



CONNECTING

WELCOME FROM 2019-20 PRESIDENT STEVE CHEVALIER



Steve and Sue Chevalier at the Queen Mary in Long Beach for the Rotary Large Club Conference

Just over 11 years ago, my friends Jim Dorman and Dick Hackl invited me to a Rotary meeting. I had heard of Rotary, of course, but I knew little about it. At my first meeting I was impressed by the presentation and the size of the audience. I attended a second meeting, where I learned more about the club's commitment to making a difference in the community and around the globe. I decided that this was the place for me, and I submitted my application.

I am so glad I did. In fact, my only regret was that I did not join Rotary earlier in my career.

Since saying yes to the first invitation to attend a Rotary function, my fellow Rotarians have deepened my Rotary experience by asking me to work alongside them on various Rotary projects. For example, someone asked if I would be interested in joining the Reading is Fundamental book distribution program. What a joyful and eye-opening experience it was. Meeting students at MPS schools, distributing books, and handing out medals to Most Improved Readers, made me feel like I was making someone's life a little more interesting (and educational).

Then I met fellow Rotarian Tom Plantenberg, who invited me to participate in the World Affairs Seminar (WAS) as an Advisory Board Member. Eventually, that grew into a board position, and then I succeeded Bill Coleman as the Treasurer. *(continued on page 4)*

LIVE AT THE LAKEFRONT STARTS JULY 10TH



The twelfth season of RCM's summer concert series, LIVE @ the Lakefront, begins July 10th. This year the series, held in the outdoor Rotary Amphitheater at Discovery World, runs eight weeks, ending August 28th. Concerts run from 5:30 to 9:00 pm each Wednesday.

Whatever your musical tastes, the lineup for the 2019 concert series has an event that will appeal to you, with a great mix of new acts and old favorites:

- July 10th – Nabori
- July 17th – Mad Rocksteady
- July 24th – Mayer Kirby Mayer
- July 31st – Los Ciegros del Barrio
- August 7th – VIVO
- August 14th – Blues Disciples
- August 21st – TBD
- August 28th – Natty Nation

The Rotary Amphitheater at Discovery World features a 350-person seating arena and a stage overhanging Lake Michigan. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis. Guests are also invited to bring chairs or blankets to enjoy the concerts on the patio and lawn overlooking the amphitheater. Concerts will be performed RAIN OR SHINE and can be held indoors on the Discovery World Promenade or inside the Sponsor Tent in the event of inclement weather.

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LIVE @ THE LAKEFRONT STARTS JULY 10TH (CONT'D)

Bartolotta's will once again be providing their renowned food and beverage services, including a full cash bar and wine by the bottle, as well as steak sandwiches, salads, brats, burgers, an evening special and other snacks.

The Rotary Amphitheater is located at 500 N. Harbor Drive on Milwaukee's lakefront between the Milwaukee Art Museum and Summerfest. Discounted parking is available for \$5 in the Discovery World garage. Dock space is also available for boaters.

All Rotarians and their friends, family, and guests are invited! For more information, go to www.LiveAtTheLakefront.com 

Photos by Chris Winters, Discovery World



ROTARIANS SHOW BIG SUPPORT FOR POLIO ERADICATION, AGAIN!



Rotarians around the world are known for their perseverance –and there's no better example than our commitment to eradicate polio. Over the past three decades, more than 2.5 billion children have been immunized against this dread disease. As we do each spring, we asked you to support this vital Rotary initiative – Polio Plus.

And we have exciting news to share! We received a total of \$8,715 from 49 Rotarians for our Spring Polio Campaign. The club also donated \$2,500 bringing our total donation to \$11,215. This will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing our donation up to \$22,430.

The power of Rotary! Special thank you to everyone who donated to this critical humanitarian effort!

Thank you to our Rotary International Foundation Co-Chairs Pat Cronin, Tom Gale, and Janine Kolbeck.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Rayna Andrews is a public health ambassador, author and activist. She is the Sr. Director of Impact for Feeding America Eastern WI. Rayna is the Asst. Governor of our Rotary District 6270. She's the Co-Chair of the Medical College of Wisconsin's Cancer Center Community Advisory Board. Rayna was named a Healthcare Hero by Biz Times and one of Wisconsin's most influential African-American leaders by Madison 365 in 2019. In addition, Rayna is one of the Milwaukee Business Journal's 40 Under 40 and a United Way Philanthropic 5 recipient. Rayna holds a master's from UW-Milwaukee in Urban Planning, a certification in Commercial Real Estate from Marquette University and a Bachelors in Journalism from the UW – Oshkosh.

