



CONNECTING

A FAREWELL FROM PRESIDENT ED KRISHOK



Ed Krishok and Toby Reynolds at the MKE Urban Stables Groundbreaking. Ed was pivotal in bringing the MKE Urban Stables into fruition these past 18 months.

On July 1st the Rotary calendar turns to a fresh page and the new Rotary year begins. As I reflect on the year about to end at Rotary Club of Milwaukee, I am filled with gratitude for all that you, my fellow members, did over the course of the past twelve months to keep our Club vibrant and make Milwaukee a better place. Please allow me to use my final remarks as Club President to express my thanks for a wonderful 2018-2019 Rotary year.

First, thank you for gathering on each Tuesday to share a meal, visit with each other, and enjoy our weekly programs. Our Tuesday meetings are the heartbeat of our Club. Our weekly programs invite us to learn, and challenge us to create the lasting change in ourselves that is a first step in creating lasting change in our community. Each week you enthusiastically embraced the invitation and took up the challenge. What we learned together helped us to be not just people of action, but people of informed and well-planned action.

Thank you for connecting with each other over coffee or a beer, or during a bike ride or a hike, and for the serious and not so serious conversations over cocktails at our networking hours, during a hearty meal at a Rotary organized dinner, or during the swirl of a barn party. *(continued on page 2)*

PLANTING TREES AT THE ROTARY CENTENNIAL ARBORETUM



New Member Tom Eling

Rotary Clubs across the world planted over 4 million trees to represent each Rotarian last year. The Rotary Club of Milwaukee has stepped up again in 2019 to plant trees for each new member since our plantings last year.

The Done-in-the-Day committee worked together with the Urban Ecology Center to plant 75 more trees in the Rotary Centennial Arboretum on Saturday, June 1st. When mature, the Burr oaks will provide food and shelter to more than 300 birds, insects and other wildlife.

Leslie Hauser and Dan Gabler



A FAREWELL FROM PRESIDENT ED KRISHOK (CONT'D)

That time enjoyed together nurtured the spirit of fellowship and friendship that forms the foundation for our service.

Thank you for remembering with me those who did not complete the journey with us this year. We lost friends and mentors who were strong leaders for our Club and our community. Now it falls to us to take up their work, and I am comforted by the knowledge that we will.

Thank you to our Committee Chairs - you guide and drive the work that makes our Club a force for positive, lasting change. And thank you to our Committee members - you make that positive, lasting change happen.

You planted trees, enlivened the lakefront with music, packed food for those in need, awarded college scholarships and mentored the scholarship students, distributed books, tutored children, honored service members and gold star families, kept our Club finances in order, recruited and welcomed new members, worked to keep all of us engaged in the life of our Club, focused our efforts in the Johnson's Park neighborhood, worked to promote investment in Milwaukee, took us behind the scenes around Milwaukee, supported the work to end polio, and led infrastructure projects in Guatemala.

You even coaxed Winston Churchill from the grave and brought him to Milwaukee to offer us a history lesson.

Thank you to our Club officers and Board members for their attention to the strategic direction of our Club, their commitment to keep our Club strong into the future, and their aspiration to reach goals for growing and diversifying our membership, for encouraging the next cohort of Club leaders, and for connecting our work as a Club to a common strategic framework.

Thank you to Mary McCormick for her steady guidance through the year. Her determination to obtain our bold new meeting bell was emblematic of her passionate pursuit of the call to fellowship and service that first energized the Rotary Club of Milwaukee on January 29, 1913. And thank you to Michelle Hawkins, Ann Keenan, and Rita Fadness for helping Mary keep our office humming.

Thank you Past President JoAnne for inviting me to sign on for a year as Club President. Thank you to all of the Past Presidents who advised and encouraged me along the way. And thank you President Elect Steve Chevalier for stepping forward to serve as Club President for the upcoming Rotary year.

It is with deep gratitude for all that each of you have done this past year, and with abiding confidence in what this great Rotary Club will accomplish in the year and years ahead, that I pass the gavel to Steve Chevalier. 🍷

JOIN THE RCM CONNECTOR GROUPS

The **Beer Connector** Group regularly checks out new breweries and/or taprooms in the area. In May, a group of 15 Rotarians and guests enjoyed an evening on the patio at Black Husky Brewing in Riverwest. Contact Scott Glidden for more information.

The **Bike Connector** Group has scheduled monthly rides for the warmer months. They meet at 9:00am on the 4th Saturday of the month and do an out-and-back ride with a stop at a cafe or beer garden somewhere in the middle. On June 22nd, they will bike from the Rotary Amphitheater at Discovery World to South Milwaukee. Contact Bill Robison for more information.

The **Coffee Connector** Group meets monthly to enjoy a morning caffeine boost and get to know fellow Rotarians. They usually meet on Fridays, and have visited several coffee shops in the area. On Friday, June 21st, the group is meeting at 600 East Cafe at 7:30am. Contact Theresa Reagan for more information.

The **Parks Connector** Group explores area parks with the goal of getting out and enjoying our local natural spaces. They will be exploring Jackson Park on Saturday, June 29th. Contact Beth Heller for more information.



