

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

November 21st, 2020

Club Meeting

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg, MD, USA, now meets online at noon on Tuesdays. We open Zoom at 11:50 and meet from 12:15 until 1:15 p.m.

For logon information, email GaithersburgRotaryClub@gmail.com

Our meetings are on **Facebook Live**, and you can see us on our website, Facebook, Linked-in, Twitter and Instagram.

Club Leaders

Emmyrich Vicente
President

Vacant
President Elect

Kelly Grossberg
Secretary, with Kumba Brewah

Dan Dellon
Treasurer

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

Frank E. Senk Jr.
Area Governor

The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation

- Sara Torrence, President
- Bob Bokma, Secretary
- Jack Bell, Treasurer
- Diana Swanson and Dan King, Members-at-large

Events

November 23, 24 and 25:
Food Packing and Delivery at Black Rock Center for the Arts in Germantown:
- 11/23 and 11/24: Packing at 12:30, delivery at 2:30
- 11/25: Delivery at 10:30 a.m.
Please reconfirm the times before you go with susyq2002@2002@verizon.net
Please take packaged foods to contribute

November 24th
Club Meeting
Speaker: Robert Rogers
Subject: CLASSIFICATION TALK
Come and learn about our new

Rotary Feeds People

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Friday, November 20, 2020



Coronavirus. Unemployment. People hungry. Our Rotary Club rising to the occasion.

Our member, Jack Bell, is a key employee of **Nourish Now**, one of the county's primary food providers. Also, Jack leads our project to staff the food bank for **Gaithersburg help** one evening a month.

On November 15th, members helped the **Montgomery County Muslim Federation** place bags of food in the open trunks of some 500 hungry cars. Then, on the 21st, members worked with the Federation to provide nearly a hundred people with Thanksgiving dinner in a box..

On November 23rd, 24th and 25th, some of us will join the **Germantown Cares Hub** in packing hundreds of boxes of food and delivering them to homes in the Montrose Mobile Home Park and the Cider Mill Apartments.

With all that, we are preventing some people from going to bed hungry. What better way to use our volunteer hours?

You Are the Medicine

"**You are the medicine**," said Willie Williams. "You are the person someone needs to help them in an area of life where they may be struggling. We got the impression that **he** has helped a whole lot of people.

Regarding COVID-19, he told us: "With COVID, you don't need to fall behind physically or emotionally." Stay attached; "Isolation destroys morale." Also, "every obstacle should fall beneath you and be a steppingstone." Regarding businesses: "A lot of the best companies in the world have been built out of a recession," and: "While you're at home with COVID, what are you learning that will help you later?"

Then, Willie spoke of three areas of life and relationships:

- Character - what you stand for,
- Conviction - what you believe, and
- Confidence & competence.

Yes, he said, there are seven billion people on earth, but **you have to believe that you matter**. Each of us has a role; each of us can help someone. We just need FIRE, as in Focus that helps us succeed, Intention that leads to action, Relentlessness to keep at it, and Energy, boundless energy. What you want to do, do it now!. There are people looking at you thinking that, if you can do it, they can do it too. Be great! **Be more than great!**

Willie's company, **Inspire the Fire**, is a non-profit organization that works in coaching and leadership development, communication, employee retention and team building. You can see them on the internet and on **Facebook**.



Our Happy Dollars Have Gotten Bigger

Last Tuesday, we enjoyed our speaker, as reported above. Also, we had a guest, **Janet Greiner-Hanson**, recently relocated from Colorado to The Kentlands. Kelly had talked on business with her

member's past, present and plans for the future.

December 1st
Club Assembly

A chance to talk about the who, what, where, when, why and how of our club.

December 8th
Club Meeting

Speaker: Rotarian Joe Johnson
Subject: Freon Collection and ESGAR in general. **ESGAR is the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group.**

December 15th
Club Meeting

Speaker: Courtesy Hall
Subject: Interfaith works

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 bring goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



husband, Charlie. Janet is a painter (on canvas, not wood). She has been an active **Rotarian** and was Chairperson of the International Committee in her former club. We don't have such a committee. We should have, and she's the perfect person to chair one. Hummm. Also, note the second part of her last name. She already has connections with our club. Our former president, **Scott Rebein**, was with us too, from the wilds of North Carolina. It's always **great** to see him.

After we were told to "inspire the fire," T.O. asked for volunteers to help the **Montgomery County Muslim Foundation** deliver Thanksgiving dinners in a box. Note: That event, on November 21st, went smoothly, with fewer "customers" than expected and plenty of volunteers.

Then, President Richie invited us to volunteer for the Gaithersburg Cares Hub, at the Black Rock Center in Germantown, on **November 23rd, 24th and 25th**. Hundreds of Thanksgiving dinners will be packed and distributed. For info. about how you can join in the fun, contact Susyq2002@Verizon.net. Richie said also we should obtain **unwrapped toys** for elementary and middle school children, for our event in December.

Then, it was on to **happy dollars**, and everybody who gave made it \$5 or \$10. That hasn't happened before. Maybe Willie inspired us. **Kelly** started with \$10 because her daughter wanted to help at the Gaithersburg Cares Hub. Then, she added \$5 because Janet might join us.

Dan D. gave \$10 because **Kelly**, who won \$450 in our 50-50 a year ago, had never cashed the check and **was donating the money** to our foundation. Hooray for Kelly!

Then, **Sara** donated \$10 for Willie, Thanksgiving, Scott, Janet and Kelly. She said the foundation was now able to accept grant requests on its website. Note: On Nov. 19th, the president of the Rockville Rotary Club, announced they had accumulated the **\$10,000** needed **to drill a deep well** for a community in Haiti, including a school that was rebuilt after an earthquake by the club and the community. **Our foundation** provided a small part of that.

More money poured in - \$10 from Sharinna, \$5 from Bob, \$5 from Rob, \$5 more from Bob, \$25 from T.O., \$10 from Richie, \$10 from Gilroy, \$5 from Rick, and \$5 from John. Ken had \$5 for Gilroy because he was **saving the environment** by joining our meeting from his car, without running the engine (so determined because he had a jacket on).

So, our substitute Acting Sergeant-at-Arms raised a bundle. Sara asked whether happy dollars went to our foundation. The answer was that they used to, but that was changed a few years ago. Now, the club reels them in to help assure its financial solvency.
