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2016 Rotary Person of the Year:

Sr. Edna Lonergan

By Jeff Fleming

The Rotary Club of Milwaukee has named Sister Edna Lonergan, OSF as its 2016 Person of the Year. Sr. Edna is the President of St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, a highly respected organization that introduced dementia-specific day care to this area and was among the pioneers of fully integrated intergenerational day care in our country.



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Rotarian Jim Gormley, the St. Ann's board chairman has high praise for Sr. Edna.

“She has an incredible vision. It’s an incredible vision that’s powered by her faith. Her dedication to the mission of St. Ann’s is incredible.”

The Rotary Person of the Year award is a unique honor that focuses on the professional accomplishments of the award winner. Rather than celebrating civic or philanthropic achievements, this award recognizes the winner's work. A committee of Milwaukee Rotarians reviews all the nominations with a particular focus on how the nominees have applied their professional work to better the community.

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Farewell from President Dan Vliet

By Dan Vliet



President Dan Vliet

Last June, as the incoming President, I asked the question, how does our Club make a difference? A year later I am happy to report that the Rotary Club of Milwaukee continues to make a significant difference not just in Milwaukee but globally.

Just look at the past year's activities. What would summer be without great bands and LIVE @ the Lakefront at the Rotary Amphitheater? In the fall we hosted the Rotary Large Club Conference, bringing Rotary Clubs from across the United States and Canada to Milwaukee. This was a chance to showcase our Club and our city. We succeeded at both, thanks to the efforts of a large group of committed Club members our hardworking staff. Kudos to both Mary and Liz for pulling off a great event. At almost the same time we hosted a group from Ukraine in Milwaukee for an extended visit.

Moving on from there, Club members traveled to Bangladesh, India as a part of a team providing cleft palate surgery, in partnership with Alliance for Smiles. Not long thereafter, another group, in partnership with Engineers Without Borders, traveled to Guatemala to visit local bridge and school projects supported by RCM with the help of a local Guatemalan Rotary club.

In June we have the Rotary Golf Classic, a great event for fellowship and fun which also supports our Rotary Scholars. This year the Rotary scholarship program provides financial support and mentoring for 24 Milwaukee students. If you have had a chance to meet any of the students, you know we are making a difference in their lives.

Also in June we will inaugurate the significant improvements to Johnsons Park, a long-term commitment made by the Club to enhance an almost empty green space in urban Milwaukee.

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RCM Touches Lives of Students Through World Affairs Program

Ten deserving students from Milwaukee area will join over twenty nations at the 2016 World Affairs Seminar (WAS) June 25 - July 1, 2016 at Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee. Student applications were due the end of April and awardees will be announced in May. The students' participation will be sponsored by a contribution of \$6,300 from the RCM Community Trust.

The World Affairs Seminar was started in 1977. The brainchild of Rotarian Dr. Dale Brock, the program now has over 27,000 alumni living all over the globe. Rotarians Bill Coleman, Steve Chevalier, Jim Dorman and Joe Caruso serve on the WAS board.

This year's seminar is focused on global water. Issues covered will be preservation of water resources, sanitation, industrial and personal responsibility of water, historical rights, customs and laws.

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"The Rotary Person of the Year Award recognizes individuals, executives and entrepreneurs who, through their profession, are making the Milwaukee community a better place to live and work," President Dan Vliet of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee said. "The purpose of this award is to highlight the second objective of Rotary: to foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, and to dignify each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society."



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RI President-elect John F. Germ

RI International President-elect John F. Germ will address the 2016 World Affairs Seminar (WAS) in the afternoon on Sunday, June 26th. He will speak at 3 pm in Shattuck Hall at Carroll University. He will talk about how safe water supplies are essential to Rotary's efforts to eliminate Polio around the world. This topic fits the "Rotary Serving Humanity"

mission that President-elect Germ has for his term. All Rotarians are invited to attend his talk on June 26th at no cost.

Contact the Rotary Office for more information on how to meet President-elect John Germ. To learn more about the World Affairs Seminar visit www.worldaffairsseminar.org.

St. Ann began in 1983 with a focus on adult day care. As Sr. Edna led its growth, incorporating the mission of intergenerational care, St. Ann's moved into its Stein Campus in the late 1990's. The organization describes the goal of the intergenerational program as serving the underserved and including day services for the whole person—body, mind and spirit. Meaningful interactions among people of all ages are a consistent element of the St. Ann's program.

