

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

November 5th, 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
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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 8th
Speaker: JoAnn Hill
Subject: Author JoAnn Hill will
talk about her book "Secret
Washington DC: A guide to the
weird, wonderful and obscure".
Don't miss this one!

November 15th
Subject: [Cruise travel](#)
Speaker: Apollo Bala, Travel
Advisor
Maybe he'll tell us secrets to
help us get the best prices.

November 22nd
Classification talk
Speaker: TBS

November 29th
Happy hour (or possibly a
Charter Night celebration)

The Rotary Four-way Test

Bye, bye, Daylight Savings Time, at midnight on November 5th

Awe-city and Word Villages

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Friday, November 4, 2022

Our member, Robert Rogers (alias, Rob) has prepared a booklet entitled *AWE was invented so the earth can be healed*. On November first, he gave a copy to everyone present with the condition that each of us gives a contribution to the charity of our choice. It is filled with excellent photos and "word villages" - Rob's name for poems. They are so-named because he *constructed* them. His career was in architecture, where his work led to construction of buildings.

Rob spoke of his daughter, Sarah, who died of cancer in 2017, as inspiration for the book. It includes discussions of him and his family, the environment, Baha'iism and other religious faiths, and personal philosophies. "Religions of the world are all connected," he said. There are spectacular photos of the natural environment and, interestingly, one of a deceased worm in the form of a question mark. Rob said it was a product of our environment - too much sun and too much pavement. He read "word villages", including one entitled, "Leaves were invented so that trees can fly" (via shedding seeds, leaves and twigs in the fall).

Then, he distributed copies of his book.

Philippine-American Cancer Care

Past President Richie described the organization, Filipino American Cancer Care (FACC). He is a member of its board of directors. Its mission is to help people who are affected by cancer, mainly Filipinos, in the Philippines and in the USA. He described how the group was formed and how it works. It has a number of initiatives dealing with cancer awareness and treatment. Also, it has been very helpful in educating its community about COVID.

To fund its work, FACC holds events such as a recently-completed fashion show that raised thousands of dollars. Richie was dashing as one of the models. The organization's website is filamcancercare.org. It welcomes both monetary donations and volunteers.

Other Interesting Info.



The Gaithersburg Germantown Chamber of Commerce has chosen a new executive director to replace Marilyn Balcombe. She is **Paula Ross**. Paula spoke to our club some years ago when she was director of the Metropolitan School of Ballet. Also, **Angela LaPadula** has been selected to replace Laura Rowles as Membership Director. Our club is proud to be a member of the chamber.

There are about 120 people registered for our **Rotary Foundation Luncheon** on November 6th at the Woodmont Country Club. It will feature students from Ukraine at the tables and exhibits of clubs' projects in that country.

We continue to lead in the use of blue buckets to collect coins for **Alzheimer's research**. We, with other clubs, have funded significant research into this mind-wasting disease.

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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Our club's foundation continues to donate \$500 per year to **Gaithersburg Help**. This is in honor of our past president, Linda M. Hanson, who died some years ago on a round-the-world cruise. The current director will be invited to receive a check during one of our meetings.

We had a birthday girl, Kumba. The big date was Sunday, two days before our November 1st meeting. She caught us unaware, so we weren't ready with the colorful vest, but she couldn't escape our nine-word birthday song.
