

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

June 23rd, 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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/18701+N+Frederick+Ave,+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

June 25th, on Zoom
Classification Speech-Priscilla Kinnear

Sign in, folks, learn about our incoming president and her background,

Hot Installation of our New DG

Saturday, June 22, 2024



It was toasty warm for the installation of Governor Nomie Hamid, but the crowd was large. The band was good but had to stop at 6:15 for the formal proceedings. An hour or so later, there was a new Rotarian in charge of our sixty club district.

The Mistress of Ceremonies was Gloria Aparacio Blackwell, head of the Office of Community Engagement, City of College Park. She did an excellent job. Former DG, Geeta Jayaram, gave Nomie a **Major Donor** pin and said our district had given more than \$1 million to the Rotary Foundation during the past 12 months. The Mayor of College Park said Nomie had been named **Influential Marylander** of the year. Our incoming DG received proclamations and then was expertly introduced by former DG, Barton Goldenburg.

Nomie's talk was filled with recognitions of the many people who helped him settle in the USA, start a business, start more businesses, become a well-known philanthropist, and more. He recognized his team for Rotary year 2024-2025, thanked **outgoing Governor Delores** for a job well done, and urged the club leaders present to work together and accomplish more than ever before.

Then, it was time for Nomie's catering business to satisfy the **appetites** of about 400 Rotarians. There was a line, of course, but there was plenty for all at four food stations. Then, a surprising number of us stayed for quite a while for fun and fellowship. The band played on, and we left College Park with a new Rotary year only one week away.

July 2nd, in La Villa **Club matters**As of now, this meeting is scheduled. It will be on club affairs including plans for the new Rotary year.

July 2nd, 6:30 p.m. in the Holiday Inn

Dinner to celebrate the end of President Margaret's two years and the beginning of the Priscilla Presidency.

No club meeting on July 9th.

We will distribute food for Gaithersburg Help.

July 16th, La VillaLet's Read-- Update by Norm Gordon on this important activity.

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)



Super Fun Meeting Last Tuesday



Yes, we had fun. One reason was the presence of some most enjoyable guests. The introductions started with **Pam Okumura**, of ServPro for cleaning, water restoration, etc. A guest of Ken, she expects to join a Rotary club. **Ruby Garcia** was there as well. She is a relator, knows several people in our club, and is in line to be our next new member.

Then, we had **John**, a Rotarian from England, and his daughter, **Nicky**, a Rotarian from Michigan. When the meeting ended, someone said that John was 90 years old. Not even a fortune teller would have guessed it.

We also welcomed recipients of our Linda M. Hanson Memorial Scholarship, **Alexis Fiallo**, with her mother, Nancy; and **Isabella Andrade**, with her mother, Lily.

President Margaret gave a **Paul Harris pin with seven jewels to Adelaide**, just back from several months in Africa. Then, **Denise** reported on the Rotary



International Convention in Singapore. She said the island nation handled 40,000 Rotarians very well. She mentioned, especially, the keynote address by Graca Michelle, humanitarian and former wife of two presidents, Samora Machel of Mozambique and, later, Nelson Mandela of South Africa. Denise said that every keynote speaker was wonderful, and she connected with many people.

Isabella spoke next and told us of her many activities during her first year in Harvard. One was preparation of a paper on Automated Intelligence in hospitals. Then, **Alexis** told us of her plans to study at the University of Michigan and her strong interest in helping young people who have special needs. Ken tried to get her and Nicky to sing the U. of Michigan fight song but was not



successful.

Margaret spoke of our **service** projects and Bob about funds for **Alzheimer's** research, and we went to happy dollars. John T. had one for his trip to Italy and another because his daughter had obtained a Master's degree in social work, from NYU, and her license to practice in New York. Margaret said her trip to England was all about tea and biscuits (what else), and there were many more.

Changing of the Guard



Hey, our Changing of the Guard is coming. What is that? The name reportedly dates back to about the year 1500, when King Henry VII changed his protective force every few hours. That must have served him well because he was not overthrown. Changing the Guard became an official tradition at Buckingham Palace in 1837, and millions of tourists have seen it.

How did the term sneak into Rotary lingo? Your Editor has been unable to find out. He notes that the term is not accurate. Rotary might have guards in some places, but definitely not in every club. What we do, of course, is change **leaders**. That sounds much better than guards, does it not?

Our club's Changing of the Leaders is set to occur in the Holiday Inn, where we met before COVID came along and it closed completely. When it reopened, we inquired about meeting there again, but the restaurant was not open for lunch. We talked with the Banquet people, but they quoted a price that was waaay up there. Now, PE Priscilla has set us up to meet there on Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:30 p.m. If you have not responded to the invitation she sent, kindly RSVP and do it ASAP.