

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

June 28th, 2025

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

July 1st
[Installation of our New Board of directors.](#)

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July 8th
[Board Meeting.](#)
July 13th, 12-4
[Installation of the new District Governor, Mandy Warfield Granger AT BC Brewing in Hunt Valley, MD.](#)

The Convention in Calgary



You are in the Scotia Bank Saddledome in Calgary, Alberta, and it is nearly filled. It can seat almost 20,000 people. You are there for the opening session, the morning plenaries, and the closing. You hear top-quality speakers and entertainment, all in person, except for Bill Gates. His face suddenly appears on the giant screens, and he promises to continue matching, two to one, Rotary's contributions to the war on polio. When the first session ends, you go outside and past the big blue sculpture for free pancakes and sausage (and invitations to contribute to Polio Plus).

Then, you enter the BMO Center, a huge complex of meeting rooms. You step into Hall A and find a **Hall of Friendship** in which hundreds of Rotary clubs show their areas of interest and specific projects. Some partnerships are formed on the spot. There are special areas for Rotary and for Peace, in which brief informational sessions are presented continuously. Also, there are many vendors of Rotary and Non-Rotary merchandise.

Back in the wide hall, surrounded by Rotarians from nearly a hundred countries, many in typical clothing, you might walk to Hall F for a luncheon in which you can hob-nob with top RI executives. Photo opportunities abound, including with the incoming RI President. The food is good, although one speaker quips that the only mystery is how the chicken will be prepared.

Your afternoon is filled with small-group presentations, and then you might attend an evening activity. For your author, it was a rodeo for Rotarians. One personal highlight was when a lady on horseback **jumped over a small car** (might have been an Aston Martin). When not attending an activity, you can go to any restaurant and run into Rotarians.

All in all, what a convention! A year from now, Rotary will be in Taiwan. Do move quickly. The earlier you register, the less you will pay.

Our speaker on June 24

Education. It is a top priority of Rotary and should be such for everyone. On Tuesday, our club heard from Emily Bakhitah of the **Rise to Shine Education Foundation**, in Kenya. Its website says: "We envision a Kenya where every child is emotionally and financially able to attend school through Form 4,

SIGN UP on the district website. This is a major event in the life of Rotary.

July 15th
Club assembly
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July 22nd
Youth mental health + what is DBT (hint: maybe Distress Brief Intervention)
Speaker: Emma Young, LCSW-C, LICSW

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?

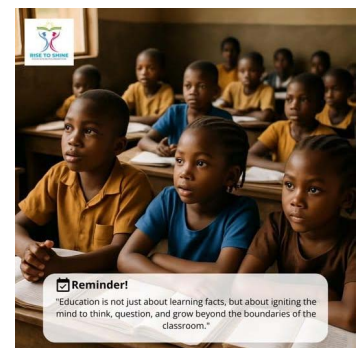


graduate with a high school certificate, and pursue a good career or higher education."

Beginning with 12 children in 2012, the foundation now has over 500 vulnerable children who are in secondary schools or have finished and obtained a high school certificate. There is a waiting list of hundreds of children who would like to attend secondary school but are not able to do so. The Foundation, entirely financed by donors, would like to provide them with money for tuition, books, uniforms, transportation, and modest expenses for those four years.

In addition, Rise to Shine works in the areas of Female Genital Mutilation project and Empowerment of women. Both are done mainly through education, including in financial literacy. Also, there are mentorship program, psychological support for the children, and counseling for their parents or guardians.

The website for Rise to Shine is rtsef.org, and the email address is info@rtsef.org. There is a GoFundMe site at https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-rtsef-transform-lives-through-education?attribution_id=sl:36552884-2c7a-4a0e-9779-35386ba4c99a&lang=en_US&ts=1750194397&utm_campaign=man_sharesheet_dash&utm_content=amp13_t1-amp14_t2-amp15_t3&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy_link&v=amp14_t2



We Are a Peacebuilder Club



The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg is now officially a **Peacebuilder Club**. This distinction has just been given to us by the Rotarian Action Group for Peace. RAGFP is committed to Rotary International's objective of "creating a global fellowship that advances international understanding, goodwill, and peace, joined in the ideal of service."

A website states that: "Rotary Peacebuilder Clubs are Rotary clubs that have committed to focusing on peace and conflict resolution as a core part of their activities. They aim to promote peace within their communities and globally by addressing the root causes of conflict and engaging in peace-related service projects. These clubs work to educate members on peace initiatives, empower them to demonstrate their passion for peace, and connect them with other peacebuilders."

Therefore, peacebuilder clubs do the following:

- focus on peace
- try to address the root causes of conflict
- engage in service projects that promote peace
- educate their communities about peacebuilding
- connect with other peacebuilders.

Since conflict has so many causes, including ignorance and hunger, we have already carried out projects that qualify us for this distinction, and we are highly likely to carry out others in the near future.
