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Come to Guatemala!

Join you fellow Rotarians for the 4th annual trip to Guatemala from May 13th to May 20th and be part of our strong and continuing mission to Making a Difference in this developing country.

Rotarian Mike Paddock of our partner group Engineers without Borders (EWB) will lead our group. Mike has extensive international experience in leading the construction of critical Guatemalan infrastructure projects that match Rotary and aspiring university engineering students with the needs of Guatemalan villages.



Bridge built in 2015 by Rotary and Engineers Without Borders.

After arriving in Guatemala City, the group will:

- Travel to the Joyabaj area to view past RCM bridge and school projects in Temal and Chitom.
- Work on construction a new pedestrian bridge with members of the UW- Madison EWB chapter. This construction is part of the Three Bridges grant initiated and funded by the World Community Services Committee of our club and Rotary International.
- Meet community residents to understand their needs in one of the Highlands communities in a region under consideration for a RCM and EWB large scale water utility project.
- Travel to Huehuetenango to meet with Guatemalan Rotary Club members partnering with our club on a water project under consideration in the village of La Laguna.

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Special Scholarship Opportunity

Rotary International's 2016-17 President John F. Germ made water and sanitation his priority as President. 23 million people now have safe water because of Rotary and by 2030 Rotary hopes to provide everyone with safe water, sanitation and hygiene.



Students in Haiti drink and wash up during recess with clean water provided by The Rotary Foundation.

To further this mission, the Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are working together to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis. They are offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The partnership aims to increase the number of trained professionals who can devise, plan, and implement water and sanitation solutions in developing areas. The scholarships also are designed to promote long-term productive relationships between Rotarians and skilled water and sanitation professionals in their communities.

Scholars will receive a Master of Science degree in urban water and sanitation, water management, or water science and engineering. Graduates work with their Rotary club sponsors on a related project to benefit their local community.

The application deadline is June 15th. For more information and to apply, please contact the Rotary office. 

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Itinerary continued:

- Support the local economy with visits to the classic United Nations heritage city of Antigua and the breathtakingly beautiful Lake Atitlan.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$2,000 a person which includes airfare, hotels, meals and in-country transportation. No Spanish or Mayan language capabilities are necessary.

Please contact Mary McCormick or Jerry Stepaniak for more information, or contact the Rotary office to indicate your interest. 🌀



School children in a local school cheerfully greet Rotarians.

Scholar Corner - Help Connect RCM Scholars with Internships!

Is your organization looking for enthusiastic, hard-working and motivated interns? Consider sharing your organization's internship openings with the Rotary Club of Milwaukee Scholarship Program.

The Rotary Club of Milwaukee (RCM) Scholarship program is based in a holistic approach to serving students who have the motivation and drive to seek higher education. In addition to a financial award, scholarship recipients receive study skills coaching prior to enrollment as well as the support of two mentors throughout their scholarship experience.

RCM mentors give guidance, career and personal advice, and help in navigating the college experience. They are the program's greatest resource and are committed to building a supportive relationship with their scholars.

We currently have 20 scholars at 12 different universities in Wisconsin, Michigan and Washington D.C. Our scholars major

in accounting, art therapy, biology, criminal justice, engineering, environmental science, journalism, music therapy, nursing, political science, psychology, sociology and fashion design. If you have an opportunity that needs to be filled, please contact the Rotary office! 🌀



RCM Scholars and mentors pictured at our 2017 Scholarship Brunch.

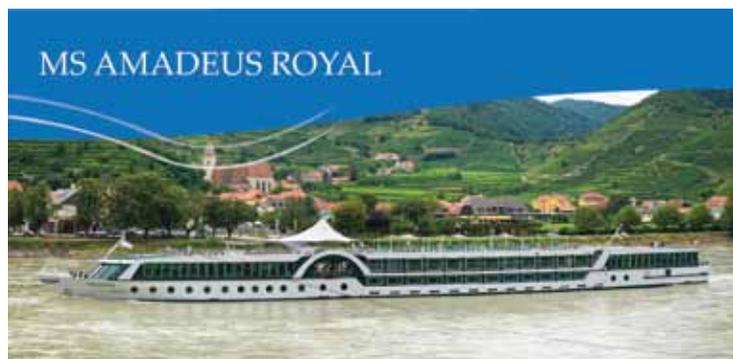
All Aboard! Join Fellow Rotarians on a Cruise on the Danube River

There's still time to register for a seven night cruise visiting four European countries along the Danube in September 2017.