Just last year, St. Ann's opened a new Bucyrus Campus on West North Avenue where it has expanded its award winning services. In his Person of the Year nomination, Rotarian Doug MacNeil shared a quote from Sr. Edna summarizing her work. "We wanted to make a dream into a reality, a place where young and old care for one another and learn from one another . . . True to our Franciscan tradition, we continue to value those individuals whom society tends to overlook – those who are vulnerable because they are young, frail or challenged with disabilities. Each one of our clients is an extraordinary gift, who gives us the will and courage to continue with our mission through their own powerful example."

Prescribed Burn at the Rotary Arboretum

On Friday, May 6th there was a prescribed burn at the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum on Friday. Prescribed or controlled burning is a practice to reduce the risk of wildland fire, improve wildlife habitat and riparian zones, control noxious weeds and improve watershed quality. Common on the prairie, we don't often see a controlled burn in an urban area—but this is quite consistent with the native habitat of the Arboretum. Below are pictures from the prescribed burn.



Photos provided by the Urban Ecology Center.

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President Dan Vliet welcomed Rotarians and guests at a Tuesday Luncheon.

On top of all this, our Club continued its involvement at Oliver Wendell Holmes School and Brown Street Academy as well as two book distributions at 12 MPS schools. The Done-in-a-Day Committee provided a number of activities throughout the course of the year, including the annual bell ringing in support of the Salvation Army and an opportunity to clean up the shore of the Milwaukee River, among other activities.

The Inclusion, Racial Equity and Jobs Committee, formed last year at the request of a number of members, has continued its efforts to make a positive change in the lives of central city

residents through addressing the roadblocks to employment such as transportation and driver's licenses.

None of this could happen without the dedicated commitment of our Club members. Nothing has impressed me more over the past year than the commitment of our members to make a difference. So many people are involved in some many different activities that we needed a rather large and a bit confusing chart simply to diagram everything that is going on. Our Club offers all of our members a meaningful way to participate in our community. The theme for RI President Ravi Ravindan's year was that we, as Rotary members, should be a gift to the world. While we can always do better, our Club has lived up to that theme, this year and every year.

Thanks to the Board members, Committee chairs and the active members of the Club who make all this possible. Also, a very heartfelt thanks to Mary, Liz and Rita, who always succeed in making challenging projects look easy. 🌀

Board approves:

The Board of Directors recommends the following officer slate and director nominees for the Rotary year commencing on July 1, 2016. The vote to elect the new board will be held on the June 7th meeting.

President: Nancy Sennett, Foley & Lardner

President-Elect: JoAnne Anton, Herb Kohl Philanthropies

Secretary: Mary McCormick

Treasurer: William Coleman, Coleman & Williams

Sergeant-at-Arms: Scott Haag, Moore Oil

Immediate Past President: Dan Vliet, Buelow Vetter Olson Buikema & Vliet, LLC

Trustee of the RCM Community Trust: Adam Wiensch, Foley & Lardner

Board of Director Nominees – Term Ends 2019

Mike Kellman, North Shore Bank

Darren Miller, JM Construction, Inc.

Paula Pennebaker, YWCA Southeast Wisconsin

Fred Royal, NAACP Milwaukee Branch

Jeff Tredo, Rinka Chung Architects

Directors

The following directors will complete terms to which they were previously elected.

Todd Bentley, Bentley World Packaging

Larry Bonney, Foley & Lardner

Steve Chevalier, Zilber, Ltd.

Ryan Daniels, Milwaukee Public Library Foundation

Leslie Hauser, KPMG

Eric Isbister, GenMet

Ed Krishok, Harley-Davidson (Retired)

Kurt Mueller, Family Investment Planning

Jill Pelisek, Community Volunteer

Barbara Velez, Velez & Associates

The Board extends thanks and appreciation to Past President Dan Vliet, and to board members By Foster, Kent Lovern, Jim Milner, Jeffrey Nelson, Kate Raab and Kim Schaffer who will be completing their service to the Board this June.

SPEAKER *schedule*

JUNE 7th - Join us to celebrate 2016 Rotary Person of the Year Sr. Edna Lonergan, President of St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care. Read more about Sr. Edna on the first page of this newsletter.

JUNE 14th - Aurora Health Care will invest \$40 million in Marquette University's Athletic Performance Research Center the university is developing on its campus in partnership with the Milwaukee Bucks. **Nick Turkal**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Aurora Health Care, will share some details.

JUNE 21st - Dave Haynes, editorial page editor of the Journal Sentinel, will interview **John Burke**, President of Trek Bicycles.

JUNE 28th - Celebrate the end of President Dan's term as RCM President at our 2016 Toast! We will also welcome Nancy Sennett as our 2016-17 President. In honor of the occasion, we will have a bar open at 11:30 am.

Miss a program or want to watch one again?

