

# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

April 17th, 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](mailto: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

- Kan King, Vice Chair  
- Bob Bokma, Secretary  
- Diana Swanson, Treasurer  
- Nancy Scull, Member at-large

**Frank E. Senk Jr.**  
Area Governor

### Events

April 20th, lunchtime meeting

**Speaker:** Dr. Paul Chan

**Subject:** Climate Change  
Driven Hazards

**Dr. Chan is an expert in his field, in demand as a speaker. Do sign in to hear him.**

???????. April 20th, 1:30 p.m.  
DACDB University on use of the club calendar.

Info. on the district website.

April 23 and 24

**Rotary Leadership Institute**, Parts I, II and III. **You will learn to be a leader in Rotary and elsewhere.**

Sign up on the district website.

April 27th, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Imagining Racial Equity and

### Tid Bits

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, April 17, 2021



**RI Convention:** Registration is open for the BIG Rotary International Convention, from June 12-16. These **fabulous** events are usually in a different country each year, and the costs to attend include a few hundred dollars to register plus air fare, hotel, meals, etc. Well, this year the convention will be **on-line** and will cost just **\$49,00**, if you act now. Rush in your browser to [convention-rotary.org/en](http://convention-rotary.org/en).

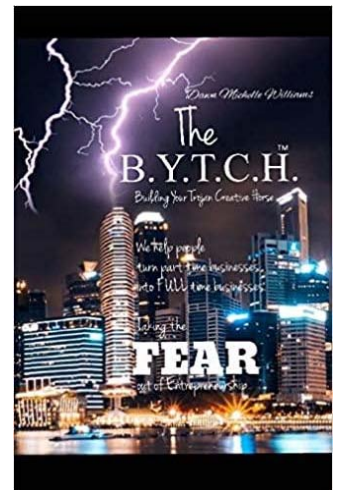
**Flags for Our Heroes:** Our major patriotic event and fundraiser is coming together. With other Rotary clubs, we will plant 750 American flags at Bohrer Park **on Memorial Day weekend**. The cost is just \$25 to sponsor a flag for your hero. Maybe a doctor or nurse? Maybe a supermarket employee? Or, you can be a corporate sponsor and have your banner displayed along Route 355 for most of a month. See [www.flagsforourheroes.org](http://www.flagsforourheroes.org) or write to [gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com)

### R U Afraid to start one?

Our speaker on Tuesday, **Dawn Williams**, holds that many people are afraid to start businesses. They're afraid of the time commitment, the cash requirement and, of course, failure. She aims to solve that problem with a book named *The B.Y.T.C.H. Book: The BYTCH ( Building Your Trojan Creative Horse )* Helping take the fear out of entrepreneurs. It's available, of course, on Amazon.com, in paperback and for Kindle.

Dawn is co-owner of a firm called The Research Departments and is especially knowledgeable about small business **dealings with landlords**. You can learn to stand your ground and keep your space. She has a podcast available at [DidItMakeYouSmile.com](http://DidItMakeYouSmile.com) <https://lnkd.in/gwtJyif>

Dawn said also that she "... used to be a pushover but not now." She has learned that, in business, you don't need to be liked, but **you do need to be respected**. In addition to advising entrepreneurs, she plans to offer classes for senior citizens in how to use their iPhones and in basic computer skills. That sounds like it will be greatly appreciated. Our grandchildren will help only so much before taking their wizardry elsewhere.



### Our Meeting Last Tuesday

Deepening Our Impact  
**What could be more relevant  
in our nation today?**  
Sign up on the district website.

April 27th  
**Speaker:** Nia English  
**Subject:** New member  
Classification talk

May 4th  
**Speaker:** All of us  
**Subject:** Club Assembly



**YOUTH & PEACE IN ACTION**<sup>SM</sup>



Engaging Young Community Peacebuilders

Our guests last Tuesday: **Dawn W. Williams**, speaker and **Georgette Lake** of Tribute at Black Hill, for delightful senior living.

Our President gave the Treasurer's Report because the treasurer claims it is still tax season. OK, we can't argue with that. President-elect Janet reported again on the soon-to-be-built **milkweed and pollinator garden**, adding some new wrinkles. She spoke also of the need for funds to build a fence to protect crops in Gulu, Uganda and of the new Rotary program (Zones 33 and 34), **Youth & Peace in Action (YPA)**. Students who participate will be trained, will help celebrate International Peace Day in September, and will plan and implement peace-building activities.

Rob L. reported on **Flags for Our Heroes** and emphasized the potential to obtain **corporate sponsors**. Sponsorships start at just \$250 - clearly a bargain. Note: Since the meeting, Rob has prepared a one-page presentation that can be customized for use with any firm or organization.

This was a hot meeting for **happy dollars**, starting with **Dan K.** for all that Rotary has done for the country of Ukraine. **Richie** added \$10 for various purposes including the district meeting on **diversity, equity and inclusion**, which he attended. Then, Nia, Sara, Rob, Jacques and Bob chipped in for Nia's successful presentation, the meeting, Dawn Williams and Georgette Lake, etc. **Ken** gave \$5 to ask the questions: "What did the Rotary logo look like in 1905 and when was it changed to resemble a gear?" No one had the answers, which were **a wagon wheel** and **1924**.

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### 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