

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

October 30th, 2022

Club Meeting

Meets at La Villa Restaurant
[18701 North Frederick Avenue](#)
[Gaithersburg, MD 20879](#)
Time: Tuesdays at 12:15 PM

Also on Zoom. For logon information, write to gaithersurgrotaryclub@gmail.com

Club Leaders

Margaret Young
President

Nia English
Secretary

Dan Dellon
Treasurer

Sara Torrence
Club Foundation Chair
- Dan King, Vice-Chair
- Bob Bokma, Secretary
- Diana Swanson, Treasurer
- Nancy Scull, Member-at-Large

Janet Greiner
Immediate Past President

Frederick Cooksey
Sergeant-at-Arms

Kenneth Weiss
Area Governor

Events

November 1st
Club Assembly

November 6th, 1:00 p.m.
Foundation Luncheon Woodmont Country Club in Rockville
Principal speaker: **Oksana Markarova, Ambassador from Ukraine to the USA**

November 8th
Speaker: JoAnn Hill
Subject: Author JoAnn Hill will talk about her book "Secret Washington DC: A guide to the weird, wonderful and obscure".

November 15th
Subject: [Cruise travel](#)
Speaker: Apollo Bala Travel Advisor

November 22nd

Notice. Postponement.

Our club's Charter Night celebration, scheduled for November 19th at the New Fortune restaurant, has been postponed. We will soon announce a new date and location.

The Polio Plus Society



Polio. The name strikes fear in the hearts of people who have known it first hand. Rotary and other organizations have spent billions of dollars to wipe it out, worldwide, but we have not quite succeeded. It is still as close as New York. About four more years and some \$4 billion dollars are needed to finish the job.

Rotary's **Polio Plus** program still operates in numerous countries. It includes vaccination teams, and more.

This "more" is the "Plus" in "Polio Plus." It can include monitoring, bed nets, suppression of mosquitos, and other work such as providing clean water and sanitation.

Rotary has a new **Polio Plus Society** for members who donate at least \$100 per year, which many of us already do. A form on which to pledge donations will be sent to club members by email. Non-Rotarians who wish to contribute can go to endpolio.org/donate.

A Visiting Rotarian, and More

It is always good to have a **visiting Rotarian**. On Tuesday, we enjoyed meeting Victor Rivero Mercado, Attorney-at-Law and member of a club in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. He does not speak English, but, no matter, we had three members who were ready and able to interpret for him. He plans to study the language while he is in Gaithersburg.

Note: See photo of visiting Rotarian, Victor Rivero Mercado, in the next Bulletin.

President Margaret spoke briefly about the upcoming district Foundation Lunch and about Polio, especially, the enormous success of vaccination campaigns in India. Then, she showed brief presentations made in the recent district webinar by officials of our Rotary zone and the World Health Organization. She said there were millions of people walking today who would not be able to do so were it not for the work of Rotary and its partner organizations.

Staying on the subject of Rotary and diseases, Bob reminded us of the blue bucket on each table to collect coins for research on **Alzheimer's Disease**. Then, Sara gave \$5, no, \$6 happy dollars for our visitor, the campaign to end Polio, and other purposes. Most other members chipped in also. We are a happy group, and we finished on a happy note. It was the 5th part of our 4-way test, which, if written (it rarely is), would read, "and make it fun."

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?
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