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Welcome Future Milwaukee Leadership Fellow Griselda Aldrete



Griselda Aldrete

For the last 12 years, RCM has offered a fellowship to a Future Milwaukee graduate, chosen by the Community Leadership and Development committee. The fellowship is for a 3-year membership in the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, with the expectation that the fellow will participate as a full Rotary member – attending lunches,

participating on committees, volunteering – and continue as a Rotarian after the fellowship ends. The goal is to foster an active relationship between Future Milwaukee and Rotary.

This year the Community Leadership Development committee conducted interviews with four very strong applicants and elected to offer one Fellowship. We are excited to welcome our new Future Milwaukee Fellow to the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Griselda Aldrete.

Griselda Aldrete is the President & CEO of Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee (HPGM). She received her B.A. from Marquette University in Criminology/Law Studies and Spanish, her M.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and is currently pursuing her J.D. from Marquette University Law School. She serves on the board of directors for 88Nine Radio Milwaukee, The Milwaukee Ballet, Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation, Pivot Milwaukee and Building Brave. Aldrete also serves on the advisory board for Visit Milwaukee Multicultural Committee, Notre Dame Middle School, United Way Emerging Leaders and United Way Latina Taskforce. She's a steering committee member for Milwaukee Women Inc. Most recently, Aldrete was selected as a U.S. Delegate for the British American Project and named one of Wisconsin's top 48 most powerful Latinos.

Welcome to the Club, Griselda! 🌐

RCM Makes Large Strides to Engage with Young Professionals in Milwaukee

Rotary, the world's largest professional service organization brings together dedicated individuals to build relationships, exchange ideas, and take action.

Connecting with Rotary: Young Professionals Series is your opportunity to engage young professionals to help them learn about Rotary and its work here and around the globe.

In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Rotaract Club of Milwaukee, Amigos de Milwaukee and the Rotary Club of Mequon-Milwaukee Afterhours, will provide a month-long series of luncheons and events tackling the following issues - water, hypersegregation, hunger and human trafficking.

Check out our exciting events by visiting milwaukeeerotary.com and clicking on the "Connect with Rotary: Young Professionals Series" link on the bottom of the homepage. During August our Tuesday luncheon programs will be promoted via Facebook ads on the 88.9 radio station. In addition to numerous stand alone events, RCM is opening our Tuesday luncheons to the first 30 young professionals who register.

We hope that you all can be active in our Connecting with Rotary: Young Professionals Series in August. Please contact the Rotary office if you have any questions. 🌐



with Rotary:

Young Professional Series

Scholar Corner - Ronisha Howard

By mentors Renee Anderson and Jackie Herd-Barber



Scholar Ronisha Howard

Ronisha Howard, a rising junior RCM scholar at UW-Oshkosh, demonstrated poise and maturity when called upon at the last minute to speak about her college experience at the RCM Scholarship Classic Golf Outing dinner. This is just one of many occasions in which Roni has risen to a challenge in the last two years.

As a high school student, Roni showed great promise; she had good grades, was involved in numerous extracurricular activities and was viewed by administration, teachers and her fellow students as a go-to person for projects and causes. Despite her success in high school, her freshman year at Oshkosh was rocky. Like many students who find their high school relatively easy, Roni's study habits were not well suited to the meet college level requirements. She assumed she could continue to be extensively involved outside the classroom and joined several clubs.

In addition, Roni took on a part-time job working with school aged children daily. When roommate issues added further stress to her already complex life, it became evident that she had over-committed. Unfortunately, it was too late to improve upon her grades and by the end of her first semester Roni was on academic probation.

After several serious discussions with her mother and her mentors, Jackie Herd-Barber and Renee Anderson, Roni made adjustments that enabled her to progressively improve her grade point average over the subsequent three semesters. She has taken both winter and summer interim classes repeating courses to improve her grades. She has focused her energies on just two non-academic activities that she enjoys most and is now working only 6 hours per week. Roni has also reflected on her strengths and goals and as a result changed her major from pre-med to social work.

