

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

May 22nd, 2022

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, 3rd and
4th Tuesdays. For logon
information, write to
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Club Leaders

Margaret Young
President

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President-Elect

Bob H. Bokma
Secretary

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 23rd, on Zoom
**Larry Agee, Executive
Director, Disaster Aid USA**
Speaker: Larry Agee
This Rotary-related organization
does a whole lot of good in the
world. Attend and learn more
about it.

May 25th
LET THE FUN BEGIN!
(or call it "work" if you wish).
We will uncover 750 holes in
the ground to put up **Flags
For Our Heroes**. Do not be
left out.

May 27-31
Rotary International Convention
in Melbourne, Australia.
There might still be time to
register and attend.

It's Change Time for Rotary

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Friday, May 19, 2023

Rotary changes. Every year on July 1st, most leaders in the district and the clubs leave their volunteer positions and move on to others in Rotary. A relatively few staff members in the international and the zone offices stay on the job.



Our international president, Jennifer Jones, of Canada, will leave the big desk to **Gordon McNally**, of Scotland. His "classification" is dentist. President-elect Gordon has served Rotary in many capacities and is eager to see it continue growing and adapting to a changing world. His theme for the year, **Create Hope in the World**, is based on an encounter with a woman who had lost everything and everyone to a natural disaster. Seeing Rotarians in action, to help the area

recover, gave her hope for the future.

At the district level, Sean McAllister will step down in favor of **Delores Edwards Harding**. She is an attorney and a member of the Baltimore Rotary Club. She will follow DG Sean's lead in naming a Lieutenant Governor, Temrah Okonski, a physical therapist and member of the Ellicott City Club. They will be a powerful duo.

DGE Delores has four priorities for "her" year: **Foster care, Peace, Mental health, and Diversity/Equity/Inclusion (DEI)**. She will encourage the 60+ clubs in our district, plus Rotaract and Interact clubs, to carry out activities that fit with those priorities.

Our Meeting Last Tuesday

Lisa Deleon was with us again - a potential member, as was **Dr. Roberto Desena**. He is a board-certified chiropractor. His new office, in Germantown, will officially open with a ribbon cutting on June 16th. For details, see **Events** in www.GGChamber.org.

Also with us was Heather Hanson, representing the Hanson family, which provides funds for our annual scholarship to a graduating senior at Quince Orchard High School. **Isabella Andrade** was present to receive the first payment, of \$1,000. She has an outstanding record of scholarship and community service and plans to study STEM subjects with a focus on artificial intelligence, at **Harvard**. Her father, Fernando Andrade was present as well.

After an exciting guest speaker (see below), President Margaret described several of our service projects, including our butterfly garden and collection of kinkly plastic. Then, Sergeant-at-Arms Rick asked for **Happy Dollars**, and they poured forth. These bucks have somehow become happy twos, threes and fives in most cases. Everyone was happy for the visits by Lisa and Robert, our scholarship winner, and our speaker. We would be overjoyed to see all of them again.



Our speaker, Ferzan Jaeger, text of her slides (with minor

editing)

May 30th, 5:30 p.m.

Happy hour at the Bench Bar of the Marriott Hotel in Rio

Join club members for appetizers (courtesy of the club) and beverages (you pay). Have fun and get to know your fellow Rotarians better.

Also, do take guests who would be good Rotarians.

May 31st, 6:00 p.m.

Be happy again. RED LINE Happy Hour at King Street Oyster Bar in D.C.

June 6th

Club Assembly

June 20th

GGCC update

Speaker: Paula Ross

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!)**
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**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

Born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey. Moved to the U.S. for graduate school in 2003. Finished University of Iowa with BS in Physics and an MBA.

Moved to DC in 2010 for my husband's job. Got a job at NASA in 2010 and worked there until 2018 as Instrument Project Manager on various projects.

Started **Olive & Loom** in 2016, with the goal of keeping closer ties with Turkey. I loved home decor and textiles, so that was a natural pathway. Started Kin & Care in 2018.

We started **Kin & Care** with 1 refugee woman pouring candles for us once a month. Right now, we have 6 full-time employees making candles and fulfilling orders.

For both Olive & Loom and Kin & Care, growth plans include growing our wholesale accounts through wholesale shows. There are other exciting business plans in the work for Kin & Care.

OLIVE & LOOM Started off with "olive" oil soaps & hand-"loomed" towels to bring the Turkish bath experience across the ocean. All our products are hand-loomed by small, family-owned businesses in the Aegean region of Turkey. We started as a wholesale business, selling to all sizes of retailers across the US, Canada and Europe, then added a brick & mortar retail store in 2018, adding other brands of home & gift items from other small businesses.

REFUGEES MATTER!!! Very early on in Olive & Loom's growth was also the timeline for the war in Syria, so I was immediately compelled to do something about the refugee crisis that was happening throughout the world. The BEST way to help is through employment. Language is a barrier, and customer service jobs can be tricky due to language and religious reasons. I wanted to help women gain economic independence - to be in charge of their own destiny. Candle making made so much sense to us because we knew we could sell them in our store,
