

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

April 11th, 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

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

Frank E. Senk Jr.
Area Governor

Events

April 13th, lunchtime meeting on Zoom

Author Event

Speaker: Dawn W. Williams
Subject: Being Your Creative Trojan Horse."

Want something to think about? This presentation will give it to us.

April 13th and 20th, 1:30 pm.
DACDB University: The DACDB Calendar. Information on the district website.

April 20th

Our Meeting April 6th

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, April 10, 2021



Our first meeting in April was dominated by presentations - two from President Richie on fund raising and three from President-elect Janet on service activities. See the stories that follow.

Here is what else happened:

- We enjoyed meeting two guests. One was **Georgette Lake** from Tribute at Black Hill, a senior living community (guest of Ken). The other was **Lavina Samtani**, a guest of Nia, who was sounding like a member even before the opening bell sounded. We definitely hope to see them both again.

- President Richie gave an introduction to our **Flags for Our Heroes** public service and fundraising activity, and we briefly discussed the need to update our promotional flyers and to coordinate efforts to seek sponsorships.

By that time, we were out of time, so we skipped the fines and happy dollars. This might never have been done before. The meeting closed with a spontaneous recitation of the **Rotary Four-way Test**. We had said it at the beginning but are used to saying it to end our meetings. What the heck? It's what we live by. There is no harm in repeating it.

Presentations in the meeting

Early in the meeting, **President Richie** presented an idea of **virtual Bingo** as a fundraiser, possibly once a month. He has considerable experience with this and said it could produce net income of about \$2,000 each time we did it. He gave considerable detail and proposed that we try it on June 12th, but a few members thought that would be too soon after Flags for Our Heroes.

Also, Richie proposed holding a **virtual concert** by local musicians who would donate their time and encouraging people to livestream it as they enjoyed barbecues with family and friends. This could be done every three months, he said. He also mentioned caroling in December. Richie **invited comments** on these events and said we could sell sponsorships for bingo and for concerts.

Then, **President-elect Janet** explained of our project to create a garden to feed caterpillars, as they turn into **Monarch butterflies**. Also, it will have **pollinator plants**. She has obtained funds to for this from our foundation and from individual members. The garden will be west of the soccer field at Lakelands Middle School. The tentative date for going there with our gardening gloves is May 8th.

Janet moved on to describe a project of her former club in Colorado, with other Rotary clubs. Activities include helping the Mother Earth Montessori School in Gulu City, Uganda. This is a large city that began as a refugee camp during the reign of President Idi Amin Dada. Janet is writing a proposal for \$52,000, which can be provided jointly by our club, other Rotary clubs including the one in Gulu, our district and Rotary International.



[Climate Change driven hazards](#)

Speaker: Dr. Paul Chan

Dr. Chan is in demand as a speaker. His talk will be well worth hearing.

April 23rd and 24th
Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts 1, 2 and 3 Every member should take advantage of this valuable training in leadership.

Information on the district website.

April 27th

[Classification Talk](#)

Speaker: Nia English

Who is Nia? What of her past and her present? this will be enlightening.

May 4th

[Club Assembly](#)

The last one before our major fundraiser, FFOH

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?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Youth & Peace in Action



In the meeting, Janet also introduced us to **Youth & Peace in Action (YPA)**. This is a new program in Rotary Districts 33 and 34, which stretch from Florida to Pennsylvania. The main idea is to involve Interact members in activities that will build peace, and Janet would like our club to participate. There is a cost: \$1,000 from us and \$1,000 more from District Designated Funds (DDF).

Peter Kyle is the guiding light of YPA. Peter is a former Governor of our district and now a Rotary International Director.

Success will be measured by:

- Number of schools and service organizations participating (target: 875)
- Number of teachers completing professional development in peace (target: 500)
- Number of students receiving peace education online (target: 35,000)
- Number of students receiving peace project training (target: 5,000)
- **Number of peace projects: (target: 500)**
- Number of attendees at **YOUnited Celebration** (target: 10,000)

There are implementing partners: **NewGen Peacebuilders** and **Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding**, both of which have Rotary Peace Fellows in leadership roles. This is a major effort with vital objectives and a high probability of success.
