

Progress Continues on Johnsons Park Initiative

Rotarians continue to work in partnership with the Center for Resilient Cities and other groups to move the Greater Johnsons Park Initiative forward. This initiative will transform 19 acres in Lindsay Heights, improving green space and community resources to help this historic, central city neighborhood thrive.



Examples of new benches and bike racks.

The Johnsons Park project remains on schedule, with full completion targeted for September 2015. Milwaukee County Architecture and Engineering plans to begin demolition of the old park pavilion on October 6th, and we hope to generate some media buzz by inviting county and neighborhood partners to “swing a sledgehammer.”

Renovations will upgrade and add facilities that promote recreation, arts and community, and will include: improved sports practice fields, tree-lined pathways for better walking and running; new, energy-efficient lighting; and new benches and bicycle racks. The Center for Resilient Cities has ordered three bike docking stations and four benches customized with the County Parks oak leaf logo, and anticipates installation this fall.

Fundraising remains strong. The Greater Milwaukee Foundation has invited the Center for Resilient Cities to submit a full proposal for \$100,000, and if the full funding request is granted, the shortfall between fundraising and the full campaign goal will be less than \$175,000.

The club thanks all of the donors to the Johnsons Park Initiative, and all the Rotarians who have worked to keep up the fundraising momentum. 🌀

A Dispatch from Seoul, South Korea

On Wednesday, September 17, Rotarian Teresa Esser attended a dinner meeting of the Seoul Rotary Club, RI District 3650. Founded in 1927, the Seoul Rotary Club is the first Rotary Club in South Korea, and the only English-speaking Rotary club in Seoul. Teresa filed this report upon her return:

The featured speaker that evening was Alexander Kobenko, Deputy head of Government, Minister, Russian Federation, Government of Samara Region, Ministry for Economic Development, Investments and Trade. Another member of Mr. Kobenko's delegation was Rotarian Anna M. Granovskaya, Chief Executive of the Rotary Club of Samara, Russia.

Since I had already been to the Rotary Club of Seoul once before, the names and faces of the Korean Rotarians were familiar. Seoul Rotary Club President S. David Chang was very friendly and gave me a flag from the Seoul Rotary Club. He projected a picture of Milwaukee's lakefront on the screen.



Seoul Rotary Club flag

The Russian delegation from Samara was actively working the group of wealthy South Korean Rotarians.

Their forty minute presentation was designed to convince Korean Rotarians to consider investing in the Samara region of Russia. They are aware that the U.S. has declared economic sanctions against Russia. U.S. corporations are pulling out of Russia, so investment opportunities are available.

The Samara government has noticed that their Soyuz rockets are of considerable interest to the South Koreans, who lack a space program of their own. There was a joint Samara-South Korean rocket project. Regarding investments in the Samara Region, tax incentives are available for qualified investors.

President John is encouraging all Rotarians to visit other clubs when they travel internationally as part of our focus on global relationships. If you need help locating international clubs, try the Club Finder on rotary.org or contact the RCM office. 🌀

Update from Rotaract

By Janine Kolbeck, Rotaract President 2014-15

Campaign Quito... Rotaract MKE is happy to announce the completion of our Campaign Quito 2012-14 International project for the Refugio de los Sueños in Quito, Ecuador. Through this campaign the organization has raised over \$2,400. In October of 2013, Janine Kolbeck and Stephanie Graham went to the Refugio to work directly with the kids and help wherever needed. Those children made a lasting impression on the entire club, especially Janine and Stephanie.



During the 2013-2014 year, our organization held a variety of fundraisers to help the Refugio including a Guest Bartending Night and a Zumbathon. With the efforts of the year we are able to support 10 kids for 1 year at the Refugio allowing for food, clothing, and school supplies, but most importantly a safe place to take refuge. We thank all the Rotarians for their support and participation during this campaign!

Mentorship... It's the buzz word these days and a valuable part of community service. Rotaract works to foster professional and leadership development in the Rotary tradition, and in that spirit, we've created a mentorship program to work with current Rotarians, our community leaders. As protégés we are looking for mentors who can help navigate our at times unclear career paths. Already finished with college with at least a few years of work experience under our belts, we are looking for advice to "what's the next best step?" Time commitment is minimal, once a month, but the benefits are abundant!

ROTARACTMKE
Mentorship Program



If you're in non-profit, finance, healthcare, real estate, or entrepreneurial vocations, and willing to give a bit more to an eager young Rotaractor, please reach out to the Rotary office or Janine Kolbeck at Janine.kolbeck@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events... Please join us at any of our upcoming events!

