website

October 26th

**Classification Talk**

**Speaker:** TBS

**Subject:** Classification talk

pleased to have a visitor, **Ray Panczyk**, from the Montgomery Rotary Club.



He thanked us for introducing his club to the **Remember Niger** project, which works for education and solar electrification in that country. Both of our clubs have contributed to it.

We were OK on Zoom, but the little speaker didn't work with Margaret's laptop. She donned a personal speaker, dressed her head with the microphone, and had no trouble being heard. During

the meeting, whenever a member wanted his/her voice amplified, he would stand by Margaret, so we have a new catch word. When someone has trouble hearing, he/she can say to the speaker, "Stand by Margaret."

Bob announced the "take" the previous week for Alzheimer's Research and happy dollars. Then, **Margaret Young** flipped on her Power Point presentation. She described being born in Northern Ireland on a dairy farm, founded in 1921, that spread across a river that separated (and still separates) Ireland from Northern Ireland. One photo showed children in the river with their arms reaching into two countries. There were often problems with movement of goods and people across the frontier.

In her land, said Margaret, there was no green beer. There was cabbage, but corned beef was invented in the USA, and she does not do Irish dancing.

Moving on in life, Margaret received a scholarship to study at the **University of York**, in England. There, she met her husband, Alan, who was also on a scholarship. They both worked for major companies and moved within Europe until 1995, when Alan accepted employment in New York. They suffered through a summer with no **AC** (something not needed in Northern Ireland) and then got hit with the **blizzard** of '96.

After moving south to New Jersey, Margaret volunteered in a **food pantry** and ran in **fund-raisers** for a Rotary club. Her daughter, Emma, won a **Rotary** scholarship. When Alan accepted a job in Columbia, MD, they settled in Pike & Rose. That was fine until the pandemic emerged; Allen started working at home, and the children came from college. They moved to larger quarters in Gaithersburg, Margaret met Jack at Nourish Now and then Janet and Charlie, and became a Rotarian. Margaret is a mother of four and has her first grand-baby. Yes, she showed a picture. **Good looking**, for sure.

There were many **happy dollars**, mostly for Margaret's talk and for Kelly's participation, again this year, in **Ride Allegheny**, to raise money for wounded warriors. That event is NOW. As you read this, **Kelly is on two wheels**.



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