

# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

July 6th, 2025

### Club Meeting

Gaithersburg  
Meets at First and third Tuesday  
- La Villa Restaurant and on  
zoom, Fourth Tuesday - zoom  
only, Second Tuesday - no  
meeting.  
18701 N Frederick Ave  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879  
Time: Tuesday at 12:15 PM

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### Club Leaders

**Priscilla S. Kinnear**  
President  
Immediate Past President  
**Jacqueline Grenning-Mulcahy**  
President-Elect  
Community Projects Chair  
**Denise Macfoy** Vice President  
**EsiSonia Sotoglo**  
Secretary  
**Maria R Garcia**  
Treasurer  
**Frederick W. Cooksey**  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
**Janet Greiner**  
Rotary Foundation Chair  
**Kenneth Weiss** Bulletin Editor

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### Events

July 8th  
**Board Meeting.**

July 10th  
**Gaithersburg Help Project** To  
participate, see Margaret.

July 13th, 10:00 noon  
**Installation of District**  
**Governor Mandy**  
At BC Brewery in Hunt Valley,  
MD.  
Sign up on the district website.

July 15th at La Villa  
**Club assembly.**

July 22nd on Zoom  
**Youth mental health and**  
**what is DBT**  
**Speaker:** Emma Young, Mental  
Health Counselor

July 29th

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### Quite a Meeting Last Tuesday



Yes, quite a meeting. Gaithersburg City Councilman **Jim McNulty** dropped in and, when he introduced himself, was peppered with questions. That made him an impromptu guest speaker. Jim said he was in his fourth year on the Council and that he appreciated Rotary and shared its core values.

Then, he replied to questions about the redevelopment of what was Lake Forest Mall. Site development will take several months, he said, and then we will start to see townhouses, condominiums and space for large and small retailers. That will lead to changes in the intersection of Route 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue. Fifteen percent of the dwelling units will be "affordable."

Then, he related part of an economic forecast that predicted difficult times for the city, in part because of the loss of numerous federal jobs.

Next, President Priscilla briefed us on her first yet as president and gave an impressive list of accomplishments. She thanked

Margaret and others for their contributions to the club. Also, she reviewed the work of our foundation and said we were well positioned to have excellent leaders in the years to come.

Priscilla went on to call our 2025-26 club officers and committee chairs, one by one, to be sworn in and receive their specific pins. See the next story for a list. Later of them. She gave each member a pin with this year's slogan: "Unite For Good."

She went on to say that Rotary is now at war with Malaria--not just with Polio. and Jim mentioned that his grandfather was a polio survivor. We will celebrate International Peace day on September 17th. and we will have a happy hour on July 29th. Then, she asked Ken to offer a toast to Canada Day and to report briefly on **the international convention in Calgary**. The members loved his convention t-shirt. There were numerous happy dollars and a late fine from Sara, Ken made a birthday contribution to our foundation (a dollar per year of age), and he and John C. disputed the amount. John shaved off several years, and Ken replied that even that was excessive.

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### Our Leaders for the Next 12 Months

President Priscilla moved **fast** last week when it came to swearing in our officers and committee chairs for the new Rotary year. With the help of Jacque, the following list has been compiled. We believe it is more-or-less complete.

**President:** Priscilla (repeating) **President-elect:** Jacque  
**Vice President:** Denise

**Treasurer:** Ruby **Secretary:** EsiSonia **Sergeant-at-Arms:**  
Rick (repeating)

**Other Board Members:** Dan and Stu

**Community Projects Chair:** Jacque **Membership Chairs:** John C. and Kumba **PR Chair:** Ken

**Foundation officers:** Not changing now except that Margaret has replaced Etna as Treasurer.

The Grand Guiding Light of Rotary clubs has declared that this is an excellent group of officers and chairpersons to guide us into the 2025-26 Rotary year and prepare us for the year to follow.

**Note:** Various members have begun to post photos on social media sites. The PR Chair says: "Right on" and "Thank you" and "we can never have too much exposure to the public."



Happy hour 5:00 p.m. in the bar of the Marriott Hotel in Rio

Join club members for appetizers (courtesy of the club) and drinks (you pay!) and get to know your fellow Rotarians.

**The Rotary 4-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?

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## From the District Newsletter for July

### Meet Our New Rotary District Governor Mandy Warfield Granger

Mandy Granger is a seasoned marketing professional and currently runs a marketing consulting agency focused on increasing profits for professional services firms, including accountants and lawyers. She is an active volunteer for City Dogs Rescue and a board member for Friendship Place, a nonprofit providing services to those experiencing homelessness in the Washington DC region, and Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, a volunteer-driven, commercial revitalization organization that serves to educate businesses about government relations, business issues, and historic preservation.



Mandy joined the Rotary Club of Dupont Circle in 2014 ... (and has held) numerous leadership roles, including Club President; Assistant Governor for the Washington, DC, clubs; Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) courses and teacher certification; .... and participation at the Zone 33-34 Atlanta Zone Summit 2019.

She is a proud member of the Paul Harris Society and a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation. Mandy's Rotary journey reflects her ongoing commitment to service, leadership, and community engagement.

### PDG and Delegate Greg Wims Received African American Living Legends Recognition in Montgomery County (written by Dr. Pallavi Gowda)



I am delighted to support my friend, [Greg Wims](#), as he receives the prestigious African American Living Legends recognition in Montgomery County by the Office of Human Rights along with others. It was fascinating to hear how historical events I had studied played out in the county. I take pride in being from the most diverse County in the country, one that acknowledges its past to build a better future. -- *Dr. Pallavi Gowda*

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