Prices start at about \$4,000 if booked by March 31, 2017 (There are additional fees should you choose an upper deck or suite category). The cost is all-inclusive with roundtrip airfare from Milwaukee to Munich, one night hotel stay in Munich, superb dining with all meals, quality red and white wines, city tours and daily onboard music performances PLUS the Captain's Gala Dinner. You can also book an optional post-cruise stay in Prague for three nights at \$799 per person and includes transportation from the ship to Prague.

If our Club generates 16 reservations the tour provider will donate \$3400 to the RCM Scholarship Fund. If we generate 31 reservations, the Scholarship Fund will receive \$6800!

If you are interested in learning more about the cruise, there is an informational event at the Wisconsin Club on Tuesday, March 7th at 6 pm. Contact the Rotary office for more information! ☺



Reading is Fundamental Volunteer Opportunities

Rotarians are the face of literacy for many Milwaukee school children, distributing books and sharing how reading is important in their own lives to students in 10 schools in the Milwaukee Area.

RCM has been involved in the Reading is Fundamental book distribution (RIF) program for over 40 years, distributing books to kids in kindergarten through 8th grade. In the past Rotary's annual contribution was matched 3:1 by the federal government, but in 2012, federal funding for the program disappeared. The Milwaukee Brewers Community Foundation stepped up at this critical moment and has since been strong partner. In a new partnership with Sam's Hope, Rotary just received a very generous donation of 10,000 books that will be distributed to our partner schools.

Each student at our 10 schools will receive at least two free books this year through RIF, distributed by Rotarians. For many of the students this is their first book they personally own. At the book distributions, Rotarians join kids as they pick out a book of their choice and hear from Rotarians on the importance of

literacy. Rotarians encourage students that reading is the key to success.

This is one of Rotary's most popular volunteer opportunities, and if you have distributed books at it this semester you know why! RIF is now looking for volunteers at its next book distribution at various times starting in March. Contact the Rotary office if you are interested in learning more. ☺



Rotary volunteers gather with students at a book distribution.

2017 Scholarship Golf Classic



Rotarians Bill Mitchell and Keith Baisden.

February was a record-breaking month with warm temperatures that allowed many golfers to get on the Milwaukee courses early. With the extra time to practice your swing, help us make our 2017 Scholarship Golf Classic a record-breaking event!

Our 2017 Scholarship Golf Classic will be on Monday, June 19th at the Wisconsin Club Country Club. Early bird registration rates are \$1,100 for a foursome, \$275 for an individual golfer and \$60 for a dinner guest through May 5th.

Over the last eight years our Scholarship Golf Classic has raised \$360,000, making it possible for Milwaukee students who have the desire, but not necessarily the means, to attend college.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available! Contact the Rotary office for more information. 🌀

Special thank you to our 2017 sponsors!

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SPEAKER *schedule*

MARCH 7th - Bob Cancalosi, GE's Director of Customer Leadership Education, is a dynamic speaker who has experience in leading companywide initiatives in cultural, coaching and leadership transformations including 8 years as the Chief Learning Officer for GE Healthcare. At Rotary he will tell us why executive storytelling is an important skill for leaders to connect, inspire and develop their employees. His presentation contains 10 photographs which contain a very specific skill that leaders need to embody in order to empower their teams to achieve higher impact outcomes.

MARCH 14th - Scott Walker is the 45th and current Governor of Wisconsin. First elected governor in the 2010 Wisconsin general election, he won a 2012 recall election and was reelected governor in the 2014 Wisconsin gubernatorial election. Join us to hear him talk about his proposed 2017-19 budget.

MARCH 21st - In keeping with our legacy of initiating enduring projects in our community, RCM decided in Fall 2016 that the time is right for yet another significant contribution to the

community. Nine proposals were submitted and they were narrowed down to five in January 2017. Join us to hear from the five proposal teams as they present their project to the club. Teams include a "Rotary Grows Program" to teach MPS students to grow food, Milwaukee Public Library Learning Commons, Supporting Communities through Greening Our Schools, creation of a Milwaukee Community Equestrian Center and preserving the Grand Theater by the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. After the meeting each member will have the chance to "vote" on the projects via the weekly survey.

