

Rotary



Club of Gaithersburg

March 22nd, 2025

Club Meeting

Meets First and third Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in 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

Club Leaders

Priscilla S. Kinnear

President
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Margaret Young

Club Service Chair
Immediate Past President

Janet Greiner

Club Foundation Chair

Frederick Cooksey

Sergeant-at-Arms

Ken Weiss

Bullitin Editor

Events

March 25th

[Leadership Montgomery: A Legacy of Leaders](#)

Speaker: Sarah Burnett, Senior Director, Programs and Training, Leadership Montgomery

Sarah will speak about the importance of community leadership and the work Leadership Montgomery does to support community education and leadership development.

March 26th, 5:00 p.m.

[Rotary Red Line Happy Hour](#) at the King Street Oyster Bar in D.C.

An opportunity to meet and mingle and see our clubs on the Red Line in action. See the district website for information.

April 1st

A Great Rotary Story



Several people who were booked on a Viking Sky World Cruise planned to **donate books** to the CEF Zanzibar School, which is in a spice farming area on the island of Zanzibar, off the east coast of Africa. It provides free, high-quality education to girls, orphans and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The group collected and packed eight boxes and two suitcases of books for children and embarked on the cruise, with high expectations.

However, a **Cholera outbreak** in Zanzibar prevented the ship from docking there. All might have been lost, but, no. Charlotte, a Rotarian on the ship, made contact with the **Rotary Club of Mombasa**, in Kenya, where the ship **could** dock, and the club agreed to transport the books. A member, named Peter, had a friend who owned a shipping company.

The next major problem was getting the books through Customs and into Kenya. Every box and bag was sniffed by two dogs and then opened and inspected. Also, a list of the books had to be sent to the Customs supervisor. It turned out that she was supportive and did not raise more obstacles. The books are at the port in Mombasa and are **scheduled to be shipped** on March 25th. The school director, Judi Palmer, is arranging for a person to receive them and clear them through Customs in Zanzibar.

Hooray for Rotary and all others who assisted.

Editors Note: This report is compiled from forwarded email messages. I believe it to be accurate.

Old Rotary Hands

Last Tuesday, we enjoyed seeing **Dick Hottel**, former president of the Montgomery Village Rotary Club, and **Art Elgin**, a charter member and Past President of that club and now our member. They are depicted here with John and Stu. Come back, guys, whenever you can.



On Tuesday, Past President Margaret gave a short report on **Flags For Our Heroes** and highlighted that we have entertainment lined up for the Friday evening of Memorial Day Weekend. There will be a Veterans Picnic that evening-- a new feature of our big event.

President Priscilla, from across the pond, said there was one person ready to join our group and two others were interested. Also, we should take guests to the **Red Line Happy Hour** that we will host on April 29.

Past President Janet reported that our new **bluebird houses** were up and ready for occupancy in our Monarch butterfly and pollinator garden. They will be **rent-free** for qualified tenants.

Margaret showed a banner from the **Rotary Club of Leicester**, in England, which she had visited. It is a wealthy club that meets for lunch on Mondays. One of its fundraisers is a Bollywood event. We should all **be there!!!**

Rob invested a big ten dollars in **the 50-50**. One of his tickets came out of the beret, but the Joker eluded him. There are now 17 cards left, and the pot is over \$100. Ruby, John, Margaret, and others had **Happy Dollars** for a growing family, our speaker, and more.

And, the chitchat continued, well after the closing bell.

Other Important Info.

What Is Mediation?

Speaker: Steven Corn, Board

Certified Patient Advocate

Subject: What Is Mediation?

Don't Litigate: Mediate

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April 1st

**Provide and Serve Dinner
for " Let's Read" at the
Stedwick Community
Center.**

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?
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that related ozone to climate change, and **the correlation is very strong**. "Climate change is inevitable," she concluded. "If we do nothing, mortality and morbidity ... could be severe." Frightening? You bet!

Rotary Legislation: Every three years, Rotary International goes through a process of amending and adding to its rules, and these affect every club. This year, there are **84 enactments** to be considered, and we can have input. On March 26th, from 6:30 until 7:30, PDG Barton Goldenberg will discuss some of the enactments. If you want to see them ahead of time, contact him at barton7620dg2019@gmail.com. Then, sign in to his Zoom meeting on the 26th. The Meeting ID is 878 4856 6899, and the pass code is 915358.

The Dictionary Project: Some of us remember when we would visit elementary schools in Gaithersburg and deliver a compact encyclopedic dictionary to each third grade student. The teachers loved it, the kids loved it, and we loved it. Then, COVID came, and it all ended. Now, the DC Rotary Club is reviving the project, and they need help to visit all the D.C. public elementary schools. To get more information, contact Tuya Munkhjargal at president@shildeg@edu.mn or Nancy Riker at rikernancy@yahoo.com. You will be glad you did.