The Bike Connector Group at the start of their ride in the Menomonee Valley on May 25th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 RCM SCHOLAR GRADUATES



Ronisha Howard graduated from UW Oshkosh with a degree in Social Work. She will begin her Master's in Business Administration at Concordia University in the fall.



Lily Samudio graduated from Alverno College with a degree in Music Therapy.



Dah Dah Poe graduated from Alverno College with a degree in Biology. Her goal is to become a Physician's Assistant in the future. She is currently taking time to complete some prerequisites and requirements for her desired Master's program.



Nhia Vang graduated from UW Madison with a degree in Personal Finance.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE RCM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our RCM Scholarship Golf Classic and Dinner on Monday, June 3rd was a fantastic success! Many thanks to the stellar Golf Committee for planning a wonderful event. Thank you for your continued support of this annual event. Our scholars truly appreciate your donations of both time and money that you give to support their college educations. 🏌️‍♂️



John Beckwith, Jackie and Michael Barber, and Fred Royal



Jamie Reeve, Richie Burke, Saj Thachenkary, and Toby Reynolds



Jean Casey, Emily Hurd, Joanne Grunau, and Theresa Reagan

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Tom is a CPA and tax partner with Wipfli LLP. He specializes in income taxes and consulting for individuals, estate and trust, corporations, partnerships and estate planning. He received his Bachelor's in Accounting from Quincy University in Illinois. He is married to his wife Carol. Tom has two sons, Dan (33) and Zach (31). Carol has three children, Stefan (33), Jessica (32) and John (27). Together Tom and Carol have three grandchildren, two of whom are in the Milwaukee area. They also have a goldendoodle named Charlie. In his free time he enjoys bicycling, wood working and spending time with his family.



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TYROTARIAN TOUR OF PORT MILWAUKEE

Rotarian Adam Schlicht, Director of Port Milwaukee, invited us into his world on Wednesday, May 29th with a Tyrotarian Tour at Port Milwaukee. The tour began with a short overview of the port at their offices, and then Rotarians were given a bus tour of the Port. 🌐

Photos by Bill Sheahan and Keith Stachowiak



Lecture at Port Milwaukee Offices



Bus Tour of the Port



Winter Road Salt for distribution

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

June 11th - Reflections on D-Day featuring a Special Guest

It was our pleasure to host Sir Winston Churchill at our Rotary luncheon in honor of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

June 18th - Eve Hall, CEO, Milwaukee Urban League

For the past 100 years, the Milwaukee Urban League (MUL) has built partnerships that empower communities and change lives. The early years of MUL not only included finding jobs and housing, but included the creation of a medical clinic and pharmacy to address healthcare needs for African-Americans. Because of extensive segregation and discrimination during that time, MUL became the connector to bridge gaps in housing, jobs, health, education, and economic development. Today, MUL focuses on three E's - Education, Employment, and Economic Vibrancy.

June 25th - Mark Hogan, CEO, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Mark Hogan will provide an update on economic development efforts of WEDC and the State of Wisconsin and how WEDC has worked with regional partners to achieve job creation and retention wins in Southeastern Wisconsin. His presentation will also highlight how WEDC's programs enhance the quality of life at the local and regional level, and will provide an update on talent attraction and retention efforts at both state and regional levels.

July 2nd - No Rotary Luncheon

Happy Fourth of July!

July 9th - Changing of the Guard

Join us to celebrate the end of Ed Krishok's term as RCM President. We will also welcome Steve Chevalier as our 2019-20 President. In honor of the special occasion, we will have an open bar starting at 11:30am.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE RCM COMMUNITY TRUST

RCM TOUCHES YOUNG LIVES THROUGH THE WORLD AFFAIRS PROGRAM

The World Affairs Seminar (WAS) is an international youth initiative led by Rotary International District 6270 here in southeastern Wisconsin. The vision is to bring better understanding of world problems to young people from around the globe, using current issues as a learning platform.

In the course of this study, the WAS provides opportunities for participants to discuss issues with other young people from around the world.

Emphasis is placed on promoting better understanding of the causes of international conflict. The idea is if the causes are understood and solutions developed in a cooperative environment, problems are more likely to be solved peacefully.

Started in 1977 as the brainchild of Rotarian Dr. Dale Brock, the program now has over 30,000 alumni living all over the globe. RCM members Jim Dorman, Bill Coleman, Steve Chevalier and Joe Caruso serve on the WAS board.



Each year, the seminar is organized around a timely and significant theme. In 2019, the theme is "The Promise and Perils of Social Media." Participants will consider social media's impact from many points of view and engage in relevant off-site experiences to stimulate discussion.

They will collaborate with delegates from around the world to define social media issues and challenges in an atmosphere of respect, trust, and collaboration, and discover what can be done to use social media to make the changing world a better, safer place for ethical, respectful dialogue and engagement.



Ten deserving students from the Milwaukee area will have the opportunity to attend the 2019 World Affairs Seminar (WAS) from June 22nd – June 28th at Carroll University thanks to a contribution of \$5,900 from the RCM Community Trust.

To learn more about the World Affairs Seminar visit www.worldaffairsseminar.org today.

