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Golf Outing Raises Record Scholarship Funds

By Liz Keuler

Double golf outings led to double fun and record proceeds for the RCM Scholarship Program this summer! Our rain date outing yielded an additional boost to our proceeds, bringing the total over \$60,000, a new record by more than \$10,000.



Anthony Ross & Frank Gimbel at the rain date outing.

A rainy morning on June 15th, the date of the original 2015 Scholarship Golf Classic, meant that the course at Ozaukee Country Club was just too soggy for carts. Participants were given the option to walk the course, and with the sun out in the afternoon, quite a few golfers did just that. More than half of the original 140 showed up and had a great time – and plenty of exercise. That evening the bidding was fierce at the silent and live auctions, with an especially lively bidding war between Leslie Hauser and Roger Smith on a special event package for the commissioning of the U.S.S. Milwaukee. All parties went home happy as both Leslie and Roger took home a package and we raised double the money for scholarships!

We had another great turnout at the rain date outing on August 31st, with over 100 golfers hitting the links. This year's new mulligan & raffle package proved very popular, which helped bring the total 50/50 raffle haul to over \$3,400. Philip Hanrahan (father of Rotarian Mike) was the lucky winner. He generously returned some of his winnings in a direct scholarship donation, and was in great company with many other donors!

This year's record fun and proceeds would not have been possible without the generosity of our Scholarship Golf Classic committee members, sponsors, auction donors, and everyone who came out to golf, dine and shop with us. The club thanks chairs Bill Rotter and Mike Kellman for their excellent leadership. Look for an announcement soon about the date and location for the 2016 outing – the planning is already underway! 🌟

RCM's 2015 LIVE @ the Lakefront Season Among the Best Yet!

By Dan Nelson, Maritime Committee Chair

RCM's eighth LIVE @ the Lakefront season concluded on September 2nd after an amazing 9-week run, featuring some of the best original artists from across the musical spectrum, including Reggae, Cajun, Americana, Salsa, Folk, Blue Grass, and good 'ol Rock & Roll. While there were a few chilly nights with breezes off the lake, it was the first year that all concerts were held outdoors in our Rotary Amphitheater at Discovery World and none were brought into the sponsor's tent due to inclement weather. That alone made it a breakthrough season!



It was a full dance floor all night long at the Los Ciegos del Barrio concert sponsored by Rotarian Jim Kerlin and Wiscraft/Beyond Vision on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

While not all performance metrics are in as of press time, the 2015 season was another incredibly successful year for our highly acclaimed concert series. Average attendance was more than 850 people, among the highest ever, despite having four of nine evenings without corporate sponsors holding events in the tent. Special thanks to those RCM members and their companies who did sponsor evenings and held corporate events, including Jim Kerlin, Executive Director of Wiscraft/Beyond Vision (7/29), Leslie Hauser, Tax Managing Director at KPMG (8/19), Joe Goode and Mark Leitner, both new RCM members (!) and

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Johnsons Park Project Construction Begins!

By Marcia Caton Campbell

The long-awaited Johnsons Park project began construction in mid-July, managed by the Center for Resilient Cities and Ayres Associates. Blaze Landscape Contracting of Menomonee Falls was awarded the general contract after a public bidding process. This summer's good construction weather has allowed the project to move forward quickly, with completion anticipated later this fall.



A rendering of the John Walker Performance Stage

A walk along Johnsons Park's new asphalt pathway system reveals a newly graded and seeded sports field for football and soccer, a brand-new T-ball field and backstop, park benches along the paths, several attractive pedestrian roundabouts planted with central trees and perennials, and nearly 80 new trees added to the park's existing tree canopy. A small concrete plaza now connects the two playground structures, with additional bench seating and bicycle racks. A new "pedestrian-height" LED lighting system has been installed that will shed large pools of light on the park and its users, as well as providing greater energy efficiency. Along the Fond du Lac side of the park, an infiltration basin captures and slowly releases stormwater into the ground over a 24-48 hour period. This feature, while modest in appearance, performs a significant environmental function that nearly eliminates stormwater runoff from the park into the storm sewer.

