

# Rotary



## Club of Gaithersburg

January 29th, 2023

### Club Meeting

Meets First and third Tuesdays  
at 12:15 p.m. at La Villa  
Restaurant

[18701 North Frederick Avenue,  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879](#)

Also, on Zoom the 1st, 3rd and  
4th Tuesdays. For logon  
information, write to  
[gaithersurgrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:gaithersurgrotaryclub@gmail.com)

### Club Leaders

**Margaret Young**  
President  
and President-Elect

**Vacant**  
Secretary

**Dan Dellon**  
Treasurer

**Rick Cooksey** Sergeant-at-  
Arms

**Janet Greiner**  
Immediate Past President

**Sara Torrence**  
Club Foundation Chair

**Dan King**  
Foundation Vice-president

**Hanna Kararam**  
Foundation Secretary

**Diana Swanson**  
Foundation Treasurer

**Nancy King**  
Foundation Member-at-large

**Kenneth Weiss**  
Area Governor

### Events

January 31st, 2:30 p.m.  
**DACDB University** for new  
users  
Register on the district website

January 31st, 5:00 p.m.  
**Happy hour**  
The Bench Bar at the Marriott  
Hotel in Rio  
Everyone welcome. Cash bar,  
Appetizers provided by the  
club.

February 4th, 8:00 - 2:30  
**President-elect Training** on  
Zoom  
Register on the district website.

### What is Nourish Now?

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, January 28, 2023



Nourish Now has grown in just 12 years to be a strong and respected organization. **Michael Bernstein**, director of the Grants Department, told us about it on Tuesday. At the same time, he thanked our club for a grant last year from the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation.

Nourish Now began as a *food recovery* organization, and that is still its focus. It has many donors of surplus food - raw, processed, and prepared - that would, otherwise, be sent to landfills. Gas emissions from landfills, said Michael, cause more pollution than all the cars and trucks on the road. In its 12 years, this NGO has donated more than 16 million pounds of food and helped thousands of people who would, otherwise, have suffered from hunger.

Besides food donors and a few paid staff members, Nourish Now works with more than 100 not-for-profit organizations that provide volunteer assistance. All food is checked for condition and expiry dates. Recipients are not checked to certify that they are needy.

The food is delivered to individuals and selected neighborhoods in the county and to schools, to provide healthy snacks to thousands of children. Also, it is delivered to local "food hubs." The move to a larger space, in July of 2022, increased the organization's ability to receive, repackage, and dispatch food. There is much more information at [www.nourishnow.org](http://www.nourishnow.org).

### Ze Zoom Meeting Jan. 24th

Good attendance, on Zoom, as President Margaret announced that Etna Cavalcante had been recommended for membership and Divine Kagami had participated in a fireside chat. Susy was absent, with the flimsy excuse that she was on a beach in Argentina.

Past President Janet said she had obtained \$30,000 for a project in Gulu, Uganda: Numbers and Basic Education for Youth and Adults, from the Robert and Joanne Hanson gift to our district for a project in Gulu, Uganda. I will be called

Numbers and Basic Education for Youth and Adults. The project cost is expected to be \$33,550, so she must still obtain \$3,350. Our member, T.O., volunteered to contribute \$500 of that. Well done, T.O! Janet went on to say that governments in Uganda had not emphasized education for about the past 50 years, so much catching up is needed. Instruction sponsored by the project will be in English and Luo. Gulu is about 175 miles north of Kampala and is the agricultural marketing center of its region.

On environmental affairs, Janet said that Fitzgerald Suburu was getting six more collection boxes for crinkly plastic. It is the leading dealership in this collection, and our club supplies 80% of what it collects. Janet is happy to keep taking our donations to the dealership, but each of us is welcome to go there with his or her own bags.



February 7th, 12:00 noon  
La Villa restaurant  
**Club Assembly**  
Discussion of matters vital to the club

February 14th  
Service Project, TBD

February 21st, 12:00 noon  
**Story Tapestries**  
Speaker: Arianna Ross

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### 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 build goodwill and better friendship?  
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Looking forward, Margaret announced a happy hour for January 31st and a club assembly for February 7th. On that date, Assistant Governor Ken will make an official visit to the club, and Etna will be installed as a member. There were happy dollars for the presentation on Nourish Now, the Gulu project, and T.O.'s contribution to it. In a bit of fun, Rob alleged that his happy dollar had been paid in advance, and T.O. fined himself for having forgotten that our meeting was virtual and not in-person.

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## International Service - Medical Mission to the Philippines



Our member, John, belongs to an organization that undertakes annual medical missions to the Philippines. This year, again, he will participate. The team will be away from February 5-11 and will spend three days providing medical, dental, and eye care for children and adults in the region of Negros Occidental. About 60 people will take part in the mission.

John will be on the non-medical staff and will help with logistics, crowd control, and public relations. Do enjoy it, John. Approximately 3,500 patients will benefit from your work.

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