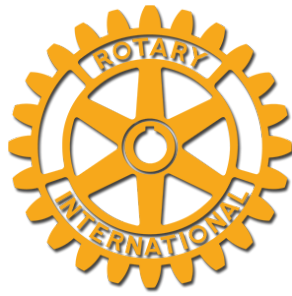


Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

January 8th, 2023
Editor: Ken Weiss

Club Meeting

Meets First and third Tuesdays
at 12:15 p.m. at La Villa
Restaurant
[18701 North Frederick Avenue,
Gaithersburg, MD 20879](#)

Also, on Zoom the 1st, 2nd and
4th Tuesdays. For logon
information, write to
gaithersurrotaryclub@gmail.com

Club Leaders

Margaret Young
President

Vacant
Secretary

Dan Dellon
Treasurer

Sara R. Torrence
Club Foundation Chair
- Dan King, Vice-Chair
- Hannah Katakam, Secretary
- Diana Swanson, Treasurer
- Nancy Scull, Member-at-Large

Janet Greiner
Immediate Past President

Frederick Cooksey
Sergeant-at-Arms

Kenneth D. Weiss
Area Governor

Events

January 12th, 4:45 p.m.
**Volunteer work at
Gaithersburg HELP**, 301
Muddy Branch Road (in the
Festival Shopping Center)

January 16th, 5:45 p.m.
Zone meeting on **making a
Rotary club irresistible**.
Register on the district website.

January 17th
12:00 noon in La Villa
restaurant
**Topic: Update on
Gaithersburg HELP**
Speaker: Margo Goldman,
Executive Director

January 19th, 5:30 p.m.
Joint Zoom meeting on Flags
for Our Heroes
Contact Margaret for logon
information.

What's Happening in Rotary

It is early in the new year, and a lot is happening in Rotary. Here are some items.

- Rotary clubs are going back to their scheduled meetings. These are at the heart of their activities.

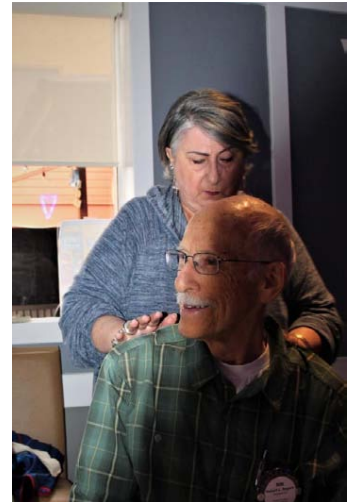
- Future presidents are preparing to attend President-elect training. They will learn more about Rotary and meet other clubs' future presidents as well as district leaders.

- Dozens of district committees are meeting and vying for the presidents' attention to their areas of activity - peace, environment, and much more.

- The Rotary Youth Leadership Academy is selecting students for its retreat from February 18-20.

- Social, service, fund-raising, and foundation activities are beginning as well. Most or all clubs organize them several times a year.

So, **if you aren't a Rotarian, look to see what you are missing.** You can enjoy it all. Contact any club in your area.



Our First Meeting in January

We met on January third - an excellent group of active members. We celebrated Rob's birthday and discussed a possible visit with Dolly Irvine. Then, Rob spoke about disposal of lithium batteries and other environmental concerns. Janet suggested the club serve as a source of information on recycling.

We talked about the Flags for Our Heroes (FFOH) project, with an eye to making it easier for us to implement. The three sponsoring clubs have contracted with Philippa Channer, a member of the Olney Rotary, to help with public relations and publicity. President Margaret offered to be overall chairperson (hooray for Margaret). Rob spoke in favor of, somehow, adding an environmental component to FFOH. Ken said it was time now to start contacting major donors.

In keeping with our new schedule, we will **not** meet on January 10th. Members who want to will carry out a service activity in the Gaithersburg Help food pantry on January 12th. President Margaret is in charge of that too. In the past, she has been able to find productive tasks for every member who was present. This is an easy and useful project and is excellent for building camaraderie among us.



From Ken's Friend in Nicaragua, James Johnson

January 24th

Topic; Update on [Nourish Now](#)

Speaker: Michael Bernstein

January 31st

Club [Happy hour](#) Details to be announced

??????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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**IMAGINE
ROTARY**



Whom do you see here? Future clothes washers, cooks, cleaning ladies, gardeners, guards? Future single mothers, children bearing children, alcoholics, glue sniffers, and petty thieves, whose only graduation will be when they finish their sentence at "La Carcel Modelo?"

Because the future of a child with an unfinished education is to be one of those, few succeed. Most give up on life and accept living forever in poverty.

WE, on the other hand, can accept this reality or can help to change it. Which would you choose? Which DO you choose?

James Johnson (edited by Ken)