Milwaukee County began construction on the new restroom building for the park in late August, with completion anticipated by the end of October. The park's lighting system will be turned on when this building is connected to electrical service.

The Johnsons Park performance stage, designed by The Kubala Washatko Architects, will be erected later this fall. Timberpeg, the nationally renowned artisan manufacturer of post and beam style homes since 1974, is fabricating the performance stage. This design and fabrication team was also responsible for the Lake Park performance stage, after which the Johnsons Park structure was modeled.

A community celebration of Johnsons Park's completion will be held in June 2016. At that time, the park's performance stage will be dedicated in memory of Rotarian John C. Walker. Feeding America will provide food for the occasion, while Milwaukee County Parks will host a concert in its summer series. Community groups including Johnsons Park Neighborhood Association, Brown Street Academy, Running Rebels, Neu-Life Community Development, and Alice's Garden will also participate in the festivities. Stay tuned for further details!

Rotary's involvement in the Greater Johnsons Park Initiative goes back to 2008 when the club donated \$100,000 for the restoration of the schoolyard at Brown Street Academy which is located directly west of Johnsons Park. Then in 2013 the club committed another \$100,000 for the rejuvenation of Johnsons Park and dedicated group of Rotarians have worked together with the Center for Resilient Cities to raise over \$1 million to get the job done.

When one also considers that RCM was a founder of Feeding America located on the east side of the park, Rotary can be very proud of the difference we have made in this community. 🌀

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Partners at the law firm Pia Anderson Dorius Reynard & Moss (8/26), and Dan Nelson, Jr., President & CEO of Nelson Schmidt Inc. (9/2) and Chairman of RCM's Maritime Committee, which produces LIVE @ the Lakefront for your club.

Any members interested in exploring how LIVE @ the Lakefront could be an opportunity for their companies or organizations to host incomparable customer and/or employee appreciation events in 2016 are encouraged to contact the Rotary office for more information. 🌀

PHOTO gallery



Scholarship Golf Classic Rain Date





Scholar Corner

Each month in the WAVES, get to know an RCM Scholar in the “Scholar Corner!”

WAVES: What surprised you most about your college experience?

Aniyah: One thing that surprised me about college, is the amount of help available to students. I expected the higher education professionals to be tough, and not to care about my success in school. At my school the professors really care about the students, they are always willing to help. Even if I don't personally ask for help, the professors will reach out to me.

WAVES: If you've landed on a career goal, tell us “what you want to be when you grow up” and why.

Aniyah: I would like to be a counselor (high school or college students). I would love to help students with their problems and point them in the right direction and give them the resources they need to be successful.

Aniyah Stubblefield

Mount Mary, Nursing
Mentor: Margaret
Crawford

SPEAKER schedule

OCTOBER 6th - County Executive Chris Abele will speak to Rotary about his vision and upcoming budget for Milwaukee County.

OCTOBER 13th - Important changes to our criminal justice system are currently underway in Wisconsin. In the State Assembly, a bi-partisan effort to bring these reforms is being led by **State Representatives Rob Hutton** (R-Brookfield) and **Evan Goyke** (D-Milwaukee). Speaking on Wisconsin's need for justice reform and focusing on ideas currently being debated in the State Legislature, Representatives Hutton and Goyke will provide a view of what may be in store for Wisconsin's justice system. Specific topics will include: returning some 17 year-old offenders to juvenile court; expanding expungement of non-violent records; Treatment, Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) programming; and enhancing victim's rights. Rotarian Kent Lovern, Milwaukee County Chief Deputy District Attorney, will moderate the discussion.

