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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.

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! 🍷

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



Michelle Hawkins is a Milwaukee area native, and graduated from Whitefish Bay High School in 2010. Out of high school she attended DePaul University, where she majored in German with minors in Islamic World Studies and International Politics.

Michelle ultimately graduated from Mount Mary University in December of 2016 with a B.A. in International Studies and minors in Spanish and Theology.

She was fortunate to have the opportunity to study abroad multiple times. In 2011, Michelle went to Jordan during her spring break to learn about the country’s history and its archaeological sites. In December 2011, she traveled to Oman and the UAE on a transnational business and anthropology focused program. In the fall of 2012, Michelle studied in Bonn, Germany to improve her German.

At Mount Mary, Michelle was active in extracurriculars. She served as President of the International Club and Theology Club. She also had the opportunity to complete an internship in Valencia, Spain as part of her degree. In her last semester, she was also President of the Student Government Association.

After graduating, Michelle completed an internship and summer seminar program with the National Council on US-Arab Relations in Washington, DC. Last year, she was an English Teaching Assistant at a secondary school in Regensburg, Germany, in Bavaria. In her free time, Michelle loves to travel, play Ultimate frisbee, rock climb, and brew beer. 🍷

ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 professionals from around the world to receive fellowships to study at one of its peace centers. 50 fellowships are awarded for master's degrees and 50 fellowships are given for certificate studies at premier universities around the world.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention and resolution. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

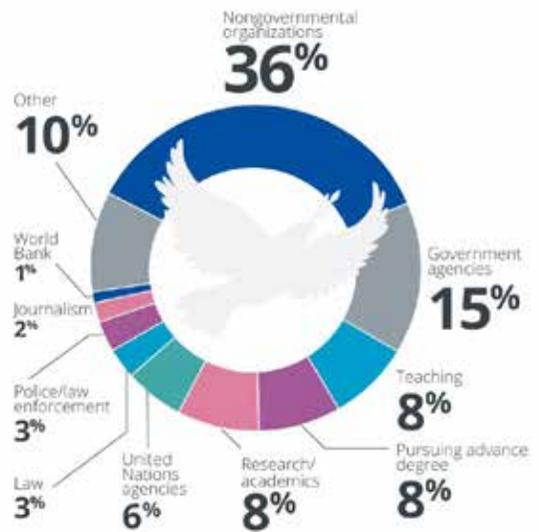
Master's degree programs: Last 15 to 24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break.

Professional development certificate program: For experienced professionals and lasts three months with two to three weeks of field study.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to apply, please contact the Rotary Office and click this link. The deadline to apply is May 31st.

More than 1,000 peace fellowship alumni are working in over 100 countries.

Where Rotary Peace Center alumni work



SCHOLAR CORNER - CHUE LEE CHANG



My name is Chue Lee Chang and I'm a sophomore at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin.

So far, I have found that college is a challenge; juggling classes, exploring internship opportunities, participating in clubs, making friends, and trying new things.

Being with a group of friends definitely makes the experience so much more lively. This semester my adventurous group has done consecutive nights of Super Smash Bro tournaments, ice fishing a mile from shore, and inclusive Asian-style feasts.

Academically, Northland's liberal arts education has made me a much more critical thinker. I'm currently taking three sociology classes this semester.

Thanks to these classes, I am able to see the world through the lenses of the sociological imagination.

Unfortunately, the harsh weather has been very unforgiving with an average -30F wind-chill temperature and high snow for weeks at a time.

Fortunately, we can always find something to do whether it be watching movies in the basement at night or making sushi for the first time.

Along with the help of the Rotary Club scholarship and mentorship support, I intend to work towards an education that I can bring back to the Milwaukee community. I've always wanted to be Milwaukee's master planner.

ROTARIANS EXPLORING MILWAUKEE

On April 3rd, Rotarians visited the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum on a Tyrotarian Tour. The Museum houses over 7,000 unique bobbleheads of sports stars, politicians, and pop culture icons - even Milwaukee Rotarians!



Co-Founder and President Phil Sklar (left) tells the history of the Bobblehead Museum.



Eckhart Grohmann poses with his bobblehead from the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

APRIL 9th - Mayor Tom Barrett

Milwaukee won a big prize recently when the Democrats picked our city to host the 2020 Democratic National Convention. The success in wooing the Democrats, by the city and private sector partners, gives Milwaukee an opportunity to reintroduce itself to a national audience. New development – both downtown and across the city– reflects a solid local economy. People and organizations throughout Milwaukee are working collaboratively to solve problems and improve neighborhoods. Good things are happening here. Mayor Tom Barrett is leading Milwaukee as it enters a new era. In his presentation, he will reflect on the city's achievements, the challenges, and his vision for Milwaukee over the next few years.