With a track record of conquering adversity, we have every reason to believe that Roni Howard will continue to succeed, and we are delighted to be able to support her! 🌟

Join us at Live @ the Lakefront in August

Don't forget to join us for the ninth season of RCM's summer concert series, LIVE @ the Lakefront. This concert series held in the outdoor Rotary Amphitheater at Discovery World. Concerts are 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm each Wednesday.

August 3rd - Los Ciegos del Barrio

August 10th - Natty Nation

August 17th - Reverend Raven & the Chain Smokin' Altar Boys

August 27th - The Empty Pockets

August 31st - VIVO

We would like to extend a big thank you to our 2016 sponsors! Our season sponsors include Bartolotta Restaurants, Discovery World, and Harbor House. Event sponsors include KPMG, Park Bank, Beauchamp Maleki Group, Beyond Vision, Laffey Leitner & Goode and Fields Auto Group.

The Rotary Amphitheater is located at 500 N. Harbor Drive on Milwaukee's lakefront between the Milwaukee Art Museum and Summerfest. Discounted parking is available for \$8 in the Discovery World garage. Dock space is also available for boaters.

All Rotarians and their friends, family, and guests are invited! For more information, go to www.LiveAtTheLakefront.com. 🌟



The crowd danced the night away at Live @ the Lakefront.

Report from the Program Committee on the Speaker Selection Process

By David McClurg, Chair of the Program Committee

Year after year our member surveys reveal that the consistent quality of the speakers we are able to attract to our luncheon meetings is a major benefit that the Club provides, and one of the key reasons we are able to recruit and retain members. Although some members are occasionally disappointed with certain speakers, the great majority of our speakers are rated excellent or very good by those responding to our weekly surveys.

Over twenty members of the Program Committee meet quarterly to discuss suggestions for future speakers. These suggestions come from the Committee members, other club members, our Executive Director and, in some cases, from the potential speakers themselves or friends of club members. Additionally, we receive requests from other groups, such as the Press Club, to do joint programs with speakers of interest to both clubs.

All of these suggestions are discussed in detail at our Program Committee meetings in order to take advantage of the diverse experiences, and political and professional viewpoints of the Committee members. Often, Committee members or the Executive Director will be asked to follow up to gather additional information relating to a proposed speaker, or to contact the chair of another Club Committee that may have an interest in a topic under consideration to either solicit ideas for a speaker on that topic or to gain insight on the quality of a proposed speaker.

In addition to attempting to ensure that the speakers we invite

will be informative and engaging (and sometimes entertaining), the Committee strives to maintain a balance with respect to the range of topics being presented to the Club. Among other things, we look for speakers that can address business issues, arts & entertainment, economics, education, environment, health, international relations, the military, challenges and opportunities facing Milwaukee, politics and sports.

Beyond balancing the topics discussed at our luncheon meetings, the Committee also attempts to present diverse and sometimes opposing viewpoints on particular issues and, of course, on political races. While there will always be some members who disagree with the position taken by a speaker on a particular issue, or the political persuasion of an elected official or candidate invited to speak to the club, the Committee works hard to find a balance of speakers that that can provide interesting and reliable information that is relevant to our members and our community in a professional and engaging fashion. We always welcome suggestions from Club members regarding excellent speakers that they may have encountered in other venues.

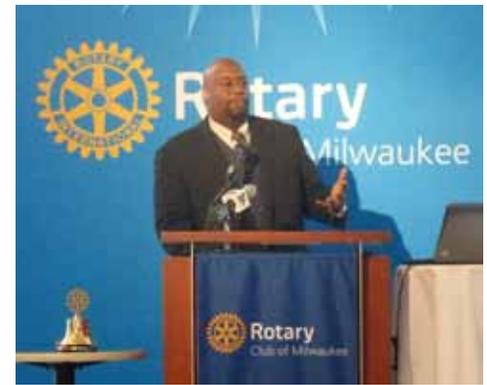
The Club's reputation for having consistently good speakers (despite the fact that we seldom pay honorariums) remains one of our best recruiting tools to interest prospective members to join our Club and encourage existing members to remain with us year after year. The Program Committee is committed to ensuring the continuation of this tradition. 🌟



Alex Molinaroli, Chairman and CEO of Johnson Controls.



