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SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC & DINNER

Join us as we “Tee It Up” at one of Milwaukee’s premier golf courses for student scholarships at our 11th annual RCM Scholarship Golf Classic. It will be held on Monday, June 3rd at the Wisconsin Club’s Country Club.

Over the past ten years, proceeds from this event has raised more than \$500,000 for student scholarships. Today, we have 24 students in the program. All of our scholars are Milwaukee residents and most are the first in their family to pursue higher education.



Scholars and alums recently gathered at the Pfister Hotel with mentors and parents to share stories of the past semester.

Early bird registration rates are \$1,200 for a foursome and \$300 for an individual golfer until May 5th. Prices increase \$25 per golfer after May 5th. Registration will open at the February 26th Rotary meeting featuring David Kohler - so start planning your foursomes now!

The RCM Scholarship Golf Classic & Dinner is a great opportunity to socialize and network with Rotarians and friends. Enjoy a round of golf, an incredible meal and live and silent auctions. If you’re not a golfer, join us for an open bar, dinner and all the fun.

Please contact the Rotary office with any questions. We look FOREward to seeing you on the course! 🏌️

ROTARY SUPPORTS VOLCANO RECOVERY IN GUATEMALA

By Mike Paddock, PE, PS

On June 3, Volcano Fuego located just east of Antigua, Guatemala, erupted without warning – belching smoke, raining down ash and sending rivers of lava onto the communities below. When all was said and done, 194 lives were lost, more than 200 people are still missing and as many as 1.7 million people were impacted. Our Rotary Friends in Guatemala have been on the front lines responding with assistance to clinics, schools and bridges with the support of many clubs around the globe, including the Rotary Club of Milwaukee.



Volcano Fuego

We arrived in Socorro, a community that is in the heart of sugar cane country, who’s people make a living by chopping cane in near 100 degree humid weather. They told of the loud explosions and the ground shaking from the lahar flowing in the river. They stood on the banks of the river and watched the lahar flow and turn their once clean, friendly stream into an ugly and threatening foe – killing all the fish and vegetation that once thrived within its banks. The lahar was so hot that it burned anyone who dared to touch it.

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SET SAIL WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS

In 2017 a group of Rotarians cruised the Danube River on a trip organized by Adelman Discoveries. Plans are in the works for a Mediterranean cruise from Monte Carlo to Barcelona from September 9th – September 19th.

With miles of stunning scenery, the Sunny Mediterranean is the setting for this breathtaking journey. Enjoy a twelve day journey where you will explore not one, but three countries, including France, Spain and Italy. As one of the most popular cruise destinations in the world, find yourself the French Riviera, the Tuscan Region and the Island of Corsica, Spain. You'll explore the beauty of the Sunny Mediterranean Sea and experience a revelatory trip off the beaten path which will make this an unforgettable experience.

You'll experience everything Europe has to offer while sailing aboard Oceania's luxury Sirena cruise ship. You will also get to experience daily onboard music performances, and superb dining with all meals included during the cruise.

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The cost starts at \$4,099 (per person, based on double-occupancy) departing from Milwaukee. If you are interested in learning more about going on the trip, please contact the Rotary office. 📞

SCHOLAR CORNER - ZOUA PA YANG



My name is Zoua Pa Yang and I am a junior at Mount Mary University who is majoring in Art Therapy.

One of the great things that the RCM Scholarship Program has given me is my amazing mentors, John Teevan and Sister Kathleen O'Brien.

They provide advice, encourage me to explore new opportunities in college, and remind me that I can achieve anything as long as I work for it. They are also one of my biggest motivations to succeed in college and I want to graduate college to make them proud. I want to graduate college to show them that I have overcome my biggest obstacle to achieve my college degree.

My mentors have encouraged is to study abroad. I expressed interest but my biggest obstacle that stood in my way was my own fear.

Although I was afraid to step out of my comfort zone, my mentors encouraged me to experience a once-in-a-lifetime chance of studying abroad in college.

Recently, I was awarded a full-ride Scholarship to study abroad in Chiang Mai, Thailand this summer funded by TEAN! If my mentors never encouraged me to study abroad, this wonderful opportunity would have never occurred.

I would also love to give a big shout out to Rotary for being a part of my college education because being a part of Rotary has made me a strong student filled with ambition and motivation. I hope that Rotary continues to encourage their scholars and give them the support that they need to succeed in college, because Rotary's support has brought out so much greatness from its scholars.

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SPEAKER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 5th- Kathleen Culver

Kathleen Bartzen Culver is an assistant professor in the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Journalism & Mass Communication and associate director of the Center for Journalism Ethics. Long interested in the implications of digital media on journalism and public interest communication, Culver focuses on the ethical dimensions of social tools, technological advances and networked information. She combines these interests with a background in law and the effects of boundary-free communication on free expression. She also serves as visiting faculty for the Poynter Institute for Media Studies and education curator for PBS MediaShift.

FEBRUARY 12th- Melissa Goins

Melissa Goins is the founder and president of Maures Development Group. She will discuss the Historic Garfield Redevelopment project, which will include the new home for America's Black Holocaust Museum. This museum has been closed since 2008, and is slated to reopen this fall as part of a \$17.7 million project being led by Maures Development LLC and Jeffers & Co.

FEBRUARY 19th- Rotarian David Cooks

David Cooks, author of "Getting Undressed-From Paralysis to Purpose", shares his personal journey of how he discovered purpose in the midst of personal tragedy. A Milwaukee native, David's compelling story began with basketball on the playgrounds of Milwaukee and eventually led him to Cameron Indoor Stadium at Duke University. David shares his struggles as well as his successes on and off the basketball court as a T-6 paraplegic, with honesty, perseverance and faith.