Thank you to the Scholarship Classic Golf Committee

Chris Corley
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Jon Ferguson

James Ford
Karen Forrer

Jackie Herd-Barber
Mike Kellman
Rachel Larrivee
Michael MacNeil
Rick Mandel

Jim Maslowski
Bill Rotter
Roger Schroeder
Josh Sova
Steve Ziembiec

RCM GOLF CLASSIC & DINNER RAISES MORE THAN \$80,000

The RCM Golf Classic & Dinner held on June 3rd, raised over \$82,000 for the RCM Scholarship Program. Thank you to our Golf Committee for a fantastic event, and for securing more sponsors than ever and soliciting auction items that were one-of-a-kind. We appreciate your hard work in making this a record setting event.

Plans are already in the works for next year's outing, contact the Rotary Office if you would like to get involved in the RCM Scholarship Program or in the planning of the Golf Classic & Dinner. 📞



Checking out auction items before dinner



Enjoying a beautiful day for golf

WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT STEVE CHEVALIER (CONT'D)

The WAS, a long-time District 6270 program promotes Peace Through Understanding through a week-long seminar for high school students from all over the US and the world. Clearly this is something I would have probably never heard of, except that someone asked.

I eventually got involved in tutoring students at Brown Street Academy under the watchful eye of Barbara Velez and her wonderful crew of volunteers. This experience has left a deep impact on me and my understanding of what it takes to help our young students learn how to read and cope in a challenging environment. I am absolutely convinced that I learned as much (probably more!) than my students did.

As a "tree-hugger", I became interested in working on the Environmental and Ecology Committee, with one of the high points being the planting of one tree for every member of our Club at the Urban Ecology Center. Lots of volunteers, lots of fun, even in the cold, snowy Milwaukee spring, but we achieved our goal with the awesome help of Rotarian Leslie Hauser's leadership and enthusiasm and the great staff at UEC. "We rest in the shade of trees planted by others".



Steve Chevalier and Amy Jensen planting trees

Then there were the Done in a Day projects at Feeding America, Tyrotarian tours of very interesting places around the City, Live at the Lakefront on Wednesday nights in the summer at the Rotary Amphitheater, home-hosted dinners, Rotary Night at the Symphony with Rick White, our Annual Scholarship Golf Outing, and the opportunity to act as a mentor to two young college students who had been awarded scholarships by our Club. Attending my first mentee's graduation at Alverno College was definitely

a feel good moment, and it made me very proud of being part of this great scholarship and mentoring program for the next generation of leaders.

In addition to the hands on work that makes Rotary so fulfilling, there have been many opportunities to contribute financially for great causes, such as Polio Eradication, scholarships for deserving but financially strapped students, the Urban Ecology Center, and much more. "Pay it forward", as the saying goes.

So that is what Rotary means to me. Having recently attended the International Convention in Hamburg, the Large Club Conference in Long Beach, President Elect training in Itasca, Illinois, and the District Conference in Wisconsin Dells, I have a new appreciation of the strength of Rotary throughout the world, with over 36,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members.

We have done, and will continue to do, great things, here in Milwaukee, in Guatemala and other places in the world, and within ourselves. Our Club is strong. Our Club has great members. Our Club has great programs. With everyone's continued, or renewed engagement and participation, whether it be through volunteering, through financial gifts, through camaraderie and support of others, or through simply coming to lunch and enjoying our great speakers, we can all make Milwaukee and the world around us a better place.

There is one theme that keeps jumping out at me in all this. It is the fact that personal engagement makes Rotary more interesting, fulfilling, and fun. **My hope is that everyone in our Club who is already engaged continues to be, and that we don't forget to make the "ask" of others in our Club to jump in with us.** If we are engaged, others will notice, our Club will continue to do good work, and we will continue to attract new leaders from around our community. This will keep RCM strong and make a positive difference in ourselves, in our local community, and in the world.

Finally, I need to thank Ed Krishok and Mary McCormick for their leadership and mentoring. Ed and his predecessors are very tough acts to follow, and I am humbled by the very thought of it. With their continued support and that of our Board, officers, and members, we will go out and do what Rotary International President Mark Maloney has proclaimed to be his theme for this upcoming year: **Rotary Connects the World.** Thanks to all of you!

