

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

April 28th, 2019

Club Meeting

Meets in the Holiday Inn
2 Montgomery Village Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
Time: Tuesdays at 12:15 PM
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Club Leaders

Scott Rebein
President

Emmyrich Vicente
President-Elect

Dan Dellon
Treasurer

Frank Senk Jr.
Immediate Past President

Kumba Brewah
Secretary

Winfree Irvine Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms

Jim Gilchrist
Assistant Governor

Events

April 30th
NO LUNCHEON ON THIS DAY
Happy Hour, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
The home of Sahar Fahmy
Write SFahmy368@gmail.com to register and obtain the address.

May 7th, luncheon, Holiday Inn
Closed Club meeting
The members await the agenda for this event.

May 14th, luncheon
Jordan, a Vital Land in a Tough Neighborhood
Speaker: Ken Weiss

May 21st, luncheon
Transforming Neurocognitive Living
Speaker: Dr. Majid, Itegrace Institute
Subject: Transforming Neurocognitive Living Through Person-centered Research, Education and Partnerships

Flags for Our Heroes
5/22: Uncover holes for flagpoles
5/23: Set up flags and fasten on medallions

What is Rotary?

By Kenneth D. Weiss on Saturday, April 27, 2019

What is Rotary? We are:

- A huge international foundation
- Thousands of services clubs, in nearly every country
- A high-level networking organization
- Educational because we learn from each other and our guest speakers
- Entertaining because we always have fun at our events
- Scholarships, affinity groups, and much much more.

How can we be all those at once? Come to visit us, and you will see.

Best Medicine Rep.



We all know that **the best medicine** is Laughter. There is plenty of it at the Best Medicine Rep. Theatre on the second floor of Lake Forest Mall. **John Morogiello**, its President and Artistic Director, gave us a fascinating and detailed description.

John believed that, with 60,000 people, Gaithersburg needed a theatre, and he set one up in the mall. Some stores are leaving the mall, but John has been guaranteed at least another year." The arts

should be an engine for economic change," he said. The economic return to investment in the arts is a whopping 3.6 to 1.

Best Medicine Rep. is a legitimate theatre that pays its personnel. Since its founding in January, 2018 it has presented nine play readings and seven plays. There have been more than 1,700 patrons, many coming, and bringing money, from outside the area. The plays have gotten excellent reviews and won an award.

Best Medicine Rep. has done performances in the Kennedy Center and in the *New Plays New Voices Festival*. It has also put on **plays written by elementary school students** in the county. John serves as a teacher and helps the children. Also, it will present plays by students in the Gaithersburg Book Festival on May 18th and will hold a one week playwriting camp this summer.

The company's funding comes largely from ticket sales and foundation grants. How can we get involved? John said we could join the mailing list, visit the website, advertise in the programs (very inexpensive), tell friends and go see the shows. He offers discounts for groups of ten, twenty and forty people.

The next reading will be of *Blood: A Comedy*, on June 2nd. The line-up of plays for the season beginning September 13th consists of *Helen on Wheels*, *The Crater Sisters' Christmas Special*, *Comedy of Venice* and *The Fifth Date*. For information about all of them, visit www.bestmedicinerep.org.

Our Latest Luncheon

On Tuesday, our club joyously welcomed a Rotary spouse, **Laurie Rebein**. **Kelly Grossberg** was with us again and had submitted her paperwork to join our group. That was excellent news. Kelly had a guest, **Theo Hristopolis**. **Sandy LeBranc** dropped in to see what Rotary was all about. Come back and see more, Sandy. Our speaker was John Moroiello, as per the story above this one.

Bob spurred the collection of **Coins for Alzheimer's Research**,



5/24: The flags are flying.
5/25: Official Opening, 11:00 a.m.
5/26: The flags are flying.
5/27: Flag retirement ceremony.
About 3:00 p.m. take down and
store flags and cover the holes.

The 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 friendships?
 - Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
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BE THE INSPIRATION

and Daniel said he would be traveling soon and would try to visit Rotary clubs at his destinations. Richie said we needed more individual and corporate sponsors for **Flags For Our Heroes**.

After a well-received talk on Best Medicine Rep., President Scott said he would send an email asking people to sign up to work at **Camp Fantastic** on May 4th. He thought we could prevent breaks and bruises by resurfacing the slippery floor in about four hours. **Editor's note:** I have not seen that message.

Bob said there were three applicants for the **Hanson Scholarship**, and interviews were tentatively scheduled for April 30th. He had enough people lined up to conduct them. Also, our foundation board will make a small contribution to the city of Gaithersburg's **Character Counts** program.

Sahar reminded members to sign up for the **happy hour** at her house April 30th. It's a real deal! For just \$25, one can enjoy the happy hour, take a guest, **and** get a \$25 raffle ticket for the very pretty '69 Chevy. We will not have a luncheon that day.

The Happy Dollars flew thick and fast, mostly for our speaker and Kelly's Membership Proposal. Carl and Dan D., our know-the-numbers guys, were very happy that tax season was over. **Theo Hristopolis** won money in our 50-50 and promptly donated it to the club. Thank you, Theo.

Jim tacked on a report about the **solar vehicle** program for Girl Scout troops. It is shining bright. He criticized MCPS for not doing enough with STEM and noted the excellent trickle-down effect of Ana G. Mendez University in Wheaton. Then, the 4-way Test resounded and the closing bell sounded.