Doris Meissner, Senior Fellow and Director of the U.S. Immigration Policy Program.



Judge Derek Mosley.

Another Success Year for Rotaract

By Jennifer Hays, President of Rotaract

It's been a busy year for Rotaract! As a club, we volunteered nearly 200 hours with local nonprofits. We provided monthly professional development opportunities for our members and launched a Rotary/Rotaract mentoring program. Thanks to the support of the Rotary's A.D. Robertson Fund, we sent five of our members to the United Nations for an unforgettable experience at Rotary Day at the UN.

A major highlight of the year was our international service project in Guatemala. In March Jessica Boling and I accompanied the Rotary group visiting Nebaj, Guatemala. Rotaract donated funds to build a hand washing station to go with Rotary's donation of latrines at a rural school near Nebaj.

Ran Hoth has been our Rotarian Advisor since Rotaract Milwaukee was founded in 2008. We'd like to thank Ran for all his support and friendship over the years! Janine Kolbeck is taking over as our Rotarian Advisor. Janine is a former Rotaract president and will serve as an excellent liaison between the two clubs!

The Rotary Club of Milwaukee has been an important partner in Rotaract's success. We appreciate the efforts of all the Rotarians

who have generously donated their time and talents to support Rotaract. We look forward to building on this partnership in years to come!



Rotaract members gathered with Rotarians at Live @ the Lakefront.

How can Rotarians help Rotaract? We are always looking for new speakers, mentors and community service opportunities. You can also help spread the word about Rotaract by recommending us to your young professional colleagues. Joining Rotaract is a great way for them to develop leadership skills and get more involved in the community. If you'd like more information about Rotaract, please email rotaractmilwaukee@gmail.com. 

SPEAKER *schedule*

AUGUST 2nd - Did you know that 2.6 billion people – half the developing world – lack even a simple 'improved' latrine and 1.1 billion people have no access to any type of improved drinking source of water? This has profound implications for health, education and economic stability around the world. **Vanessa Tobin**, Senior Technical Adviser for Water Supply, Sanitation and Water Resources Development for Catholic Relief Services, will tell us what is being done to address this global scourge.

AUGUST 9th - The story of Fix Development is about the belief, in the face of many industry naysayers, that commercial real estate projects with a triple bottom line- social, environmental and economic impacts- can be not only financially successful, but also generate the excitement and energy that attracts other entrepreneurs and revitalizes a community. **Juli Kaufmann** will highlight her strategy for transforming our most disinvested-neighborhoods by leveraging the power and capacity of regular citizens using the tools of co-development and crowd-funding.

AUGUST 16th - Artistic & Executive Director of Milwaukee Film, **Jonathan Jackson**, will provide an in-depth look at Milwaukee Film and its signature event, the Milwaukee Film Festival, which now ranks as a top ten film festival in the country. Get a sneak preview of the 2016 event that will feature 500+ events between September 22 - October 6 and learn about the growing business of filmmaking in Milwaukee.

AUGUST 23rd - RCM is filled with the brightest business, professional and community leaders in the metro Milwaukee area. Join us to hear a few of the remarkable young professionals in our club discuss their professional journey and how Rotary has impacted their career.

AUGUST 30th - **Kyle Cherek**, a born-and-bred Wisconsinite, is host of the Emmy-nominated television show Wisconsin Foodie, beginning its seventh season on PBS and broadcast primetime to over 8.2 million households. As host of Wisconsin Foodie, Kyle profiles these food treasures and chronicles the story of food, through regional chefs, farmers, and artisans.