DELEGATION FROM SERBIA TO VISIT MILWAUKEE THIS FALL

This September, the Rotary of Club of Milwaukee will be hosting a delegation from Serbia as part of the Open World Leadership Center (OWLC), of which Rotary has been a proud partner organization since the OWLC's inception 20 years ago. The OWLC is an independent government agency of the US Congress. Their Open World Program is an exchange and partnership program designed to enhance understanding and cooperation between the Congress, American communities and global leaders.

OWLC currently conducts programs for delegates from the Caucasus, Central Asia, Estonia, Kosovo, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia, Serbia, and Ukraine. Through the program, delegates are provided firsthand experience with American community life, accountable government, and democratic values, while also gaining professional knowledge from their American hosts and counterparts.

The group from Serbia will be in Milwaukee September 27th through October 5th to learn about Milwaukee's wastewater treatment systems and its management. We are excited to partner with local companies and organizations like the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District and The Water Council to provide a program that will show off Milwaukee's nationally recognized wastewater management systems. 🌐



Would you like to learn more or find out how you can be involved? Contact:

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SPEAKER SCHEDULE

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.

July 16th - Commissioner Bud Selig

The Milwaukee Press Club and the Rotary Club of Milwaukee will present a joint program on Tuesday, July 16, featuring Allan H. "Bud" Selig, Commissioner Emeritus of Baseball. The program will feature a conversation between Selig and Tom Haudricourt, beat reporter for the Milwaukee Brewers and Major League Baseball for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The two will discuss Selig's book, *For the Good of the Game*, published July 9 by HarperCollins Publishers.

Selig will be available for a limited time to sign copies of his book, which will be available for sale at this event.

July 23rd - Chief Judge Maxine White

Chief Judge Maxine Aldridge White was unanimously appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court on three occasions, March 2015, May 2017 and June 13, 2019. Chief Judge White will discuss the latest developments in juvenile justice reform in Wisconsin, highlighting landmark Supreme Court cases, the impact of research on adolescent brain development, trauma and the national trends toward effective treatment for young offenders.

July 30th - Rotary Person of the Year

Join us in celebrating the 2019 Rotary Person of the Year, Rob Henken. Rob has served as the President of the Wisconsin Policy Forum since 2008, and has authored or co-authored four reports that won national awards from the Governmental Research Association. Prior to joining the Forum, he worked in various roles in Milwaukee County Government for nearly 10 years.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE RCM COMMUNITY TRUST

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS GROW THE RCM COMMUNITY TRUST

Each month in this space we put the spotlight on a particular program supported by the RCM Community Trust and tell the story of how it is making difference. But in this issue, we will tell the story of the Trust itself. Founded in 1968 with a transfer of \$12,248 from the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, today the Trust is valued at over \$3,700,000—the growth exclusively from members or gifts made in honor of a member.

From modest beginnings, the Trust boasts eleven endowed funds. Those who find financial calculations thrilling may be interested to know that annual distributions from each fund are 4.5% of the rolling three-year average. Here are some quick facts:

Main Account

Current Value: \$2.3 million
Annual distributions \$110,000

Supports much of the local charitable work of the club. Recent examples include: Reading is Fundamental, HKE MKE, outdoor learning at the Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee Soldiers Home, the Grand Theater, Milwaukee Film, River Revitalization Foundation, Veteran's Sailing Program, Feeding America and America's Black Holocaust Museum.



Reading is Fundamental

A.D. Robertson Fund for the United Nations

Current Value: \$257,000
Annual distributions \$12,000

Established by Robertson Family to promote education about work the United Nations and the important relationship between Rotary and the UN. Example gifts include: stipends for Rotaract members to attend Rotary Day at the UN, funding of UN connected speakers at Rotary and in the community.

Philip Orth Family Fund

Current Value: \$336,000
Annual distributions \$15,000

Established through the estate of Phil and Mariette Orth to support the local and international work of the club. Example gifts: Guatemala water system and pedestrian bridges—collaborations with Engineers without Borders.

Johnsons Park Fund

Current Value: \$210,000
Annual distributions \$9,500

This fund was created to encourage programming and provide support for capital improvements. In 2019 we funded concerts, exercise programming, movie night and a kite day.



Johnsons Park Playground

Andrew Bell Charitable Trust

Current Value: \$318,000

The Trust is the recipient of an annual gift from the estate of Rotarian Andrew Bell. These funds were pledged to meet our \$200,000 gift for the restoration of the Brown Street Academy Schoolyard and the restoration of the Johnsons Park.

The Trust also holds nearly \$500,000 in assets to support six endowed scholarships—but more about those in a future issue of CONNECTING.