February 26th - David Kohler

David Kohler, President & CEO of Kohler Co., will discuss the upcoming 2020 Ryder Cup that will be contested at the stunning and iconic Whistling Straits. This international sporting event will pit the very best professional golfers from the United States versus Europe. David is serving as General Chair for golf's pinnacle competition, which will be the highest profile sporting event ever held in Wisconsin. He will also share information on KOHLER Golf and the many positive impacts on Wisconsin, as well as the company's nationally ranked courses that have hosted six Major golf championships between 1998-2015 – including three PGA Championships.

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Deborah Patel began her career as a corporate lawyer at Foley & Lardner, then changed course to work in arts management. She was the first Executive Director of the Milwaukee Children's Choir, and was involved with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra for many years, as interim Executive Director, as a Chorister, and as a board member. She remains an active supporter of the performing arts. Debbie is also a political organizer, a family history blogger, a genealogist, and a student of American history. In April she becomes president of the Woman's Club of Wisconsin, the longest continually operating woman's club in the United States. She and husband Jamshed Patel have one daughter, Anna.



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Steve Ziembiec retired in 2018 from his role as VP of Global Supply Chain for Momentive Performance Materials (formerly GE Silicones) in upstate New York, where he was responsible for leading the \$2.5 billion global company's Customer Service, SIOP, and Logistics functions. His 30-year career with GE/Momentive was evenly divided between roles in Operations, Quality, and Supply Chain, and included three years with GE's Corporate Audit Staff. Steve and his wife Kit relocated to Milwaukee last August to be near Kit's family, and he has two adult sons, Brian and Alex. He holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Clarkson University, and is a certified Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt.

HOME HOSTED DINNERS ARE BACK!

The Member Engagement Committee invites you to enjoy the next set of Home Hosted Dinners to be held on Friday, April 26th. This is an easy and fun way to get to know your fellow Rotarians in an informal setting outside of Tuesday luncheons.

President Ed Krishok and his wife Brooke, Andrew Warner and his husband Jay Edmundson, Mike Robertson and his wife Emily, as well as Kristin Bergstrom and Lloyd Dickinson will open up their homes to fellow Rotarians. You and your guest will be assigned to attend dinner at one of the homes. All you have to do is sign up and show up on April 26th. There is no cost to attend.

For more information or RSVP to the Rotary office by emailing info@milwaukeeerotary.com or by calling 414-276-4425. 📞



Rotarians gathered at a previous dinner in the home of Brett Timmerman and Patrick Mutsune.

JOHNSONS PARK COMMITTEE

94 Rotarians and 25 guests came together to explore conversations that discussed the Johnsons Park neighborhood at our 2018 On The Table luncheon held on Tuesday, October 9th. The goal was to listen to one another and explore together how we can build and sustain a stronger, more inclusive community.

Based on what we learned at our On The Table luncheon, we have decided to form a Johnsons Park Committee that will focus on building a deeper and stronger relationship with the people of Johnsons Park neighborhood. The 2019 committee chair will be Rotarian Sara Wilson of Mayes | Wilson & Associates. She brings many years of working with organizations and community groups and an interest in the neighborhood to the committee. We anticipate we will meet twice monthly for the next three to four few months and meet monthly thereafter.

If you are interested in learning more about this committee, please contact the Rotary office. 📞



SPOTLIGHT ON THE RCM COMMUNITY TRUST

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Soon the footbridge over the river was overcome and destroyed – eliminating this important evacuation route to safety. This is what brought me and the Rotary / EWB team to this community. We were there to replace this important connection for the people to education, markets, healthcare - and safety.

It was cane harvesting time in the area. The fields are first burned and then the cane is chopped by the workers, stacked and put into large trucks to be taken to the sugar mill. When the fields are burned, the iguana's flee and the local people pounce on them like cats. Iguana is a welcome source of protein for the families here and we were no different. Cata, our reliable cook, made a wonderful stew, or "caldo de iguana". The cane harvest went on seven days a week without pause. This made it difficult to find the 40 men to volunteer to work on the bridge that were needed. A community meeting was called to discuss the challenge.

The Women of Socorro Step Forward

Most talked about how the task was impossible. Then, Audry, the leader from Socorro, asked if women might be able to help. Mincho, our construction foreman immediately said "yes" and we would show them how. So, the next morning at 6:30 am, 25 mothers and grandmothers, many with children in toe, came to work. They worked tirelessly carrying rocks the size of volleyballs, mixing and carrying concrete. Doing this work is a challenge for even an hour or two, but these ladies kept up the pace all day long. Just when I thought that they must give out, Audry started to sing and the rest of the group all joined in, now with renewed energy. The following day, 25 teenaged girls also came ready to pitch in. They were eager to show their fathers, brothers and boyfriends that they too could do a day's work. I was amazed watching the work, which now progressed rapidly. The women were always socializing – talking about their families and urging each other on.

The excitement grew as the bridge took shape – in the evening, a crowd would now gather at the site to track the progress of the work, as the women workers were pointing and waving, showing their men the days progress.



The women workers of Socorro at the inauguration.

A Christmas Present to Remember

When we started construction in November, the goal of a community Christmas present was set and people scoffed not thinking it could be done. As the bridge was completed a few days before Christmas, the tears of joy and prayers of thanks now flowed as safe passage over the river was again a reality.



A new bridge is born in the dawn.

As I looked at the bridge, I remembered Audry's courage and determination at the community meeting and how it made all the difference in the project. She did not look outside for help to the problem – but within. She did not fear the construction work, but knew that if the women worked together, all things are possible. She tackled the impossible task with a song on her lips, joy in her heart and never complained.

What a wonderful lesson and gift she had given me this Christmas. 🌟