

# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

April 30th, 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/La+Villa+Restaurant/@39.1144444,-76.8444444,15z)

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

### Club Leaders

**Margaret Young**  
President

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President-Elect

**Dan Dellon**  
Treasurer

**Janet Greiner**  
Immediate Past President

**Sara Torrence**  
Club Foundation Chair

**Hannah Katakam**  
Club Foundation Secretary

**Frederick Cooksey**  
Sergeant-at-Arms

**Kenneth Weiss**  
Area Governor

### Events

May 2nd  
**Club Assembly (important)**  
**In-person in La Villa restaurant**

May 9th  
No meeting

May 11th, 4:45 p.m.  
**Service:** Distribute food in the Gaithersburg Help food pantry.  
**Sign up** with President Margaret

May 13th, 8:00 - 3:00  
**Club Leadership Training**  
**In-person at the Comfort Inn in Bowie, MD**  
This is for everyone who is or wants to be a leader in Rotary. Sign up on the district website.

May 16th  
**Ferzan Jaeger, Olive & Loom**  
**Speaker:** Ferzan Jaeger  
**Subject:** Ferzan Jaeger is the

### Guests and Our Meeting on Tuesday

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, April 29, 2023



Photo by Susy

Two guests on Tuesday, both invited by President Margaret, and a guest speaker. See the next story for a summary of his talk.

**Brendan O'Rourke** of PF-Consultants was our guest. Brendon is an investment advisor based in Germantown. He has worked with Charles Schwab and Morgan Stanley and is fully able to serve his clients.

Also, **Lisa Deleon**. Lisa is looking for volunteer work to do with her two children. She wants them to learn early in life that it is good to help others.

Margaret announced that, at the Rotary District Conference, we had gotten an **award** for our contributions to the campaign against **Polio** and a **Gold Plus award** for our work on **the environment**, mainly our butterfly garden and collection of "crinkly" plastic. Both were initiated by our past president, Janet. Margaret said too that a committee from our foundation had selected this year's winners of the **Hanson Scholarship** at GHS and QOHS.

After the speaker, Margaret briefed our guests on some **current projects** - collection of crinkly plastic, helping with a Little Free Library, tutoring immigrant children in English, and staffing the Gaithersburg Help food pantry. Also, she suggested we attend the meeting of the Montgomery Village Rotary Club on April 28th and join the Rockville Rotary Club in cleaning up a stream on April 30th.

### Collecting Food at DuFief Elementary School

"Drink your milk, kids," but they don't always do it. They don't always eat their carrots, either. Under the

founder of the brand and store, **Olive & Loom**. Its mission is to provide traditional, old world goods with a fresh, modern aesthetic - Mediterranean-style housewares and other items made using artisanal methods and natural materials.

May 23rd  
**Larry Agee, Executive Director Disaster Aid USA**  
**Speaker: Larry Agee**

guidance of their principal at Dufief ES, Gregg Baron, the kids can now put unopened lunch items on a "sharing table" or in a "sharing refrigerator."

DeFief became a "Green School" in 2015 and has never looked back. Children in the Special Education Learning Center have a composting program that is highly successful. They collect enough compostable material that they now use a private company, **Compost Crew**, to take it away. The kids sometimes do "trash sorts" to see how well their programs are working, and the amount of material that cannot be composted or recycled has decreased steadily. The kids know how well they are doing because measurements are shared with them.



Principal Baron encourages children to urge their parents to recycle and compost. More of that could be a major boost for the environment. You don't think kids can make the news? Then, look up **composting, dufeif elementary school, Gaithersburg** on the internet.

Our club's foundation has made two small grants to help support the activity.

### 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 make it fun!)

### The Rotary Foundation

Rotary International's 501(C)(3) **foundation** is one of the biggest and best. In the 2021-22 Rotary year, its donations amounted to nearly **\$435 million**. The largest amount went to our ongoing war against **polio**, and the next largest to a wide variety of **Global Grants**. Other disbursements were for district and other grants, disaster response, and Rotary Peace Centers. Smaller amounts were expended on program operations, fund development, and administration.

Since 1988, Rotary and its partners have **immunized** nearly three billion children against **polio**. This has come at a cost of more than \$2 billion. Rotary is still working to eliminate the wild virus in Afghanistan and Pakistan and in any other countries in which there might be new cases.

**Global grants** are to fund large-scale international activities with sustainable, measurable results that support Rotary's seven areas of focus. Many are for **humanitarian projects**, scholarships, and vocational training teams. There are Rotary **Peace Centers** in universities around the world and, in these, more than 1,600 fellows from over 140 countries have studied the elusive subject of PEACE - of how to create and sustain it.