9/22 Speaker Series: Entrepreneurship in MKE @ Nail Bar
9/27 Joe's Run, Walk, & Roll @ Hart Park
10/7 Social/ Recruitment Event @ EVO 🌀

BOARD APPROVES NEW MEMBERS

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

Dean Amhaus
The Water Council
Technology – Water
Proposer: John Bernaden

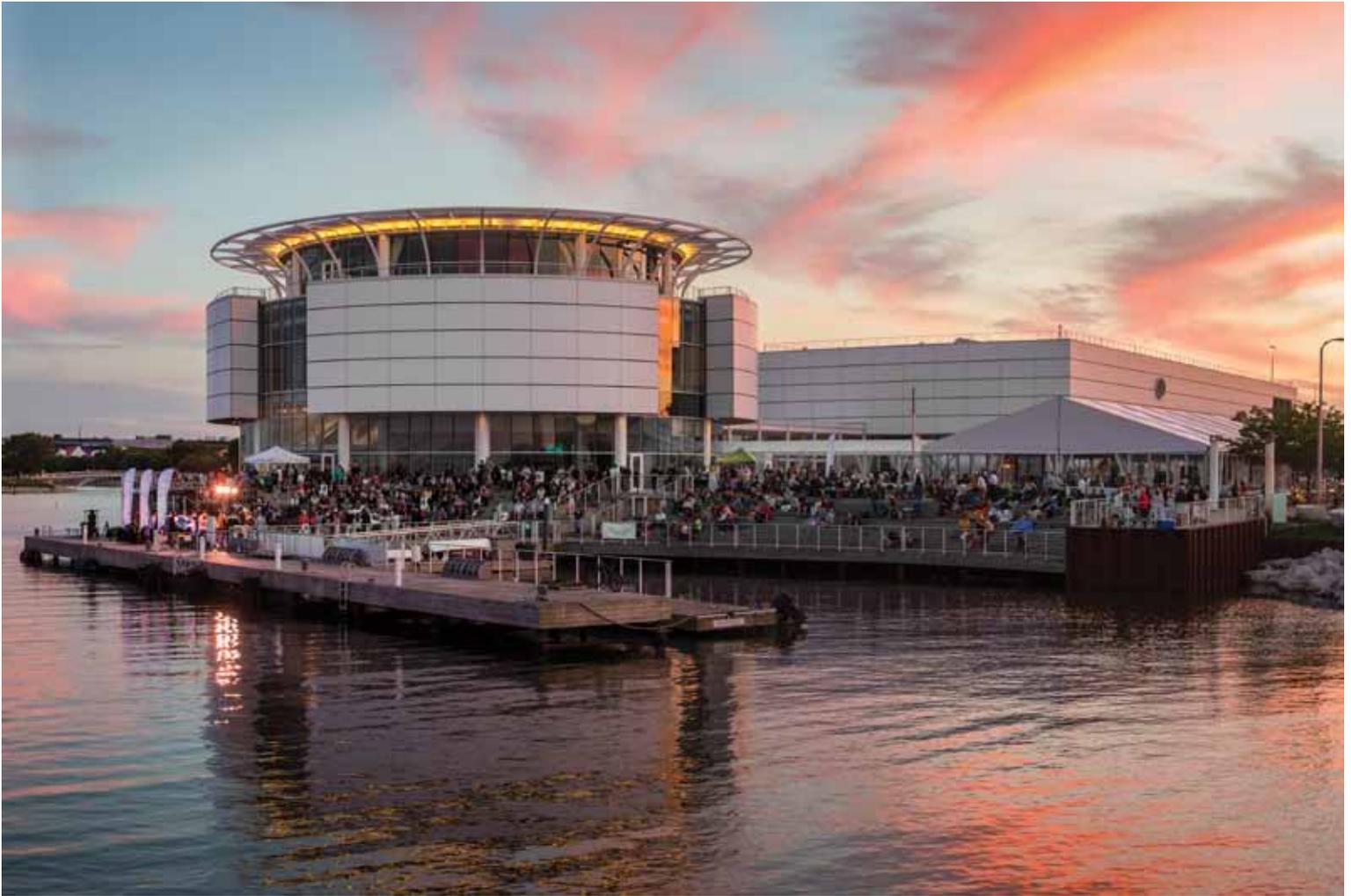
Paul Jansen
BMO Harris Bradley Center
Arts & Entertainment
Proposer: Jackie Herd-Barber

Ralph Weber
Gass Weber Mullins
Law Practice
Proposer: Dan Conley

Ian Abston
NEWaukee
Association
Proposer: Harry Drake

Joseph Kresl
Hawks Landscape, Inc.
Landscaping
Proposer: Paul Hundt

PHOTO gallery



Sundown at one of the last LIVE @ the Lakefront concerts of the 2014 season. Many thanks to Dan Nelson and the Maritime committee for an excellent concert season!
Photo by Chris Winters.



Representative Paul Ryan spoke at a well-attended joint Rotary/Press Club luncheon in September.



Chris Layden of Experis spoke to Rotary about the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey in September.



Past Presidents George Whyte, Ran Hoth and Rick Bauman enjoy the annual Past Presidents Dinner at the Town Club.

Upcoming EVENTS

On Thursday, **October 2nd**, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, join us for the first **Networking Hour** of the Rotary year at the brand new **Central Standard Craft Distillery**, 613 South 2nd Street.

