

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

April 20th, 2019

Club Meeting

Meets at Holiday Inn
2 Montgomery Village Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
Time: Tuesday at 12:15 PM

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Club Leaders

Scott Rebein
President

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Treasurer

Frank Senk Jr.
Immediate Past President

Kumba Brewah
Secretary

H. Winfree Irvine Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms

Jim Gilchrist
Assistant Governor

Events

April 23rd
Luncheon in the Holiday Inn
Speaker: John Morogielo
Subject: Writing and directing plays for the Best Medicine Rep. Theatre.

Inside info: His plans tend to be funny and for adults only.

April 30th
Happy Hour, 5:30 - 8:00 pm
The home of Sahar Fahny.
Cost: \$25, which gets you a ticket to our big **car raffle** AND the right to take a guest.

May 7th
Luncheon in the Holiday Inn
Closed Club meeting
Your Editor does not have the agenda for this but is **very curious** about it.

May 14th
Speaker: Ken Weiss
Subject: Jordan - notes on his visit and the country's geo-political situation. Hint: it's in a very tough neighborhood.

Our District Conference

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, April 20, 2019

Rotarians! **Our District Conference!** April 20-21 in Frederick. It's time to register for fun, networking and learning!

Friday, 6/21st: Golf tournament, motorcycle tour, local tours, project exhibits, wine tasting, reception with food, installation of the new District Governor, and **Hospitality suites** with live music.

Saturday, June 22nd: Three square meals, project exhibits, Rotaract and Interact conferences, Plenary Session, **4-way Test Speech Contest**, Foundation awards, and a concert in the Weinberg Center.

Registration is open NOW on the district website. We should all **want** to attend! Let's do it!

Our Luncheon April 16th



Win jumped in! He didn't wait. He was eager to introduce our scholarship winner from Gaithersburg High, Ms Ivy Tran. She and her mother were absolutely delightful as Ivy summarized her interests and her plans for the future. Winfree, Sara, and all of us extend to her our most hearty **congratulations**.

Nish took over as Secretary and introduced our guests: Dolly Irvine (Winfree's spouse), Kelly (almost a member), Diana (Past President and future member) and John (Alumni Member).

Bob collected Coins for **Alzheimer's Research** and briefed us on the **Hanson Scholarship** at QOHS. Interviews are scheduled for April 30th.

Richie briefed us on preparations for our **giant flag display** on Memorial Day weekend. He has a food truck lined up for Saturday, May 25th. The opening ceremony will take place that day at 11:00.

Sara urged us all to buy, and sell, **flag sponsorships and tickets for the car raffle**. Our foundation needs money because of the high demand for grants. She's doing more than her share. **Nancy** responded with \$50 to sponsor a flag.

Then, it was Nancy's turn to speak. See the next story. When she finished, we went to **Happy Dollars**. Winfree had \$3, and he levied fines on Jim and Nish. Scott H. had \$5 for his daughter's wedding on Memorial Day weekend. There were many more for our speaker and our scholarship recipient. Jim had one for an event at Capital Technologies and joked that Winfree wouldn't give him a discount on the purchase of an end table. **Ivy's mom** got into the game by offering \$2 for our club.

To top off the program, Jim gave Ivy a pin and a flag, and T.O. told us of what sounds like a very good youth empowerment program. **Youth service** is an increasingly important



aspect of Rotary.

THE 4-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?



Nancy Scull Speaks To Us

Nancy Scull spoke of how she had been invited to a Rotary meeting, liked what she saw and soon decided to join. She has always been interested in community service. Her father paid for her education, and she wants to help some of the many people who do not have that advantage.



She said she had worked for many years for the Federal Housing Opportunities Commission, and there was a huge need nationwide for subsidized housing. Montgomery County is not an exception. Later, she was President of **Silver Spring Help** and realized there was hunger in Montgomery County, which county leaders were denying. Some in the faith community organized a meeting to talk about hunger, and **200 people** attended.

Part of Nancy's response to this was to found **Shepherd's Table**, in 1983. It began in a church and provided food and other services, including counseling. Now, it has its own building, which features a small number of personal living quarters (PLOs).

If we heard this right, Nancy has a daughter who is a tax expert in her father's law firm. Also, she has adopted two nephews to help them get a good start in life. More descendants? Yes. Her family continues to grow.

She now works with the **Bernie Scholarship** program, which helps low income people in Montgomery County to pay for their college education. Many don't even think about college because no one in their families has attended or, in some cases, they are immigrants and don't know how to apply to schools and obtaining financing in the U.S. "Bernie helps people **believe** they can get better," she said.

The Bernie program tries to provide a tutor for every student it helps - about 60 per year, and **tutors are needed**. Any of us can do this.

Then Nancy's talk got personal and, therefore, more interesting. She loves **sailing** small boats and is a **mountain bike** enthusiast who has ridden in several countries. She has loved her two trips to New Zealand and has been to two weddings in France. Going to the first one, she and her husband got lost and arrived late. Going to the second, they had car trouble and arrived to the wedding in a **tow truck**.

On a **skiing** trip near Davos, Switzerland, they saw a storm coming, bought chains for their rental car and headed up to the pass. At higher altitude, the road was a sheet of ice, and the chains wouldn't fit. A tow truck got them to the top, where they crept along, hugging the mountain (as opposed to the drop-off on the other side of the road) until they came to a parked car they could not get around. Undaunted, they skied down and found their lodging place, around 2:00 a.m. Three days later, they hiked up and retrieved their car.

There were more stories to tell, but time ran out. Now, we know much more about our new member. **Welcome, Nancy!**