APRIL 16th - Rotarian Julio Grazioso

This luncheon features Guatemalan Past District Governor Julio Grazioso. Our luncheon program will focus on the Rotary Club of Milwaukee's recent trip to Guatemala and celebrate the projects undertaken in partnership with Engineers without Borders.

APRIL 23rd - Jeremy Fojut

Join Jeremy Fojut, the Co-Founder & Chief Idea Officer at NEWaukee, as he talks about his journey and how if you want to attract and retain talent you must create a beacon of belonging at your company and in the community. Jeremy will guide us through the NEWaukee 6 step belonging process that changes the way people connect to people, passions and purpose. This interactive discussion provides the audience with real-world examples and key learnings that you can use to empower people, connect them and help build the future.

APRIL 30th - Rob Henken

Wisconsin Policy Forum President Rob Henken will present the results of an initial planning process to redesign the psychiatric crisis service system in Milwaukee County. The County's Behavioral Health Division currently runs the region's only psychiatric emergency department, but that facility will be closing within the next two years when the County contracts for inpatient services with a private provider. The planning process considered the range of both community-based and hospital-based psychiatric crisis services that should be considered in its place.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Kevin Anderson, Wisconsin Region CEO of Old National Bank, started with Old National in 2013, serving the Louisville, Kentucky market as a Senior Vice President. Prior to that, he worked for more than 20 years in leadership roles with Fifth Third and National City Bank. An Honors Graduate of University of Kentucky, Kevin holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Since relocating to Milwaukee in April, 2016, Kevin has joined the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC) and United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF) Boards. He also serves in various roles for the Greater Milwaukee Committee.



KEN HUNT

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Ken Hunt retired in 2013 from his position as Global General Counsel at Manpower Group. Prior to Manpower Group, Ken was a Shareholder at Godfrey & Kahn, S. C. At G&K, Ken served as the Head of the Tax Team, Head of the Securities Law Team, and as a Member of the Management Committee. Ken's charitable service includes positions on the Boards of The Salvation Army, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Metropolitan Milwaukee, and the Wisconsin Parkinson's Association. Government Boards include Shorewood Board of Appeals, Shorewood Planning Commission, and the Golden Lake Association. Ken and his wife, Joan, have enjoyed living in the area for 44 years.



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Brad Voght is a Tax Partner at the Milwaukee office of Reilly, Penner & Benton LLP since 2017 and has been in the accounting field since 1995. After working in public accounting after college and then as a controller in the construction industry, Brad found that he is best suited to help people in the tax world. His emphasis has been on working with closely-held companies as he enjoys building long-term relationships. He has been married since 1995 and has a son and daughter currently at Arrowhead High School. Brad enjoys downhill skiing (when he finds time) and riding his Harley in the summer.



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Debra Kopczynski relocated to Milwaukee from Fairfield, CT in 1995 to join Hatco Corporation, a leading manufacturer of commercial food service equipment, where she serves as Director of International Sales. Debby has traveled to over 60 countries, pioneering the concepts of sanitization and food safety standards. She holds a B.S. in Marketing from Fairfield University, is ServSafe certified and has earned the Certified Food Service Professional (CFSP) designation. Since 2014, Debby has volunteered as an Advisory Board Member of MMAC's World Trade Association. Her passions include cooking Italian cuisine, traveling and experiencing new cultures. She enjoys mentoring young women in business and spending time with her son, Anthony, a freshman at UWM.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Rotarians are the face of literacy for many Milwaukee school children, distributing books and sharing how reading is important in their own lives to students in schools in the Milwaukee Area.

RCM has been involved in the Reading is Fundamental book distribution (RIF) program for over 40 years, distributing books to kids in kindergarten through 8th grade. At the book distributions, Rotarians join kids as they pick out a book of their choice and hear from Rotarians on the importance of literacy. Rotarians encourage students that reading is the key to success.

This is one of Rotary's most popular volunteer opportunities - it's fun and only requires an hour or two of your time once or twice a year. Contact the Rotary office if you are interested in learning more or to sign up as a volunteer. ☺



Beth Fetterley Heller (top right) with students who received books through Rotary's Reading is Fundamental program.