Rotarians and guests have a unique opportunity to learn about **Rockwell Automation** and tour the Allen Bradley Clock Tower and the Rockwell green roof at a **Tyrotarian** event on Thursday, **October 23rd**, 7:30 am to 9:00 am.

SPEAKER *schedule*

OCTOBER 7th - MMAC President **Tim Sheehy** will speak on the findings and potential outcomes of the Cultural and Entertainment Capital Needs Task Force. Comprising 50 community leaders from Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha counties, the task force was launched in late 2013 in response to two developments: the NBA announcement that the BMO Harris Bradley Center no longer meets league requirements and a Public Policy Forum report that found other signature regional assets – most notably the Milwaukee County Zoo, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum and Marcus Center for the Performing Arts -- are also at risk due to chronic capital shortfalls.

OCTOBER 14th - Stem cells can now be easily made from any individual patient. We also now can turn these stem cells into most of the cell types that make up the body including nerve cells, heart cells, and liver cells. Although stem cells could offer an inexhaustible supply of ‘spare parts’ that could be used to repair damaged tissues, as is the case for diabetes and Parkinsons, a lot of work still needs to be done before stem cell transplants become routine. Stem cells, however, have other uses that can have immediate impact on treating disease. **Dr. Steve Duncan**, Marcus Professor of Human and Molecular Genetics at the Medical College of Wisconsin and director of MCW’s Program in Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Biology, will explain how stem cells can mimic complex human diseases in the laboratory and offer a new way to identify drugs that can be used to treat disease in patients.

OCTOBER 21st - US and Iranian negotiators may be just weeks away from an historic agreement to contain and limit Iran's nuclear program. But the region is now thrust into new wars and shifting alliances as ISIS militants pour out of a disintegrating Syria, laying claim to vast tracts of Iraq. The United

States finds itself in a de facto tactical alliance with Iran as Revolutionary Guard forces fight ISIS on the ground while US airpower strikes from above. Can ISIS be stopped? Will negotiators strike a deal before the November 24 deadline? Can any deal truly prevent Iran from building a nuclear bomb? Would a deal open the door to a broader U.S.-Iranian rapprochement? **Joseph Cirincione**, president of Ploughshares Fund, a global security foundation, and a member of Secretary Jon Kerry's International Security Advisory Board, tracks this issues closely and will share his answers to these and other crucial questions.

The A.D. Robertson Fund of the United Nations is a special fund within the RCM Community Trust created by the family of past president Robbie Robertson to provide educational programming to Rotarians and the community about the humanitarian and peace building work of the United Nations. This program will honor the 69th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

OCTOBER 28th - The Cold War was a strategic success for the United States and its allies, but since 9/11 we have been challenged, not by global threats, but by multiple, regional instabilities, which collectively disrupt the global order and call into question the rule sets and institutions – largely the product of U.S. initiatives -- that have functioned for six decades. These challenges require a fundamental re-evaluation of American Global Strategy to confront the very different world of the 21st Century. Join us for a program by **Ambassador Thomas McNamara**, former Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, Ambassador to Colombia, Special Assistant to the President, Ambassador-at-Large and Senior Counterterrorism and Homeland Security Advisor to The Secretary of State. His postings overseas include Colombia, Soviet Union, Congo, and France.



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Spotlight on the Good Works of the RCM Community Trust: 2014 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

By George Solveson,
Military Service Support Committee Chair

The Military Service Support Committee (MSSC) is excited to contribute \$1,000.00 to the 2014 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF). MSSC anticipates allowing NVCAF to list RCM as a Bronze Medal Sponsor, and use RCM's logo. MSSC is also offering volunteer assistance in marketing and promotion, and possibly other areas to be determined.



A performance at the 2013 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival
Photo courtesy of NVCAF

The Arts Festival is hosted by the Clement J. Zablocki Milwaukee VA Medical Center and sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Last year, the Festival was held in Las Vegas, NV. Ted Hutton is coordinating the effort with the VA and Legion, and Phil Vollrath is working on marketing and promotion.

The Festival is the celebration and grand finale stage and art show, which is the culmination of talent competitions in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music for Veterans treated in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national health care system.

Approximately 120 Veterans will exhibit their artwork or perform musical, dance, dramatic or original writing selections in a gala variety show. A professional orchestra will accompany the performance. All Veterans invited to participate are selected winners of

year-long, national fine arts talent competitions in which thousands of Veterans enter, from VA medical facilities across the nation.

VA medical facilities incorporate creative arts into their recreation therapy programs to further the rehabilitation milieu for both inpatients and outpatients. This annual competition recognizes the progress and recovery made through that therapy, and raises the visibility of the creative achievements of our Nation's Veterans after disease, disability or life crisis. Competition is open to Veterans who are enrolled at a VA Medical Center or Outpatient Clinic BEFORE entering the local competition.



A 2013 NVCAF art exhibit
Photo courtesy of NVCAF

MSSC encourages all Rotarians to attend the free festival! ☸

Reserve Your Free Tickets Now!

2014 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival
(NVCAF)

Sunday, November 2, 2014

12:00 Noon - Art Exhibit

2:00 PM - Stage Show

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