MATA Community Media generously films our programs so you can catch the most recent program on Channel 14 at the following regular times:

Friday, 5:00 PM
Saturday, 12:30 PM
Monday, 8:00 AM
Tuesday, 11:00 AM

You can also watch the videos on YouTube by searching "Rotary Club of Milwaukee and Mata Community

WELCOME *new members*



Mark Angelini
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Mark Angelini, President of Mercy Housing Lakefront, has more than 30 years of experience in economic, community and real estate development. Mark's efforts in public, private and non-profit firms and institutions have revitalized numerous communities in the Midwest. Mark is a native of Chicago's Little Italy neighborhood. He graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in engineering, and earned a master's degree in engineering from Northwestern University. He is also a member of the Economic Club of Chicago and Lambda Alpha, the honorary land use economics society.



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Dr. Scott Glidden is the head chiropractor and owner at Select Spine and Sport in Walker's Point and in Glendale. He moved to Milwaukee to start his own practice in the summer of 2014 from his hometown of Michigan City, Indiana. Before moving he was actively involved in a non-profit called CISV and presented on their behalf at several Rotary functions. Scott loves being active, doing things with his dog Leroy, and an occasional bourbon. He looks forward to giving back to Milwaukee and taking advantage of all that Rotary has to offer!

BOARD APPROVES NEW MEMBERS

At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors welcomed five new members and expressed thanks to the proposers:

Michelle Hinton
American Cancer Society
Human Services
Proposer: Kathie Eilers

Patrick Mutsune
Robert W. Baird
Financial Services
Proposer: Julilly Kohler

Michael Robertson
**Community Baptist Church
of Greater Milwaukee**
Human Services
Proposer: Jim Miller

Thomas Sattler
The Equitable Bank
Financial Services
Proposer: Ryan Daniels

Brett Timmerman
**Coldwell Banker Residential
Brokerage**
Financial Services
Proposer: Julilly Kohler

Spotlight on the Good Works of the RCM Community Trust:

Johnsons Park Celebration Planned for June 23rd

By *Karen Hunt*, Center for Resilient Cities



John Walker

Since 2007, when the late John C. Walker connected Center for Resilient Cities (CRC) to the Rotary Club of Milwaukee (RCM), the two organizations have successfully partnered to bring a series of award-winning revitalized public green spaces to residents of Milwaukee's Lindsay Heights, through the Johnsons Park Initiative. A project of CRC, the Initiative was named as one of 13 catalytic capital projects during the 2008 Lindsay Heights quality-of-life planning process. Early visioning and planning with community stakeholders had resulted in the Initiative's design to improve the quantity and quality of green spaces in the neighborhood. The result was a 3-phase, 19-acre Initiative encompassing Alice's Garden, the Brown Street Academy Schoolyard greening, and, the final phase, the renovation of Johnsons Park.

We are pleased to say that Johnsons Park is nearing completion! The park now invites all Lindsay Heights residents to use and enjoy multiple spaces for active living. New pathways allow easy access to park features including a performance stage and sports practice fields for football, soccer and T-ball. A bioswale (infiltration basin) mitigates storm water runoff and protects water quality in the Milwaukee River watershed. New pedestrian-height, energy-efficient LED fixtures light the park's pathways, playgrounds, and other areas. The new picnic shelter and restroom facilities, constructed by Milwaukee County Parks, welcome family activities and community gatherings.

What made the final phase of the Johnsons Park Initiative possible? In late 2013, the Rotary Club of Milwaukee committed to join Center for Resilient Cities in the fundraising needed to complete the Initiative's largest phase. The RCM Johnsons Park Task Force, originally chaired by Past President Rick White and Executive Director Mary McCormick, was established in early 2014. When Rick retired to North Carolina, Past President Joe

Caruso stepped in to carry the capital campaign over the finish line. By the end of 2014, over \$1 million of the \$1.23 million campaign had been raised from a notable roster of private foundations, public entities, and private individuals. When Milwaukee County's investment of \$878,000 in public funds is added in, Johnsons Park's renovation has resulted in nearly \$2 million of capital improvements.



A young boy enjoys the new swing set at Johnsons Park.

And now it is time to celebrate! Please mark your calendars for Thursday, June 23rd at 5:30 pm, when we will gather with neighbors, community organizations, donors and volunteers to celebrate the new look and feel of the park. Program highlights include the participation of 10 neighborhood groups, remarks by local officials, and dedication of the performance stage in John C. Walker's memory. Feeding American has generously committed to donate food, which will be prepared by Rebel Catering (Running Rebels). Immediately following, Milwaukee County Parks will host a concert featuring Tony TNT Washington and his Explosive Divas from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The A.W.E. (Artists Working in Education) Truck Studio will also on site from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. It is surely an event you and your family will not want to miss! ☀

