

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

April 27, 2024

Club Meeting

Meets at 12:15 p.m.
on First and third Tuesdays on
Zoom and in La Villa Restaurant
[18701 N Frederick Ave
in Gaithersburg, MD](#)

Fourth Tuesday - zoom only

Second Tuesday - no meeting

Club Leaders

Margaret Young
President

Margaret Young
Immediate Past President

Priscilla Kinnear
President-Elect

**Jacqueline Grenning-
Mulcahy**
Secretary

Dan Dellon
Treasurer

Janet Grenier-Hanson
Club Foundation Chair

Bob Bokma
Interact Club Sponsor

**Frederick Cooksey and John
Cabrera**
Co-Sergeants-at-Arms

Janet Grenier-Hanson,
President of the Gaithersburg
Rotary Foundation

Kenneth Weiss
Assistant Governor

Events

April 28th, 1:00 p.m.,
DISASTER AID fundraiser.

Vitally important.

To participate, go on-line to
<https://disasteraidusa.org>

April 30th

**Happy hour @ Teds
Montana Grill**

Join club members for
appetizers (courtesy of Ted's),
drinks (you pay) and get to
know your fellow Rotarians. **We
expect DG Delores and her
husband, James, to attend.**

May 4th, 2:00 p.m.

**Big Birthday Celebration for
Foster Youth** Held in the
Washington, D.C. Tennis
Academy. See the district
calendar and scan the QR code
to donate.

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May 7th

Club Finances

**What does "Club Finances?"
mean?** Well, do go and
[participate, or forever hold your
tongue.](#)

May 21st

What's happening at the Maryland General Assembly?

Speaker: Delegate Greg Wims, member of Historic Emory Grove Rotary Club and a former DG

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 bring goodwill and better friendship?
- **Will** it be beneficial to all concerned?

(And, make it FUN)



Work and Plan in Our Latest Meeting

Yes, work and play. President Margaret was perfectly prepared as a deluge of our members arrived in La Villa to stuff envelopes (reminders of high school days). In 45 minutes, 500 of them were ready and sorted by zip codes. Soon after, they were mailed to companies whose wise leaders might want to sponsor our Flags For Our Heroes project.

A newcomer was there and did her share (or a little more). She was Esi Sonia Sotiglo, born in Togo and living in the U.S. since age 5. She studies theology, plays rugby, and probably more. Welcome, Sonia!

When our work was done, it was time for food and fun. Our waitress, Vilma, again, got everyone's order right. Ken reported on the District Conference in Cambridge, MD, with emphasis on the fun part. He started with what our next District Governor wore on Saturday--orange trousers, a pink shirt, and a red sports coat. Also, he said our



club received a "Gold Plus" award for our work in favor of the environment.



However, Past President Janet reported that our collection of crinkly plastic was on hold because Fitzgerald Subaru had decided to stop sending it to TerraCycle, which is apparently the only processor. See the last story in this bulletin.

President Margaret said she had collected more children's books and had found good homes for those that are not needed for our Little Free Library.

Then, Janet displayed her painting, "The Light of Truth, the Only Creative Power," and said prints were for sale in various sizes. They are with other paintings on her website, <https://www.jcgartstudio4.com/>. Proceeds from sales will be donated to a charitable organization for Ukraine. Art for a good cause. It's hard to beat that.

What's Coming in the District

Do more than attend club meetings. Look what's in store for us.

- **Club Leadership Training**, for club officers, committee chairs, and others
Saturday, May 18th, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., at Howard Community College
Cost: \$25. Do ask if the club will pay that.

- **District Governor Installation Ceremony**
Saturday, June 22nd, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. in the College Park City Hall

Free of charge. DGE Nomie has arranged for a free venue and free parking, and his catering company will provide the food. **Do go.** Be a part of our district!

- **District Conference**, with District 7610 (from Virginia)
October 4-6 at the Weston City Center Hotel in Washington, D.C.
Early Bird registration for \$225 (includes 1 lunch and 2 breakfasts)
If you want to stay in the hotel, there is a discounted price of \$161, all-inclusive.

Finally, Nomie let it slip that we are likely to have a **conference in the Bahamas**. How will we get there? Probably by ship from the Baltimore Cruise Port. Imagine the good times. Watch for details.



No, not the landfill!!!!



For months, Past President Janet taught us about **crinkly plastic**, collected it from us, and took it to Fitzgerald Subaru, which sent it to a firm called TerraCycle. On Tuesday, Janet informed us that the Subaru dealer was no longer accepting the material because of the cost of sending it.

Your editor went on the internet to look for an alternative but could not find one. It seems that only one firm in the USA processes crinkly plastic. I went to the TerraCycle website and found that we could send ours to them in a "Zero Waste box." The smallest is 11 X 11 X 20 inches and costs \$105, including shipping both ways. I called the firm to see if there was a lower cost alternative, but drew a

blank..

Then, it was back to the internet, asking what to do with crinkly plastic, and all the websites said to put it in the regular trash. That seems horrible after having an environmentally sound alternative, but nothing else appeared. If you have suggestions on how to reduce the damage to old Mother Nature, kindly communicate with Janet. The only suggestion I have is to stop buying candy, cookies, crackers, cold cereal, and a lot of other products.

UPDATE ON NIGER

Since last week's Bulletin was written, the U.S. has agreed to withdraw its military presence from both Niger and Chad. Your editor suspects that our country has been unable to match the offers made quietly to the leaders of those countries by another world power.
