



Club of Gaithersburg

July 7th, 2024

Club Meeting

Meets at 12:15 p.m. on First and third Tuesdays on Zoom and in La Villa Restaurant at 18701 North Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg, MD

Fourth Tuesday - zoom only

Second Tuesday - no meeting

Club Leaders

Priscilla S. Kinnear President

Jacqueline Grenning-Mulcahy Secretary

Dan Dellon Treasurer

Margaret Young Club Service Chair

iPast President

Janet Greiner Club Foundation Chair

Frederick W. Cooksey Sergeant-at-Arms

Kenneth WeissAssistant Governor, Area 6

Events

July 11th, 5:15 p.m., on Zoom District Peace Committee Meeting

Non-members of the committee may attend. See the district calendar for information.

July 15th, 7:00 p.m., on Zoom District training: "What Now New Club Officer." Info. in the district calendar.

July 16th, at La Villa Let's Read Update
Speaker: Norm Gordon
Hear what is new with his innovative reading program, in which some of our members participate.

July 23rd, on Zoom
<u>Graduate Women</u>
<u>International</u> **Speaker:** Ms. Patrice Wellesley-Cole

Outgoing President of a London Rotary club, former Tribunal Judge, President of GWI Graduate Women International https://graduatewomen.org/whowe-are/our-leadership/board/

July 30th, time and location to be announced

Happy hour

Join club members for appetizers (courtesy of the club) and a cash bar, and relax with fellow Rotarians and their quests.

The Rotary Year Rolls Over

Sunday, July 7, 2024



On July 2nd, in a private room in the renovated Holiday Inn, more than twenty of us gathered to say "goodbye" to our outgoing president and welcome our new one. The food got no rave reviews, but everything else did. With Jackie as the MC, we started by wishing a happy birthday to our newest member, Ruby, and, in absentia, to Bea, who was at home with visitors from Colombia. Bob gave a nice invocation, Rick led our recitation of the Pledge, and Margaret introduced our visitors—three Rotary spouses. Then, the real action began.

President Margaret Recaps

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Margaret recounted some of the major events of her two years as President. The largest was the **merger** with the Montgomery Village club, which also brought us the Historic Emory Grove Satellite Club. Second, she mentioned **new members**, including Elvis and Tameka. She noted that some members had left, but that is normal and inevitable. Then, she commented on photos she had prepared and was showing as a continuous loop. They depicted several of our *meetings*, other events, and grant activities. They helped us recall how we had done very good work and enjoyed doing it.

Margaret mentioned our attractive new brochure and then thanked members of the club and foundation boards of directors, as well as Ken for his work on the club bulletin, etc. She mentioned that, through her work, she had met many interesting people, learned about local not-for-profit organizations, and improved her public speaking skills. We did not ask her if it was all worthwhile, but of **course** it was. It **had** to be.



Besides gratitude and applause, our outgoing president was offered a small gift and a lovely bouquet of flowers.



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)



President Priscilla Takes Over



Priscilla is no newcomer to Rotary or the job of President. She has done it before. She accepted the responsibility and spoke of her goals, especially inclusiveness. They are closely aligned with the current goals of Rotary International and our district.

She spoke of the importance of "one." She would like every member to bring in at least one new member, attend at least one district event, participate in at least one service or other club activity, arrange for at least one speaker for our meetings, and visit at least one other Rotary club. We might even visit another club *en mass,* she said. Note: AG Ken suggests Olney for breakfast, and/or Rockville for lunch.

The members of her Board of Directors are carrying over, and she thanked them for doing so. Then, she asked everyone present who was a Paul Harris Fellow to stand, and the number who did so was impressive. Asked how the **committees** would be managed, she responded that Past President Margaret would oversee them. Then in a surprise announcement, she said that Past

President Diana had agreed to be her Vice-President. Diana might, for example, take charge of a meeting if

Priscilla has to be absent. This information was loudly applauded.

Priscilla's husband, James, was present and seemed well pleased by her new responsibility. We are very pleased to have him in our group.



Photos of the Tables (by Ken and Richie)











