

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

March 1st, 2025

Club Meeting

Meets First and third Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in La Villa Restaurant
[18701 North Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879](https://www.google.com/maps/place/18701+North+Frederick+Avenue,+Gaithersburg,+MD+20879)

Also, on Zoom the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays. For logon information, write to gaithersurgrotaryclub@gmail.com

Club Leaders

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Ken Weiss
Bulletin Editor

Events

March 4th, in La Villa
Subject: [Red Cross CPR AED Training for Underserved Communities](#)

Speaker: Michael Maxey
If we insist, Michael might be persuaded to include a few words about USAID.

March 18th, in La Villa
[Air quality and software to monitor it](#)

Speaker: Linda Hembek

April 29th, 5:00 p.m.
Red Line Happy Hour sponsored by our club. Do put this on your calendar.

The Rotary Four-way Test

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

Some Short Stories



Photo: Ken, Dan, and Margaret with our Peace Pole

Next Meeting: We will meet for lunch in La Villa on Tuesday, March 4th. We have been asked to take non-perishable food for CORE to donate to its clients--homeless people in upper Montgomery County. Gifts should be nourishing foods that do not require cooking.

Our Peace Pole: The pole is here and is beautiful. City staff will hold it in the Activity Center and install it in early May. We plan to inaugurate it in Bohrer Park on May 24th, right after the opening ceremony for Flags For Our Heroes.

New Members: We are in the happy position of having two outstanding people who are interested in joining our club. Look for more information after they participate in our introduction to Rotary, known as a "fireside chat."

Serve a Meal: April first is the date for our club to provide a meal to English language learners and others in a community center in Montgomery Village. Do add this to your calendar.

Our Meeting on February 25th

Last Tuesday, we enjoyed the company of potential new members **Franklina Buck** and **Don Allen**. Our guest speaker was Nobuyo Reinsch. Please see the story that follows.

Stu provided the invocation, with words about how Rotarians share. He finished by saying, "Our country's leaders should understand the 4-way test." If everyone in the world lived by it, we would be much better off.

FFOH Chair, Margaret, said we should all *like* and *share* the messages that we will place on social media, and our children and grandchildren can do likewise. In fact, social media is useful only if we use it well. Also, she said, we need to work now to obtain sponsors for the event.

When our speaker concluded, we went straight to **happy dollars**. Stu, Sara, Rick, and Priscilla contributed for the speaker, the meeting, time spent with family members, and more. Margaret was happy that her sister and sister's husband had come for a visit. On one day, in D.C., they took 26,000 steps. Most of us are doing well when we can get in 260.



Air Travel

Our speaker, **Nobuyo Reinsch**, is the Senior Vice President of Safety and Regulatory Affairs for the Regional Airline Association, RAA, and there was high interest in what she had to say. Nobuyo grew up in a small town in Japan and was fascinated with the world. Her grandfather once gave her, as a gift, an inflatable plane.

After she moved to the U.S. and did graduate studies at George Washington University, she worked for airline-related organizations and,

- Is it fair to all concerned?
 - Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
 - Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
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in her 40s, took flying lessons and was licensed as a pilot. Then, she joined the staff of the RAA, an association of 14 airlines, including Empire Airlines and Horizon Air.

Nobuyo is active in the **Joyce Lin Memorial Foundation**. Ms. Lin was a pilot for the Mission Aviation Fellowship and was killed in a crash while flying to deliver COVID-19 tests to a remote village in Indonesia. Nobuyo invited us to a screening of the movie, *Jungle Queen*, on March 19th at 3:00 p.m., a fundraiser for scholarships to be presented by the Foundation. For information, see joycelinmemorialfoundation.org.

Speaking and responding to questions, she said that **airline safety** was better in the U.S. than in the rest of the world because of the work of airlines, airline associations and government agencies. She has high hopes that this will continue to be the case. Regional airlines, she said, follow the same safety procedures as the major carriers. She mentioned AI models that are being developed to help prevent accidents and other incidents.

There was **discussion** of the flight "bubble" around Washington D.C., the recent accident at Reagan airport, and more. Then, after being prompted, she said she planned to become certified as a **Spiritual Life Coach**. Google says that is: "... a professional who guides individuals in connecting with their deeper spiritual selves, helping them discover their life purpose, and navigate life challenges through a lens of spiritual awareness, often by exploring their beliefs, values, and intuition to achieve greater fulfillment and meaning in their lives." That sounds like a very valuable service.
