



# CONNECTING

## INTRODUCING OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

**Steve Chevalier**  
**Rotary President**  
**2019-2020**



In the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy always said, "There's no place like home." RCM President-Elect Steve Chevalier is the quintessential homeboy. Steve was born in Milwaukee; earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from UW-Milwaukee; has lived here all his life and spent his entire professional career in downtown Milwaukee within a three-square block area.

Early employment for Steve included jobs as a newspaper carrier, usher at Warner Theater, Schlitz brewery worker and Milwaukee Journal truck driver. After stints at the public actuary firm Haskins & Sells and Unicare Services, the majority of his professional life has been with Zilber, Ltd. In addition to serving as the firm's Vice President, Steve has also been integrally involved with the Zilber Family Foundation, presently serving as a trustee and its Secretary/Treasurer.

The late Joseph Zilber funneled a fair amount of his earnings into his family foundation. During the past 10 years, Steve helped the foundation award \$100 million to nearly 200 non-profit organizations. Because Joe Zilber wanted everyone in Milwaukee to have the same opportunities he had here "back in the day," the Foundation has invested \$50 million to improve the quality of life in three Milwaukee neighborhoods—Lindsay Heights, Clarke Square, and Layton Boulevard West. In addition to its neighborhood revitalization work, the Foundation was a major donor to Marquette University, the UWM Joseph and Vera Zilber School of Public Health, and many other organizations and causes. *(continued on page 2)*



## THE INAUGURATION OF OUR NEW BELL

For many years our Rotary Club meetings were convened and adjourned with the ring of a stately and dignified bell that was stored in a closet behind this room and brought to the podium each week. And, then one Tuesday in 2013, the bell was gone! While its whereabouts is still a mystery, we do believe it was stolen.

With just a few bell makers around the country, apparently quite busy with other projects, replacing the bell has proved challenging. For the last several years we have used a serviceable but inelegant, small brass bell.

While ringing this simple bell usually encourages Rotarians to move to or from the dessert table—the bell did not have a higher purpose. The ring was not inspiring. Indeed, sometimes it has been hard to hear.

Then last summer we learned that Russ Klisch, owner of Lakefront Brewery, was leading an effort to refurbish the church bells in Milwaukee. We emailed Russ who volunteered to do a bit of research. *(continued on page 5)*

## MEET OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT (CONT'D)

Steve and his wife, Sue, a retired registered nurse, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this June. The couple has three children and seven grandchildren, all of whom are beautiful and brilliant.

In his spare time, Steve enjoys bowling and cards. He has enjoyed bowling in leagues with friends since he was a teenager. "The closest I ever got to a perfect game in bowling was 297, sad to say, but I keep trying. Bridge and Sheephead are my favorites card games, primarily because it is a chance to socialize with friends and engage in pleasant, and often spirited, discussion. I'm still waiting for the perfect hand in bridge!"

Steve totally enjoys Rotary. "Rotary is one of the best and most enjoyable things I have done for myself and my professional life, which might sound a bit selfish. At first, my goal was simply to join an organization that did some good in the community and to meet like-minded people. I treasured the luncheon speakers, who enlightened me on so many topics.

As my journey continued, however, I became aware that the Rotary connection goes much deeper and wider. We are part of a world-wide movement that has accomplished so much, both here and abroad. We do great things."

His goal for RCM during my year as President is to encourage even more personal engagement by our members. "We have a strong club, great leadership, and a very impressive roster of members. We need to enjoy each moment; attract like-minded new members and keep our Club both relevant and strong. While Rotary Connects the World, we can also say that RCM connects all of us here."

Steve will serve as the RCM President starting in July 2019. He serves on the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Seminar, the RCM Board of Directors and has been a beloved tutor at Brown Street Academy (Sue Chevalier and her mother both attended Brown Street Academy). Students Steve has mentored even composed a poem in his honor, appropriately titled Mr. Steve! 🌟

## GROUNDBREAKING OF THE MKE URBAN STABLES

On Tuesday, April 30, Rotarians, City of Milwaukee officials including the mayor and chief of police, and members of the public gathered to break ground on the first facility in the nation to combine mounted patrol, equine-assisted therapy and community engagement programs

The MKE Urban Stables is an innovative private-public partnership designed to be the new home for Milwaukee Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit, and serve as a unique resource for strengthening relations between our police and the Milwaukee community.

The 27,000 square-foot facility at 1st and Lincoln will house up to 24 horses, half of which will be from the Mounted Patrol and the rest will be for the equine-assisted therapy programs.

In addition to the countless volunteer hours, the Rotary Club of Milwaukee has donated \$250,000 to this project and we are excited to see all the progress that has been made.



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## REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2019 RCM SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Our Golf registration is currently full, and there is a waiting list started in the Rotary Office. So, sign up now to attend dinner at our Annual RCM Scholarship Golf Classic.

The \$60 per person charge for dinner includes an open bar, appetizers, a fabulous meal and chance to “shop” both the silent and voice auctions. Items in the auctions include tickets to Brewers, Bucks or Packer games, and many other exclusive opportunities.

Proceeds from the Golf Classic and Dinner benefit the RCM’s Scholarship Program. To date, the Rotary Club has raised nearly \$500,000 for our student scholars, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college.

If you would like to register for dinner, please contact the Rotary Office. 



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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A resident of the Thurston Woods neighborhood in Milwaukee, Dr. Shandowlyon Hendricks-Williams is a graduate of Custer High School, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Springfield College, Cardinal Stritch University and earned her doctorate degree from National Louis University. Most recently she served as the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Director of Wisconsin Education Opportunity Programs and she brings 25 years of experience in public, private, charter, and higher education. Shandowlyon is also involved with Project Hope Inc., and is the mother of two. Shandowlyon was a former member of the Rotary Club of Madison.



