

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

June 17th, 2024

Club Meeting

Meets on First and third Tuesday at La Villa Restaurant and on zoom

Fourth Tuesday - zoom only
Second Tuesday - no meeting.

LaVilla is at [18701 N Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879](#)

Time: Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m.

Club Leaders

Priscilla S. Kinnear

President

President-Elect

Jacqueline Grenning-Mulcahy

President-Nominee

Secretary

Dan Dellon

Treasurer

Margaret Young

Club Service Chair

Immediate Past President

Janet Greiner

Club Foundation Chair

Frederick Cooksey

Sergeant-at-Arms

Kenneth Weiss

Bulletin Editor

Events

June 21-25

Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Alberta

Our club will be represented by President Priscilla and others.

June 24th

Rise To Shine Education Foundation

Speaker: Emily Bakhhitah, Founder and Director

July 1st

Installation of New Board

July 9th, 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

Presentation of district financial reports

July 15th

Club assembly

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The AG Speaks

Assistant Governor Hande spoke today, to the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg, about the Rotary Peace Conference in Turkey. She was there, of course. as were eight others from our district.

Hande told us a bit about her background, and some of us learned after the meeting that there was much more to tell. What an amazing lady! An important point is that she and her family members became U.S. citizens late last year.

She learned about Peace Builder Clubs from our club bulletin and started the first one in District 7620, in Rockville. Now, there are three others. She urged us to start such a club and said it was easy to do. A first step is to have members enrolled in the Rotary Action Group for Peace. Ken is in, and we need at least one more. Just go to <https://www.rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/> and click on "Join."



Photo: AG Hande speaks to our club

Also, she congratulated our club for installing the first Rotary Peace Pole in the district, and she spoke of the seven Rotary Peace Centers. The newest is at Duke University in North Carolina. The 2026 Peace Conference will be held there, on April 11th, and Hande suggested that a group of us travel together.

There was more about peace and the conference in Turkey, but time was running out. Dan K. asked if Hande could provide a list of Rotary projects related to peace. She agreed to do so and said that some of our existing projects probably qualified, because peace depends on conditions that a variety of projects help create. Well done, AG Hande! Thank you for speaking to us.

The Next Peace Meeting

Some of us have heard of Mattie Stepanek, a young man with a wasting disease that ended his life at the age of 13. By that time, he had become famous throughout the country for his wise sayings and for promoting peace. His mother, Jeni, has the same disease but has survived it. She is known as "Mama Peace" and attends and speaks at conferences, with her motorized wheelchair and a breathing tube.

Photo: Mattie Stepanek with President Carter



Fans of Mattie celebrate his birthday every year and, this year, they will meet on July 17th, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m., at World of Beer in Rockville. There will be a toast at 7:00. Anyone can attend, **so we can all attend**. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet other people who are promoting peace in our area and the world.

It is still early, but, "Happy Birthday, Mattie."

Our meeting June 17

In the meeting, attendance was good, but there were no guests. **We can not grow** if we do not introduce friends and acquaintances to Rotary.

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 friendships?
 - Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
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President Priscilla told us that Stu would take charge of the next meeting because the folks who usually perform that task would be traveling. Go, Stu! During the first meeting in July, the members of the 2025-26 Board of Directors will be introduced.

Janet said that our **butterfly garden** was thriving and that, if the monarchs get here, they will be very happy. Then she reported having removed fake nests from two of our birdhouses. Who knew that birds build fakes to keep the competition away.

Immediate Past President Margaret indicated that she might be short of members to distribute food for Gaithersburg Help on July 11. If interested, contact her.

Bob R.'s ticket was drawn for the 50-50, but he avoided grabbing a Joker so the pot would build up. What a guy! There were happy dollars from Ken, Stu, Sara, Denise, Margaret, Hande, and Priscilla, and maybe others). Stu was happy because Rotary is such a great organization, Margaret because her son is now engaged to be married, etc. Our group has a way of making meetings fun, and this was no exception.

Note: If you would like to see FY 2024 financial reports for our district, go to the district calendar and click on July 9. The reports will be presented on Zoom on that date.
