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Connecting with Rotary: *Young Professionals Series*

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

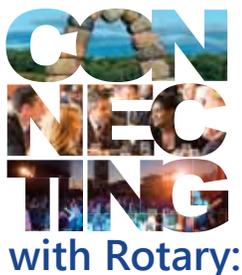
Connecting with Rotary: Young Professionals Series was our way to engage young professionals to help them learn about Rotary and its work here and around the globe.

We're happy to report that it was a huge success! Over 125 young professionals registered to attend RCM's Tuesday luncheons, over 100 attended our hypersegregation discussion, 15 people attended our bus tour of Milwaukee with Adam Carr, over 25 people helped us pack 20,000 pounds of food at Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin and over 60 people joined us for a discussion on human trafficking in Milwaukee.



Participants of the central city bus tour posed for a picture with host Adam Carr.

A special thank you to all our Young Professionals Committee members who organized this series. Thank you to 88Nine Milwaukee, our partner, who promoted our events on the radio and on their website. 



Young Professional Series



Fun Activities to connect with Rotarians in September

Outside of our Tuesday luncheons, we have several events for you to participate in this month to connect with fellow Rotarians. Guests are invited to attend with you. The schedule of events is listed below and we encourage you to sign up for one or more events!

Tyrotarian Tour: Explore the Milwaukee RiverWalk *Wednesday, September 14th*

5:00 pm walk - 6:30 pm social

Join us on our next Tyrotarian tour to explore the transformation of the Milwaukee River in downtown Milwaukee over the past 25 years. Led by Marsha Sehler and Rotarian Paul Mathews, the tour will highlight the beautiful artwork along the river and describe the productive public/private partnership that has opened access to the riverfront corridor. There will be a social gathering at 6:30 pm at the Marcus Center Vogel Hall lobby.

HKE MKE

Urban Ecology Center - Riverside Park
Sunday, September 18th

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

We invite you all to hike with us through the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum to benefit the Urban Ecology Center on Sunday, September 18th. The routes are family-friendly and tailored to different abilities so everyone can participate. RCM is the title sponsor for this event. Registration is free for all Rotarians and guests. Read more about HKE MKE on page six!

Home Hosted Dinners

Friday, September 23rd

The Member Engagement Committee invites you to join them at their next Home Hosted Dinners evening! The purpose of RCM's Home Hosted Dinners is for members and their guests to be able to get to know each other in an informal setting outside of Tuesday luncheons. You and your guest will get assigned to one party and there is no cost to attend.

How can you register?

To register you and a guest for any of the events, please sign up online under Socials & Tyrotarian Events, call the Rotary office at 414-276-4425 or email info@milwaukeeerotary.com. 

RCM's 2016 Live @ the Lakefront Season - Among the Best Yet!

The ninth season of RCM's summer concert series, LIVE @ the Lakefront came to an end on August 31st. As one of the best seasons yet, we would like to thank all of the bands that entertained us this summer: Naborí, Mark Croft Band, Chicken Wire Empire, Los Ciegos del Barrio, Natty Nation, Reverend Raven & the Chain Smokin' Altar Boys, The Empty Pockets and VIVO.



Photo provided by Chris Winters, Discovery World.

We would like to extend a big thank you to our 2016 sponsors!

Season Sponsors

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Discovery World - *Rotarian Joel Brennan*
Harbor House

Event Sponsors

Beauchamp Maleki Group
Beyond Vision - *Rotarian Jim Kerlin*
Fields Auto Group
KPMG - *Rotarian Leslie Hauser*
Laffy, Leitner & Goode - *Rotarians Mark Leitner and Joe Goode*
Park Bank - *Rotarian Kim Schaffer*

Thanks to the Maritime Committee for successfully presenting this remarkable music series that takes place in the Milwaukee Rotary Amphitheater for nine consecutive summers. Special thanks to Dan Nelson, the committee chair, and Tom Gale the event's MC. Stay tuned for another great season next year! 🎵

SPEAKER *schedule*

SEPTEMBER 6th - Gary D'Amato has been a sports reporter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel since 1990 and was promoted last October to columnist. He has covered 25 Masters golf tournaments, three Super Bowls and 10 Olympic Games, including the recently concluded Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro and hundreds of other major sports events. He will share his recent experiences and takeaways from the Olympic Games Rio 2016.

SEPTEMBER 13th - The Great Lakes are one of our greatest natural assets; vast and vital, yet fragile. The presentation on by **Jenny Kehl** will focus on the environmental and economic benefits and stressors of the Great Lakes, then briefly conclude by connecting our local water issues to global water issues. Jenny Kehl is the Director of the Center for Water Policy and Associate Professor in the School of Freshwater Sciences.

