

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

May 5th, 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

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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

May 7th at La Villa and online
[Club Finances](#)

**What does "Club Finances"
mean? Do go and participate,
or forever hold your tongue.**

May 13th, 5:45 p.m.
Membership Action webinar
on Zoom for Rotary clubs in
districts 33 and 34. See info.
on the district website.

May 18th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at
Howard County Community
College

Club Leadership Training, for
club officers, committee chairs,
and others.
Cost: \$25. Do ask if the club
will pay that.

May 21st at La Villa and online
**What's happening at the
Maryland General Assembly?**
Speaker: Delegate Greg Wims,
member of Historic Emory
Grove Rotary Club and a
former DG

May 28th
**Update on Ukraine Children
of War project - zoom only**

A Happy Hour to Remember

Saturday, May 4, 2024



We packed a room at Ted's Montana Grill. The manager had promised free hors d'ouves if we met there and was true to their word, as the waitress plied us with nachos and fried onion rings. When those were gone, some of us ordered dinner, and we paid for our drinks, of course. There were, however, too few people working to serve our group and the restaurant's other clients. This made for a delay of, according to Sara's timepiece, an hour to get food.

We expected DG Delores to come by, but she was tied up with other business in Baltimore. President Margaret, as we say, "winged it" with announcements and a raffle that turned out to be a lot of fun. Ken told a touching story from Flags For Our Heroes in 2022, and good conversations erupted all around. John C. and Ron came late and injected new voices into the mix.

When most attendees had drifted away, a credit card was spotted on the floor and a set of keys on the table. Fortunately, their owners had not gone far. Well, the car-key-person could **not** go very far. Everyone was soon united with his/her possessions.

Our next scheduled happy will be on Tuesday, July 30th. The location has not been announced, but we may return to the Gaithersburg Marriott Hotel, which has just opened a Tiki Bar on its deck overlooking the lake. It is expected to operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. **A little Mai Tai, anyone?**

Will Your Members Stay?

Do you help manage a membership organization? Do you know your attrition rate? We have heard that 15% a year is common for Rotary clubs.

If you want to reduce your attrition rate, look at what Sue is doing. She is the next president of the Rockville Rotary Club. Sue is seeking to meet in person with each member. In these meetings, she will focus on four questions:

- Share with me a bit about your background and how your journey brought you to Rotary.
- What is your most enjoyable experience with Rotary?
- Imagine it is one year from now. What does the Rockville Rotary Club look like?
- Is there anything you feel I should know about you and your relationship with Rotary?



The bottom line: When Sue finishes her round of meetings, she will know more about her members and how to keep them in the club, and attract new ones. This technique can work in any kind of membership organization.

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)



An letter from DG Delores (lightly edited by Ken)



It is with sadness that I share news of the passing of Past District Governor Dr. John Sever of the Rotary Club of Potomac.

Dr. Sever was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, and joined Rotary in 1964 in Potomac, Maryland. He served as Club President from 1969-1970 and was our District Governor during Rotary Year 1978-1979.

As many of you may know, Dr. Sever is widely known as **the Father of the Polio Initiative**. His contributions to eradicating the disease have been immeasurable; his work has saved millions of children from that dreaded disease. Dr. Sever is known world-wide for his work with infectious

diseases, and also for Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The funeral will held on Saturday, June 1 at 3pm at Ingleside at King Farm, 701 King Farm Blvd. in Rockville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rotary Polio Plus Program. To donate, go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/plus-polioplus>

Please keep the Sever Family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you.