INVEST IN MILWAUKEE

Rotarian Teresa Esser is heading up a new Committee, Invest in Milwaukee. She has asked Rotarians to take on a new challenge with her: to explore what it will take to radically grow investment in Milwaukee.

Much like the signature projects of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, from the founding of the Better Business Bureau to the MKE Urban Stables, this committee aims to answer vital questions about current investments in the Milwaukee region. Questions like, who invests in Milwaukee? Where are these investors located? Do Milwaukee-based funds, business accelerators, or angel investment networks make investments in our city, our state, our region? How can we direct more resources to new and emerging businesses in our city?

By inviting Rotarians and select Milwaukee area investors and community leaders to get together and contemplate these topics, we hope to gather new ideas, new sources of investment, and new ways of focusing our energies on growth in the Milwaukee region. ☺

On March 19th, Kevin Conroy, CEO of Exact Sciences, spoke about Venture Capital Investments in Wisconsin. We are far behind our neighbors when it comes to investing money in our state.

Venture Capital Investments 2010-2016



Source: PitchBook 2016 State-by-State Venture Capital Investment Report. Wisconsin's total VC investment in 2016 was \$0.6B, a 10% increase from 2015. Wisconsin's total VC investment in 2015 was \$0.55B. Wisconsin's total VC investment in 2014 was \$0.5B. Wisconsin's total VC investment in 2013 was \$0.45B. Wisconsin's total VC investment in 2012 was \$0.4B. Wisconsin's total VC investment in 2011 was \$0.35B. Wisconsin's total VC investment in 2010 was \$0.3B.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE RCM COMMUNITY TRUST

ROTARY SUPPORTS AMERICA'S BLACK HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

On February 12th, a snowy day that threatened to cancel the Luncheon, the Rotary Club welcomed Brad Pruitt, the Interim Director of America's Black Holocaust Museum. His talk highlighted the importance of the work of late Museum founder Dr. James Cameron, who survived a lynching in Indiana at the age of 16 in 1930.



Brad Pruitt, Interim Director of America's Black Holocaust Museum spoke to the Rotary Club February 12th.

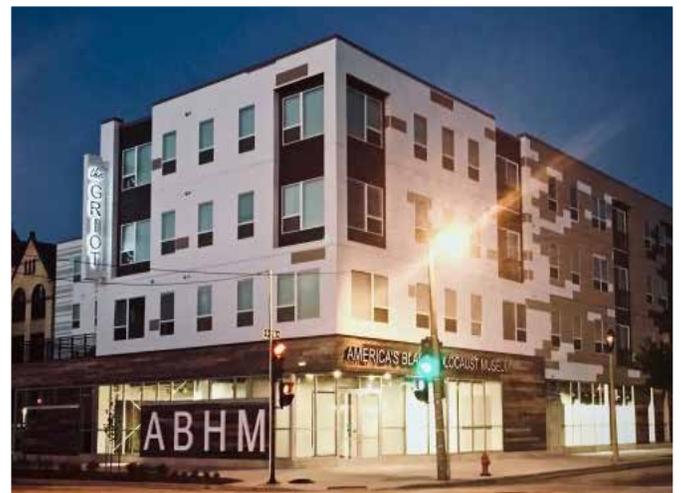
In 2008, the Museum was forced to close its doors due to the Great Recession and Dr. Cameron's passing two years prior. In 2012, thanks to community support, a virtual museum was launched online with great success. The museum has been visited by more than 3.5 million people; educators, students and the general public.

It was at this Tuesday Luncheon on February 12th that the Rotary Club announced that they would be contributing \$5,000 towards the completion of new Black Holocaust Museum, which is scheduled to open later this year. This donation was made in conjunction with a matching grant challenge from Chris Abele to support the museum's reopening.



Brad giving Rotarians a tour of new exhibits at America's Black Holocaust Museum.

The Museum is still located in its original location at 4th and North Ave. in Bronzeville, but in a brand new building that also includes affordable housing and other community spaces and businesses. Designed with community discussion and learning in mind, America's Black Holocaust Museum provides spaces for intergroup dialogues, workshops, presentations and cultural programming.



America's Black Holocaust Museum on W. North Ave. in Bronzeville.

The museum will continue to be a leader in the ongoing national and local conversation about our nation's racial disparities, and will continue to help citizens become active participants in racial repair and reconciliation. 🌐