SEPTEMBER 20th - As Executive Managing Director, of Mason Wells, **Tom Smith** is responsible for the day-to-day investment activities of the Mason Wells funds, including the management of new investment activities and the oversight of portfolio development efforts. Tom Smith's presentation will provide details on the current economic environment for investments.

SEPTEMBER 27th - More information coming soon!

MATA Community Media also records our programs. You can see them on Channel 14 at the same time every week:

Fridays, 5:00 PM
Saturdays, 12:30 PM
Mondays, 8:00 AM
Tuesdays, 11:00 AM

Meet RCM's 2016-17 Scholars

This spring, we received 125 very strong applications from Milwaukee high school seniors. After a round of interviews, the committee extended financial support and mentoring to four new scholars:



Guillermo Guerrero

High School: Riverside University High School

College: UW-Milwaukee

Anticipated Major: Microbiology

A volunteer at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital,

Guillermo is passionate about helping others and pursuing his career choice of Medical Microbiology Bacteriology with a double major in Foreign Linguistics and Literature.



Christine Little

High School: Casimir Pulaski High School

College: Northland College

Major: Environmental Science

Christine's goal is to become an environmental scientist and a traveling wildlife photographer. Christine is determined to use her college education to help her create a plan that will allow future generations to protect our environment.



Alvaro Rodriguez

High School: Milwaukee High School of the Arts

College: Carroll University

Major: Music Therapy

As an active volunteer at the UMOS Latino Resource Center and a talented musician, Alvaro is determined to help people the best way he knows how through music as a future music therapist.



Zoua Pa Yang

High School: Hmong American Peace Academy

College: Mount Mary University

Major: Art Therapy

After completing two internships in high school at the Milwaukee Art Museum, Zoua Pa found her passion in art. Zoua Pa hopes to create more peace in the world by soothing people and their emotions through art as an aspiring art therapist.

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Aaliyah Rodgers

UW-Madison, Nursing

Although she found her first year in the nursing program to be quite difficult, Aaliyah was determined to succeed. Instead of viewing this year as a stumbling block, she saw it as a stepping stone that helped her move closer to accomplishing her dreams.

The committee was also pleased to continue support for 17 other returning scholars. They are:



Mayra Alaniz

Georgetown University,

Social Welfare/Public Policy/Pre-Law

Mayra had the opportunity to study abroad in Seville, Spain and had the chance to travel to Madrid, Barcelona, Morocco, Italy, France, Greece and Portugal! This year she plans to devote her time to prepare for graduation and working in a social, governmental or business organization.



Daniela Cortes

Columbia College Chicago, Cinema Arts & Science

This year Dani created her first documentary, which was about immigration and Dreamers in Milwaukee. Dani is passionate for telling the stories of the voiceless through her filmmaking.



Armonie Dotson

UW-Madison, Biology

Armonie blossomed after facing several challenges last year. She is confident that her ability to start what she finished and work through adversities has made her a stronger individual and better Badger.



Brandon Holmes

UW-Oshkosh, Political Science/History

Brandon was a Model UN delegate again this year and is very interested in UN Peacekeeping efforts. Through the RCM Community Trust's AD Robertson Fund, Brandon was able to attend the United Nations Association-USA annual meeting in Washington, DC in June for the second time.



Deja' Hoskin

UW-Whitewater, Criminal Justice

Deja' had the great opportunity to intern with the Milwaukee Justice Center to help low-income people in the court system. Deja' is now looking into her next steps in pursuit to become a lawyer.

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Ronisha Howard

UW-Oshkosh, Sociology

This year Roni changed her major to social work and she couldn't be happier. She has learned a lot about dealing with others on an emotional, mental and physical level. After graduation Roni plans on pursuing her Masters Degree.



Amy Lavender

UW-Madison

Human Development and Family Studies

With her new declared major, Amy was able to explore different career options and became more involved with children through volunteer and employment experiences.



Marquise Mays

Marquise is busy on campus serving as the President of the Wisconsin Black Student Union. He had the opportunity to present his research on Black Males in Higher Education in Kingston, Jamaica.



Dah Dah Poe

Alverno College, Nursing

Dah Dah faced several challenges during her first year of college including time management, and focusing on her studies. She said that growing up in a refugee camp in Thailand for the first 8 years of her life has prepared for any challenge life gives her.



Jocelyn Rocha

Alverno College, Nursing

Jocelyn had a busy school year balancing her academics while working as a CNA. She used tutors on campus to help her in math and science as she continues on the path to be a future nurse.



Liliana Samudio

Alverno College, Music Therapy

Liliana had a busy first year of college between juggling tennis, music lessons, homework and a job. This year she is striving for more balance and to focus on her academics.



Aniyah Stubblefield

Mount Mary College, Psychology

With help from her RCM mentors, family and friends, Aniyah achieved a better balance between school, work and her personal life. She plans to start a new volunteer experience this year and devote herself to live a healthier and more organized life.