WELCOME *new members*



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Ron Kuramoto is proud to be returning to the Rotary Club of Milwaukee where he has been a member since 2005 after a brief hiatus with the Janesville Noon Rotary club. He is a consultant, facilitator, and leadership development trainer specializing in nonprofit organization board governance, operational management, and cultural agility training. Ron most recently served as the Interim CEO of the Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, Wisconsin. Ron is a graduate of the University of Iowa and California State University-Long Beach. Ron resides in Whitefish Bay with his wife Christine and daughter Mieko. He loves baseball, music of many kinds, and lots of travel.



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Maurice (Marc) McSweeney was a long-time member of Rotary until his travel schedule prohibited regular attendance. He is a retired Foley & Lardner partner and is currently an officer and director of a life-science startup company and is a director of a wine distributorship. His great passion is education and he was a member of the Milwaukee School Board, a director of Harambee Elementary School, and just took emeritus status after 32 years as a member of the Board of Trustees of Alverno College, which he chaired for seven years. He continues to be an avid skier, with a mountain home in Park City, Utah. Marc is also a 6th degree black belt in Shorin-ryu karate.



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Patrick Mutsune was born in Nairobi, Kenya and moved to the U.S over 20 years ago to attend college. He graduated from Lawrence University in Appleton, WI with a major in Economics in 1997. Patrick earned his MBA at the University of Chicago Booth Graduate School of Business. In 2010 he became a naturalized United States Citizen. Patrick is a Senior Vice President at Baird and is part of Baird's fixed income portfolio management team. Patrick enjoys travelling and collecting art. He is married to Brett Timmerman, and they live on the east side of Milwaukee with their two dogs Juma and Pao.



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Theresa Reagan is a nonprofit and marketing professional who has extensive leadership experience in health, education and consumer products. A former member of our club, Theresa spent the last 2.5 years living in Zurich, Switzerland with her husband, Bill Reitman. In addition to learning to speak German and enjoying the life of an "expat," Theresa continued her passion for Rotary as an active director of the board for Rotary Club Zurich Belvoir International. Prior to moving abroad, Theresa was the executive director for Stillwaters Cancer Support Services, served as co-chair of our Centennial Celebration gala and participated as a member of the Membership Engagement Committee.



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BOARD APPROVES

NEW MEMBERS

At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors welcomed two returning members.

Eve Hall
African American
Chamber of Commerce
Civic Organization

Jeffrey Martinka
Neighborhood House of
Milwaukee
Human Services

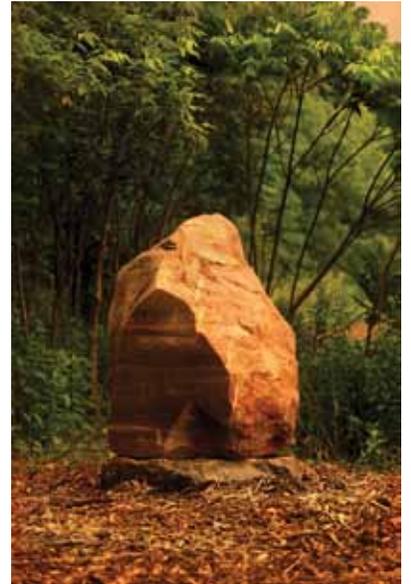
Spotlight on the Good Works of the RCM Community Trust:

Cairns added to the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum

Rotarian John Franke and the Harry and Mary Franke Idea fund has always been a strong supporter of the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum since the beginning stages of the project. To enhance the history and beauty to the area surrounding the arboretum, The Harry and Mary Franke Idea fund has announced that it will contribute an additional \$100,000 to the Arboretum Preservation Fund (up from \$25,000) to create a scenic tour capturing Wisconsin's geographic history along its path through the art of cairns.

In partnership with the Urban Ecology Center, their generous gift has created a *3 Billion Year Walk* through the Milwaukee Rotary Arboretum. The eight cairns are remarkable Wisconsin stones that are geographically significant over billions of year. They have been placed on a path that runs from the canoe launch up to the Urban Ecology Center for all visitors to experience.

Nic Tompkins, the stone mason who built the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum arch that was designed by Rotarian Mario Costantini, designed and built these cairns. Below are pictures of a few the cairns but we encourage you to view them for yourself! 🌳



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