## **MARY REAVEY**

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Mary Reavey is currently retired after having worked for state, county, and local governments during most of her career. She was most recently the Assessment Commissioner for the City of Milwaukee where she led the office which has the responsibility of appraising over 165,000 properties throughout the City. She now participates in member and management capacities for several boards and agencies. In addition, she enjoys reading, walking, biking, and volunteering as well as watching sports especially English football. Mary and her English husband Patrick live downtown and have one adult daughter.



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Glenn Roby is an Executive Vice President at Kahler Slater where he shares leadership of firm operations and leads project teams that serve the corporate, hospitality and housing markets. A licensed architect and Milwaukee-area native, Glenn joined the firm in 2008. In addition to that long partnership, he celebrates 10+ years with the Real Estate Alliances for Charity (REACH) and will serve as its president in 2020. Glenn also holds membership with the National Association of Industrial & Office Properties (NAIOP) and the Commercial Association of Realtors Wisconsin (CARW). Glenn and his wife Darla live in Wauwatosa and have one daughter.

## THE INAUGURATION OF OUR NEW BELL (CONT'D)

Russ eventually led us to Tom Queoff, of Queoff Sculpture Studios, who specializes in brass sculptures—and he was just the person we needed to craft a new bell. We also needed a bell stand and for that we turned to Nick Hardrath, owner of Urban Craftsman.

As we unveiled this new bell on April 23rd, President Ed reflected on what the ringing of a bell means. In every age and country, the bell has been a universal symbol and an instrument used to communicate, notify, alarm, summon, mark the time or call to action. The sound of a bell has the power to charm, to amaze, to celebrate, to warn and to lift the spirit.

For over 100 years, at our Rotary meetings the sound of the bell lets us know that it is time to shift from casual conversation to thoughtful listening and engagement. As the meeting closes, the sound of the bell sends us on our way.

We are also going to start a new tradition. As the President rings the bell to end each meeting, instead of saying “the meeting is adjourned” s/he will say a phrase of encourages each of us to do some good in the world.



Perhaps they'll just say: “Let's go and do some good in the world this week,” or maybe it will be something to inspire us to build goodwill and better friendships. We will change it up and welcome each member to suggest short phrases that we could share at the end of each meeting. 🕒

## SPEAKER SCHEDULE

### **May 7th- Rotarian Adam Schlicht, Director of Port Milwaukee**

Rotarian Adam Schlicht, Director of Port Milwaukee will present a contemporary vision for the Port's ongoing operations as a contributor to greater economic, environmental, and cultural prosperity for Milwaukee, southeastern WI, and the Great Lakes region. Director Schlicht will highlight developing infrastructure improvement and multimodal opportunities at the Port, including Milwaukee's position as a Great Lakes cruise destination and the economic criticality of reinstating the Port's intermodal container service.

### **May 14th - Armed Services Luncheon Kim Mitchell - Former Surface Warfare Officer, US Navy**

President Ronald Reagan stated, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.” As a nation, we must never forget the service and sacrifice of those who serve, and have served, including their

families. We must never forget Gold Star Families lost a loved one for the freedoms we enjoy today. As leaders in our community, we all have our “Why”, why we do what we do. We must never forget the cost of freedom, and the obligation that we have to ensure these service members, veterans and families have the resources they need when they come home.

### **May 21st- Go Gedderts Podcast with Rotarian Richie Burke**

Join us for a discussion with two of our RCM Scholarship recipients, Mayra Alanis and Kenyon Terrill. Richie Burke will moderate the discussion, and record it for his podcast, the GoGedderts Podcast.

### **May 28th - Racine Mayor Cory Mason**

Mayor Cory Mason was elected Mayor of Racine in 2017, and re-elected in 2019. Previously he represented the 62nd and 66th Districts in the Wisconsin State Assembly. He lives in Racine with his family.

# SPOTLIGHT ON THE RCM COMMUNITY TRUST

## ROTARY SUPPORTS MSO'S GRAND THEATER

While choosing the MKE Urban Stables as our Club's next big project, the 2020 Project Selection Committee concluded that the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's Grand Theater project was compelling and urged the Rotary Board to consider a gift from the RCM Community Trust.



*(left to right) Erin Kogler, Shannon Rolbiecki, Celeste Baldassare, Mark Niehaus, Ed Krishok, Susan Loris, Karen Hung, Andy Nunemaker, Mary McCormick, Jamie Reeve at our MSO Donation Announcement*

The Committee felt it was important for Rotary to be part of this innovative and transformative endeavor for the Symphony and our City. And the Board agreed, making the decision to support and endorse the MSO Grand Vision.

On behalf of the Rotary Board at our Tuesday meeting on April 9th, Karen Hung was pleased to announce a donation in the amount of \$50K that will be made to the Symphony's initiative over the next two years. In recognition of this donation, the Rotary Club of Milwaukee will have two artistic fountains in the refurbished Grand Theater named for the Club. This announcement was made with Mayor Tom Barrett, Mark Niehaus and Andy Nunemaker present, as well as several others from the MSO.



*A fountain on the 3rd Level that will be named for the Rotary Club of Milwaukee*

In addition to the financial contribution, the donation signifies Rotary's engagement and support of our Symphony and its contributions to the social and cultural fabric of our City. Mary McCormick was quoted "it is wonderful that as Rotarians we can be ambassadors for the MSO."



*A rendering of MSO's renovated Grand Theater by Kahler Slater*

The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra is hoping to open its Grand Theatre in time for the Democratic National Convention in July of 2020. It will be ready for their 2020-21 season. 🌟