

# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

April 13th, 2019

### Club Meeting

Meets at Holiday Inn Gaithersburg  
2 Montgomery Village Avenue

GaithersburgRotaryClub@gmail.com  
Tuesdays at 12:15 PM

### Club Leaders

**Scott Rebein**  
President

**Emmyrich Vicente**  
President-Elect

**Dan Dellon**  
Treasurer

**Frank Senk Jr.**  
iPast President

**H. Winfree Irvine Jr.**  
Sergeant-at-Arms

**Kumba Brewah**  
Secretary

### Events

April 16th, Luncheon in the  
Holiday Inn

**Speaker:** Nancy Scull  
**Subject:** Classification Talk

April 23rd, luncheon  
**Speaker:** John Morogiello  
**Subject:** Our local Best Medicine  
Repertory Theatre

April 30th  
**No luncheon on April 30th**  
**Happy Hour at Sahar's house.**  
See details in story in the next  
column.

May 7th, luncheon  
**Closed Club meeting**  
Ooh, guys and gals, are we eager  
to see the agenda for this one?

**And, many district events.**  
See [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org)

### The Four-way Test'

Of all that we think, say and do: -  
Is it the truth?

- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it bring goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## Why is it hard to find Rotarians

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, April 13, 2019



Why is it hard to find new Rotarians? Rotary is a wonderful organization, and membership is open to everyone. There are **just three requirements**. Let's look at them. Note: The statistics below are fictitious.

First, a Rotarian must be **service-oriented**, and some people simply aren't that way. That cuts out, let's say, 30% of adults. OK, we have 70% remaining.

Second, we prefer members who can attend or make up at least half of the weekly **meetings**. Making up at other clubs is a great way to see how they function and make good contacts. Still, no meeting time is good for everyone. Another 30% eliminated.

Finally, a Rotarian must be able to pay the club's **dues**. They are not excessive, but they are significant. Let's guess that 30% more are out because of financial concerns.

That leaves 10% population of the adult population. That's a lot of people. **Let us find those 10% and invite them to a Rotary luncheon!**

## Our luncheon April 9th, 2019

Who was there April 9th? A bunch of Rotarians as well as **Allen Hepner** from Nauticon Office Solutions, **Seth Opel** from SHS Services and two guest speakers (see below).

Winfree reported that he and Sara had conducted interviews and selected a winner for the \$2,000 **Sam and Ester Eig Scholarship**. She is **Ms. Ivy Tran**. Ms. Tran plans to attend our luncheon on April 16th.

**Bob was Back**, 12

hours after landing on a flight from China. He went right back to extracting coins for Alzheimer's research. Well done, Bob!

**Jim** reported on a lunch for students at the Space Flight Training Center, participation by a Fortune 500 company in the Science and Engineering Partnership, a new Interact Club starting at Springbrook HS, a possible Rotaract Club in Laurel, MD, something else the editor missed, and meetings with Sahar to get student help and corporate donations for *Flags For Our Heroes*. **Note:** Our district definitely needs more Rotaract clubs.

After a superb presentation on SEEC (see below), Frank explained the workings of our 50-50/raffle of a beautiful **1969 Impala** ragtop. He had the car there for members to admire. Note: Frank and other members showed the car April 13th in Downtown Crown.





A decision was made on our **happy hour** April 30th. It will be at Sahar's house at 5:30 p.m. For your personal invitation, send an email to sfahmy368@gmail.com. Rumor has it there will be a charge of \$25, which will include a **\$25 ticket** to our car raffle. Great deal!

Frank congratulated **Richie** for being named liaison for supplier diversity for the Greater Washington Area of PNC Bank. **Our members are on the move.** Scott announced a date of April 30th for interviews at QOHS for the **Linda M. Hanson Scholarship**.

And, there were too many **happy dollars** to list. One was from Frank for Winfree's help to his wife in obtaining a real estate license. **Archie** capped the meeting by delivering a \$200 check to sponsor four flags in our Memorial Day event. Who will do likewise on 4/16?

## SEEC for People with Developmental Disabilities



SEEC means *Seeking Employment, Equality and Community for People with Developmental Disabilities*. Pamela Toole and Katie Smeltz explained it to us, admirably. They are Employer Outreach Consultants to the organization. Pamela introduced their talk, saying "Everyone can contribute to society, but some get left out."

Then, Kathy explained that her son has autism and does not communicate well with people but is a whiz with computers. With specialized help, he and others in similar situations can do very well.

The organization's mission statement is outstanding. It reads: *Our goal is to become a community of excellence that honors, respects and assists people with developmental disabilities as they direct their lives towards work, relationships, recreation, and personal development.* Analyze that, if you will. There's a **whole lot** in it.

SEEC has an agreement with **Ivymount School**, said our speakers, by which young people can study there until the age of 21 or 22 in a *School to Work* program. Located in Rockville MD, Ivymount has created nationally recognized programs and partnerships for people with autism and special needs, as well as their families.

SEEC is a non-profit organization that provides several kinds of support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For example, it helps place its clients in internships and jobs. This involves finding opportunities, training the clients in how to behave at work, conducting mock interviews, training employers in dealing with people who have disabilities, and monitoring. The National Institutes of health, for example, **has hired 40 SEEC clients** in the past seven years. Other local programs in D.C. and Montgomery County are with the Montgomery County Government, the Smithsonian Institution, the Embassy Suites and Hilton Hotels.



The organization also has a *Parent to Parent* mentoring program and a supported (*Community Living*) program for about 50 men and women. There is a Business Advisory Council, or BAC. Funding is largely from grants and an annual gala, the next of which will be May 18th in the National Park Seminary Ballroom in Forest **Glen**. Tickets may still be available.

Small firms and organizations can be involved by attending the gala, joining the BAC, providing internships and employment, and simply telling people about SEEC. Its website is [www.seeconline.org](http://www.seeconline.org).

Kathy told how happy she was when she made her first job placement. She said her son and many others are "high functioning" so that people can't see easily they are autistic. This can lead to uncomfortable situations, as when people objected to her son running down the aisle in a synagogue. **We should all know more about identifying people who are autistic and relating with them.**