

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

April 3rd, 2021

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

Janet Greiner
President-elect

Kelly Grossberg
Secretary, with Kumba Brewah

Dan Dellon
Treasurer

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

Sara R. Torrence
District Foundation Advisor
Rotary Foundation Chair
- Dan King, Deputy Chairperson
- Bob Bokma, Secretary
- Diana Swanson, Treasurer
- Nancy King, Member-at-Large

Frank E. Senk Jr.
Area Governor

Events

April 6th
Club matters
Speaker: Club matters
Subject: Club matters

April 13th
Author Event
Speaker: Dawn W Williams
Subject: Being Your Trojan Creative Horse) the acronym for "

April 20th
Climate Change driven hazards
Speaker: Dr. Paul Chan
Subject: Climate Change

Our Foundation Rocks

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, April 3, 2021



Congratulations to the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation. It has done a professional job of awarding grants and making the most of its limited resources. Now, the new grant cycle begins, with awards expected in September. **The following grants were announced in the past few days:**

- \$2,000 to **Interfaith Works** in Rockville. This money will sponsor an unemployed or under employed client in the organization's Vocational Services Program. Interfaith Works helps people in Montgomery County who are homeless or living in poverty. The organization plans to hold a "Virtual Caring Breakfast on April 7th. See information at <https://www.iworksmc.org/event/2021-interfaith-works-caring-breakfast/>

- \$1,750 to fund the establishment of a Gaithersburg **Monarch Butterfly Milkweed and Pollinator Garden**. This will be on a school property in Lakelands. The population of beautiful

Monarch butterflies is declining rapidly, largely because of the loss of suitable habitat for caterpillars. If all goes well, there will be milkweed this year, and monarchs will visit and lay eggs on it. School children may be involved in caring for the garden.

- \$500 to **Filipino American Cancer Care** to help with the cost of caring for children who have cancer, in the Philippine city of Roxas. The project includes a vital element in the care of kids with cancer - providing toys and activities to make their days sunnier and improve their outlook on life.

Brief News Items

Spring Baskets Donated: Members of our club provided at least two dozen spring baskets to the Upcounty Consolidation Center, to deliver to children this weekend. President-elect Janet led the effort. The center, which provides food to hundreds of families each week, had a goal of giving **1,000 baskets**.

New Scholarship: The city of Gaithersburg is creating an annual scholarship in the name of Ed Bohrer, who served the city from 1974 to 1998. He was on the Planning Commission, then on the City Council, and became the Mayor in 1986. To date, five members of our club have offered to contribute. Checks can be made payable to City of Gaithersburg and sent to Community Services, 31 South Summit Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Contributions are tax deductible.

Multicultural Affairs Committee: Our member, Ken, has been elected Chairperson of the Multicultural Affairs Committee of Gaithersburg. This group aims to promote understanding, respect and appreciation of the many cultures represented in the city. The committee has selected President Richie to receive this year's proclamation of April as Asian American and Pacific Islander Month.



Final Meeting in April and FFOH

driven hazards

April 27th

Classification Talk

Speaker: TBS

Subject: Classification talk

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Speaker: Ken Weiss

Subject: Classification talk

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 friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

The Official flag of 2020



The club's March 30th meeting focused on our upcoming **community spirit and fundraising event**, Flags for Our Heroes. President Richie began with the Four-way Test and then showed a Montgomery County Media (MCM) Video of the event in 2017 and photos from 2019. In the year 2000, the flags flew only on computer screens.

We went through the event schedule. In brief: there will be **preparations** on May 26th and 27th, **flags up** on the 28th, **opening** ceremony in the morning of the 29th (limited to 25 people), **retirement** ceremony for tattered flags on the 30th, and **flags down** after lunch on the 31st. Note: Since the meeting, Rob has made an outline of program activities and responsibilities.

We decided to display a banner listing firms and organizations that become sponsors at the \$500 level. Those giving \$1,000 or more will have individual banners. Richie suggested focusing on potential donors whose industries have done well during the pandemic. Amazon.com, and FedEx, maybe???

After more talk of FFOH, we moved to Happy Dollars. **Dan K.** had \$5 for Ken, who dared to put a wedding picture of Nia in last week's bulletin without being sure it was her. **Rob** gave \$3 for apparel from his former clubs and noted that he had **none** from Gaithersburg. Note: We had t-shirts made several years ago; John or Ken might still have one. There were other bucks, mostly for a very useful meeting. Since Richie had done **the Four-way Test** at the beginning of the meeting, there was no end except the ring of our big brass bell.