OCTOBER 20th - Marcus White, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Vice President of Community Partnerships, will give us the highlights of the 2015 Vital Signs report, which provides a look at how our region is faring compared to 15 other metropolitan areas, many of them our economic competitors. The report shows how we compare on items such as population growth, income, educational attainment, business development,

exports, and dozens of other indicators of vitality. This objective data allows policymakers, business leaders, and foundations to better understand our unique environment, the investment needed to build upon success, and the opportunities to strengthen areas of challenge.

OCTOBER 27th - Joe Cirincione has been a nuclear policy expert for over three decades. Over the last four years, as president of the global security foundation, Ploughshares Fund, he assembled a network of over 50 organizations and 200 individuals to stop Iran from getting a nuclear bomb and stop a new war in the Middle East. He will provide an insider's view of the political fight over the recent nuclear accord with Iran, the policy debates and what we can expect as the deal goes into effect. Will this really stop an Iranian bomb and, if so, for how long?

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 70th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

The program is also presented in conjunction with the Large Club Conference and will be held at the Pfister. Rotarians must RSVP.

WELCOME new members



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James began his career as a medical platoon leader in the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell, KY. He was deployed in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. He has worked in a broad array of healthcare activities, including finance, research, practice management, contracting, hospital administration, and network development. He retired from the Army in 2007, holding posts with the VA New Jersey. In 2012, James was appointed Deputy Director of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. A native of Roswell, New Mexico, Jim received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1987 from Trinity University in San Antonio and Masters of Healthcare Administration in 1996 from Baylor University. He is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.



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Board Approves New Members

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

Jessica Dean
Bradley Foundation
Charitable Foundation
Proposer: George Mosher

Rachel Larrivee
Props Unlimited
Special Event Rental
Proposer: Josh Morby

Parthiban Manoharan
Birlasoft
Information Technology
Proposer: Kelly Skindzelewski

Josh Sova
USO
Human Services
Proposer: George Solveson

Spotlight on the Good Works of the RCM Community Trust: Chitom School in Guatemala

This summer, students in the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) completed the elementary school in Chitom, a suburb of Joyabaj, Guatemala – a project proposed to RCM Rotarians by the citizens of Chitom during a Rotary visit in early 2014. This is yet another example of the strong partnership between RCM and EWB, which has resulted in several sustainable projects in the Guatemalan Highlands that improve health, economic access and education.

The RCM Community Trust contributed \$5,000 to the project, with Rotarians contributing another \$10,000. EWB raised additional funds, provided the student talent and professional guidance.

The school serves a community of mostly Quiche Indians though the sixth grade from the communities of Chitom, Chialamqua, Chiciak, and Las Delicias. Prior, the two teachers and the 61 students met in a cramped, windowless community salon divided into two rooms, without proper access to bathroom facilities with appropriate wastewater management.



The old windowless school in Chitom.
Photo courtesy of Dan Fetterley

The new Chitom School project is a one-story masonry schoolhouse with three classrooms and a kitchen, a masonry retaining wall to separate the schoolhouse from the ball court, bathrooms, an on-site wastewater system consisting of a septic tank and

drainage field, and a handwashing station. The goal of the Chitom School project was to provide the community with a high-quality schoolhouse that would provide a more formal learning environment for the students.



Students in front of the school under construction.

EWB-MSOE students and faculty advisors visited Chitom in June 2014 to conduct soil tests and collect topographic survey data. They also held community meetings to assess the economic, social, and technical impacts as well as the viability of the school, and obtained a signed community agreement for the project, receiving commitment not only from the school but also from the Ministry of Education and the municipality of Joyabaj.

The EWB-MSOE team then designed several solutions, identifying the best option with the input of the Chitom community and the national EWB organization. The team of 7 students, a professional mentor, and a faculty member began construction in Chitom in late February and early March, 2015. A group of Rotarians from Milwaukee visited for two days and pitched in “as assigned” and had great fun working together.

Construction continued through July 2015 under direction of the local foreman, with all progress monitored by EWB-MSOE. The official inauguration of the Chitom Official Coeducational Rural School was July 31, 2015, with members of the EWB UW-Madison group in attendance. 🌟