

# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

February 19th, 2023

### Club Meeting

Meets First and third Tuesdays  
at 12:15 p.m. at La Villa  
Restaurant  
[18701 North Frederick Avenue,  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879](https://www.google.com/maps/place/18701+North+Frederick+Avenue,+Gaithersburg,+MD+20879)

Also, on Zoom the 1st, 3rd and  
4th Tuesdays. For logon  
information, write to  
[gaithersurgrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:gaithersurgrotaryclub@gmail.com)

### Club Leaders

**Margaret Young**  
President

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President - Elect

**Dan Dellon**  
Treasurer Emeritus

**Janet Greiner**  
Immediate Past President

**Sara Torrence**  
Club Foundation Chair

**Hannah Katakam**  
Club Foundation Secretary

**Frederick Cooksey**  
Sergeant-at-Arms

**Kenneth D. Weiss**  
Area Governor

### Events

February 21st, luncheon at  
noon in La Villa:

**Story Tapestries**

**Speaker:** Arianna Ross

Learn how *Story Tapestries*  
promotes the arts and makes  
every child who participates an  
artist. Hear about its "Spark"  
programs and its intensive arts  
experiences.

February 21st, 2:30 p.m. on  
Zoom

DACDB University: Onloading  
New Members. Info. on the  
DACDB

February 24th, 7:00 a.m.  
District bus trip to **The Big  
Apple**. We think there is still  
space. Check the DACDB.

February 28th  
**Gaithersburg Book Festival  
and other events**

**Speaker:** Kathleen Benson,  
Program Supervisor, City of  
Gaithersburg

### Adventures in the Food Pantry



When the six of us arrived to the Gaithersburg Help food pantry at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, clients were already lined up outside the door and, inside, we found a new arrangement. The bags of canned and packaged goods, and the diapers and wipes, were in a different room than before. We had been told there would be a change but did not know what it would be.

President Margaret quickly sorted **our team** and put herself inside with Dan K. to package refrigerated and frozen items. Big Bob took care of checking the clients' IDs and shouting instructions, like, "number eight, family of four." We had Hannah, Nancy and Ken in the anteroom, where the fresh produce, packaged goods and diapers had been placed. Outside the front door, there were more canned and packaged foods for anyone to pick up. The cornbread mix stayed for quite a while, and only some was taken. The line of clients was constant.

As closing time approached, we had served 29 families. Bob called the two no-shows, and one arrived. The thirty-first could not find us, in spite of Bob's efforts to guide him by cell phone. Saying to look between the pizza place and the Nigerian restaurant did not help. An additional family arrived but did not have an appointment that day.

Our club manages the pantry one night a month. We help people to **eat**, and we definitely enjoy ourselves.

### Rotary and Peace

**Paul Harris, our founder, said:**  
**"It is true that the way to war is  
a well-paved highway and that  
the way to peace is still a  
wilderness...."**

Rotary has always worked for peace.  
We were instrumental in forming the  
United Nations from the ashes of  
war, and we have a seat in the  
General Assembly. We have peace

February 28th, 6:00 p.m.  
Zone webinar on **Public Image**.  
Info. on the district website.

March 7th  
**Classification Speech**  
**Speaker:** Divine Ngenyeh Kangami

projects, operate peace universities, and have a very active **Rotarian Action Group for Peace**, or RAGFP. Also, 52 of our Rotary groups have elected to become "**Peacebuilder Clubs**."

These clubs are designed to "... enhance Rotary International's mission of, advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace through the promotion of programs and projects that align with our organization's Seven Areas of Focus – in particular, the first: Peace, Conflict Prevention and Conflict Resolution." (They) "commit to engage in [dialogues and projects](#) that promote positive peace, both in their communities and across the globe.

The basic requirements to become a Peacebuilder Club are to fill out a simple application form and have at least two members in RAGFP. Then, the club will receive information and suggestions of positive activities it can carry out. **It would be wonderful to have a Peacebuilder Club in our part of District 7620.**



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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 build goodwill and better friendship?  
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?  
(and, what the heck, make it fun!)



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### Flags for Our Heroes

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Sunday, February 19, 2023



The flags will fly again, in Bohrer Park, on Memorial Day weekend. The red, white and blue - 750 of them, for me and you.

**You can sponsor** a flag for anyone you choose. Your name and the name of your "hero" can be on a keepsake medallion, a meaningful decoration for your December holidays or anytime.

Do take advantage of this opportunity. Contact [gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:gaithersburgrotaryclub@gmail.com) or [www.flagsforourheroes.org](http://www.flagsforourheroes.org).

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