

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

May 18, 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
Greening-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 21st, 12:00 p.m. in La Villa

**What's happening at the
Maryland General Assembly?**
Speaker: Delegate Greg Wims

May 21st, 5:00 p.m.
Rotary Red Line Happy Hour,
King St. Oyster Bar in D.C. See
info. on the district calendar.

May 28th, on Zoom
**Update on Ukraine Children
of War project.**

May 31, 7:00 p.m.EOY
Celebration and DG Awards
The Meeting House in Columbia
MD.
Info. on the district website

June 4th, La Villa
**Presentation by a GRC
scholarship winner**

The Rotary Four-way Test

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

The GBF and FFOH

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, May 18, 2024



The Gaithersburg Book Festival today was so well done that rain could not keep people away or dampen their spirits. It took place in Bohrer Park, south and west of where our club will put up 756 large American flags toward the end of next week. Your editor talked with people about Flags For Our Heroes and looked for tell-tale caps, lost in the grass, but did not find any. As usual, our biggest challenge will be locating and uncovering the buried tubes into

which the flagpoles will be inserted.

Photo: One of eight pavilions in the festival. Each was the site of a different presentation every hour, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., in addition to other features of the festival.

Our Speaker on May 21st

The photo here is of our next speaker, **Delegate Gregory Wims**, talking with a young lady about college scholarships. They met at the Gaithersburg Book Festival. Greg is the founder and president of the Victim's Rights Foundation, Director of Public Affairs for Bold Concepts, Inc., and more. He joined the Montgomery Village Rotary Club and was our **District Governor** in 2017-18. Also, he founded the Historic Emory Grove Rotary Club, of which he is now a member.

In April 2023, Greg was selected to fill an open seat in our state legislature in Annapolis. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, its Racing and Gaming Subcommittee, its Early Childhood Subcommittee, the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, and the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus.

There is much that Greg can say to us. Do hear him on Tuesday in La Villa.

Photo: included with permission of the people depicted.



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

(And, make it FUN)
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CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

???????

Gratitude for Scholarships



Awarding college scholarships is an important kind of public service, in which many Rotary clubs participate. Our club gives one each year to a student in Quince Orchard High School and another to a student in Gaithersburg High School. The winners always express their gratitude, but few do so as well as the writer of the letter below.

Good morning. I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing with immense gratitude and appreciation for being selected as a recipient of the Gaithersburg Rotary Club foundation scholarship. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this incredibly generous investment in my education and future. When I got the email for this scholarship, I was overjoyed and overwhelmed with thankfulness. This financial support has relieved an enormous burden on my family's shoulders that words cannot describe.

My parents wanted me to extend their heartfelt thanks to you as well. They are so proud, and told me to express how grateful we all are for your compassionate generosity. Receiving this honor means more to me than you can know. It will allow me to pursue my goal of becoming a dentist while majoring as a public health major at UMD with fewer financial worries weighing me down.

I promise to work harder than ever and make the absolute most of this life-changing opportunity you have provided. You are opening doors for me. Again, thank you from the depths of my heart. I am committed to representing the Gaithersburg Rotary Club foundation well and making you proud through my future achievements. This scholarship will be the catalyst for my success.

*Sincerely,
Awa Silimana*

Whatever Happened to EREY

The Rotary Foundation is a vital part of Rotary. In 2022, it expended \$330 million dollars to help people in need. Nearly half was for our main activity, eliminating Polio from the world.

To help fund the foundation, every Rotarian is asked to contribute a minimum of \$100 per year. If some give more, others can give less, as long as the total is met. This is called **Every Rotarian Every Year**, or EREY.



Our club has never made contributing obligatory, as some clubs do, but it used to urge members to participate and add the amounts to our quarterly (now semi-annual) statements. Since we stopped doing that, contributions have dropped to the point that we can no longer participate in some Rotary grant programs. Our wings are clipped.

Being a Rotarian brings financial obligations. We can't deny it. Perhaps some of our members can add one more. Our President or Treasurer can explain how to set up automatic deductions. It will add greatly to the good we are doing.