MARCH 28th - Chief Judge Maxine White was appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in March 2015 to serve as chief judge of the state's First Judicial District, which is comprised of Milwaukee County, effective August 1, 2015. As the chief judge, Judge White is the administrative chief of the judicial administrative district and is responsible for the administration of judicial business in circuit courts within the district, including supervising its personnel and fiscal management.

WELCOME *new members*



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Tim Hunter went to Marquette University and received a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He went on to get a Masters and Ph.D. in Engineering from UW-Milwaukee. Tim spent most of his career at Harley-Davidson where he was Chief Engineer of Vehicle Structures and had responsibility for the vehicle side of the motorcycle. In 2010 Tim founded Wolf Star Technologies, an engineering consulting and software development firm which concentrates complex mechanical engineering problems. Tim brings 30 years of product development experience to his client's projects. Tim has been married for 31 years and has two grown daughters both working in technical fields.



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Dawn Rolison studied marketing and communication at Purdue University. After graduating she pursued a career in marketing in the suburbs of Chicago, IL. Dawn moved to Wisconsin approximately 18 years ago and is happy to call Cedarburg home for herself and her two daughters. Dawn was a Marketing Director for a printing company for 15 years and later changed hats for a sales role. Dawn recently joined HGA Architects and Engineers. She is passionate about her family and wanting to make a difference in the lives of others and the community as a whole.

Board Approves New Members

At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors welcomed one new member and two returning members.

Kurt Janavitz
Medical College of Wisconsin
Healthcare
Returning Member

Will Ruch
Versant
Marketing Services
Proposer: Joe Caruso

Leni Siker
Siker Consulting
Accounting & Financial
Services
Returning Member

Upcoming Events

What is the best way to get more involved at Rotary? Join us outside of our Tuesday luncheons at one of our events! We have great volunteer and social events coming up that we hope you can join us at.

Volunteer:

- *Monday, March 27th:* Volunteer at New Threads of Hope from 9 am – 12:00 pm

Social:

- *Wednesday, March 15th:* Networking Hour at City Lights Brewery from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- *Friday, March 31st:* Morning Coffee Gathering at Stone Creek Coffee Factory Café from 7:30 am – 9 am
- *Friday, April 21st:* Home Hosted Dinners

If you would like to sign up for one or more of the events above, please register online or contact the Rotary office. ☺

Spotlight on the Good Works of the RCM Community Trust:

RCM Continues to Touch Lives of Students through the World Affairs Program

Ten deserving students from the Milwaukee area will have the opportunity to attend the 2017 World Affairs Seminar (WAS) from June 24 – June 30th at Carroll University thanks to the generous contribution \$5,850 from the RCM Community Trust.

Started in 1977 as the brainchild of Rotarian Dr. Dale Brock, the program now has over 27,000 alumni living all over the globe. RCM members Jim Dorman, Bill Coleman, Steve Chevalier and Joe Caruso serve on the WAS board.

“Peace through Understanding” is the WAS motto. Their vision is to build global leaders and citizens through international seminars with an innovative, rigorous academic program. Their focus is on current global topics and trends. They offer students recreational activities that foster interaction and understanding among participants, staff and speakers.



WAS offers students the opportunity to listen and interact with leaders from the government, international organizations, media and businesses.

Each year seminar is organized around a theme. This year WAS will focus on “changing around the world through education and social justice”. They will work with fellow delegates to define issues and problem areas related to education and social justice, with the end goal of having students discover how they can personally make the world a better place.



Ian Riseley, RI President-Elect

Ian Riseley, President Elect of Rotary International, will give a keynote address on Monday, June 26th. President-Elect Riseley will speak about how Rotary values and youth initiatives weave into education and social justice. All Rotarians are invited to attend!

To learn more about the World Affairs Seminar visit www.worldaffairseminar.org or to get a scholarship application for a Milwaukee student who does not have the means to attend, please contact the Rotary office. Student applications are due at the end of April and awardees will be announced in May. 🌐



Students gathered to hear a wide-range of speakers at the 2016 WAS seminar.