Destiny Thomas

UW-Whitewater,

Forensic Science, Criminal Justice

Last year Destiny had the great opportunity to travel to South Africa for a class. She came back with a positive outlook on the school year and was able to get an internship at the Whitewater Police Department.



Shawn Turner

Marquette University, Engineering

Shawn quickly became very active on campus his first year by becoming the Secretary of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and a member of the National Society of Black Engineers. Shawn is excited to see what next year will bring.



Nhia Vang

UW-Madison, Accounting

Nhia adapted well to the fast-paced, big school environment of UW-Madison. This year Nhia hopes to build a network of study groups for his classmates.



Kelsey Wilkerson

UW-Madison, Textile & Fashion Design

This year Kelsey had an exciting opportunity to travel to China and that experience strengthened his passion for Textile & Fashion Design. Kelsey is very excited about this academic year and what garments and accessories he will produce.



Andrew Zuniga

Northern Michigan, Sociology

Andrew experienced many bumps in the road this year. He was able to get through them and ended up doing pretty well. With his new found knowledge on handling stress better, Andrew is optimistic that this semester will bring great accomplishments. 🌟

Special thanks to all of our outstanding RCM Scholarship Committee members and mentors for making this program possible!

WELCOME *new members*



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Dr. Eve Hall presently serves as the President/CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Eve is a native of Milwaukee with work experiences in Wisconsin and Florida, and most recently in Washington, D.C. Prior to the Chamber, she served as the Chief Innovation Officer for Thurgood Marshall College Fund. Eve is the Co-Founder of the African American Women's Project Fund, designed to provide support to organizations supporting the well-being of women and girls. Eve received a B.S. degree in educational psychology from Florida A&M University, a M.S. in administrative leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and doctorate in educational leadership from Cardinal Stritch University. She is a returning member of Rotary.



Jeff Martinka

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Jeff Martinka is Executive Director of Neighborhood House of Milwaukee. Founded in 1945, Neighborhood House is a full-service community center on the Near Westside. In prior positions, Jeff was Executive Director of Sweet Water in Milwaukee, of the West 7th Community Center in St. Paul, MN and of Literacy Services of Wisconsin. He also worked in management at the Milwaukee County Parks, in Mayor Norquist's Office, and at the Milwaukee Department of City Development. Martinka earned an M.S. in Urban Planning and an M.A. in Public Administration from the UW-Madison and a B.A. from UW-Milwaukee. He is a returning member of Rotary.

BOARD APPROVES NEW MEMBERS

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

Joel Brennan
Discovery World
Education
Returning Member

Grady Crosby
Johnson Controls
Manufacturing
Proposer: Maureen Bradley

Maria Dorsey
Milwaukee County Judiciary
Law Practice
Proposer: Janet Protasiewicz

Steve Godfrey
Pinnacle Forum Wisconsin
Civic Organization
Proposer: Ryan Daniels

Steve Merritt
The Salvation Army
Human Services
Proposer: Keith Baisden

Steve Zimmerman
Spectrum Nonprofit Services
Consulting
Proposer: Beth Heller

Spotlight on the Good Works of the RCM Community Trust:

Join us at HKE MKE on Sunday, September 18th!

By Rotarian Beth Heller



Hike with us on Sunday, September 18th to benefit the Urban Ecology Center. The Rotary Club of Milwaukee is the title sponsor of HKE MKE. This event will give you, your family and friends the chance to hike through the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum as well as in Riverside Park. The routes are family-friendly and tailored to different abilities so everyone can participate.

Rotarian Beth Heller will lead the Rotary Club of Milwaukee Team at 10:30 am in a guided walk to view the newly installed cairns and donor recognition sculptures, followed by a 11:30 am HKE MKE start time. If this doesn't fit your schedule, you may sign up for any start time that does between 9:00 am -1:00 pm.



RCM's Stone Arch in the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum.

The Urban Ecology Center provides science education for over 60 urban schools, offers a after school and summer programs for young scientists and naturalists, and works with public entities to ensure that public parks are safe, ecologically vibrant and accessible.



Rotarians hiked inside the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum.

Registration is free for all Rotarians and their families. Our goal is for 50 people to participate. However, additional donations are encouraged to support the Urban Ecology Center.

Join our team! So you can...

1. Show your support for the Urban Ecology Center.
2. Celebrate the beautiful Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum, cairns and donor recognition sculptures.
3. Network with other Rotarians, their families and people who care about education, environment, the river and the city of Milwaukee.

How can you register?

Visit the HKE MKE website at UrbanEcologyCenter.org to join the Rotary Club of Milwaukee team. Use the promotion code: **Rotary2016** to sign up for free. Or, contact the Rotary office and we will sign you up. 🌀

