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PROUD TO BE A ROTARIAN: A REPORT FROM MOZAMBIQUE

By Michael Paddock

Once again, I was reminded how proud I am to be a member of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee.

This spring I led an engineering team assigned to Mozambique after Cyclone Idai at the request of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).



Community taking refuge after the flood

On March 21st, Cyclone Idai made landfall with 220 km/hr winds, damaging or destroying over 4,200 school classrooms, 94 clinics and 240,000 homes. Before the cyclone struck, Mozambique was the ninth poorest country on the planet (180 of 189) based upon the Human Development Index—so on its own the government had little capacity to respond.

Upon my arrival, I reached out to the Rotary Club of Beira Mozambique. As has always been my experience with Rotary Clubs around the globe, the club welcomed me with open arms and immediately connected me to the local network of builders, engineers and businesses. Their hospitality was immediate and amazing.

Using funds from the Rotary Foundation's new Disaster Response Fund, the Beira Club was already hard at work, repairing schools and supporting the community with critical needs. I was able to witness once again the power of Rotary's local presence and network. While I and other organizations were still "getting the lay of the land", Rotary was already moving – delivering much needed assistance to those in need. *(continued on page 2)*

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: OPEN WORLD SERBIAN DELEGATION

By Kris Martinsek

The Milwaukee Rotary Club has been selected by Rotary International to participate in an exchange and partnership program through the Open World Leader Center (OWLC). The OWLC is an independent government agency of the US Congress and the program is designed to enhance understanding and cooperation between Congress, American communities, and global leaders.

From September 27 through October 5, our Club will host a delegation from Serbia travelling to the US to learn about Watershed Management and Wastewater Treatment. The delegation will include five delegates, a facilitator and a translator. Our challenge is to create an educational program as well as entertainment and social activities spanning the nine day visit. Rotary members are also being asked to provide home stays for the delegates. It's a big job but we know our members will rise to the occasion.

Program: The World Service Committee has been working with organizations including MMSD, the City of Milwaukee Water Department, UWM School of Freshwater Sciences, the Water Council, Menomonee Valley Partners, River Revitalization Council, and the Harbor District to create tour and education opportunities. We will finalize the September 27-October 4 program in the coming weeks.

Social Events: We have time the weekend they arrive (September 27-29) and weekday evenings to plan some cultural and social activities. Again, several generous club members have offered to host dinners and the delegation will be our guests at the Tuesday Rotary lunch. Open Doors Milwaukee offers some fun options, museums, and shopping are all possibilities.

We hope to round out a schedule later this month when we receive bios on each delegate and learn more about their backgrounds and interests. But right now we know that since 2012 about 40% of delegates have been under 30, and more than half have been federal, regional, or local government officials. *(continued on page 2)*

LIVE @ THE LAKEFRONT CONTINUES IN AUGUST

Don't forget to join us for the twelfth season of RCM's summer concert series, Live @ the Lakefront. The series is held in the outdoor Rotary Amphitheater at Discovery World. Concerts are 6:00 to 9:00pm each Wednesday

August 7th - VIVO
August 14th - Blues Disciples
August 21st - Golpe Tierra
August 28th - Natty Nation

We would like to extend a big thank you to our 2019 sponsors! Our event sponsors include Park Bank, Laffey, Leitner & Goode LLC, Cushman & Wakefield and the Boerke Company, and Prarie Springs, The Paul Fleckenstein Trust.

Our season sponsors are Discovery World, Bartolotta's Events & Catering, and The Harbor House.

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



A REPORT FROM MOZAMBIQUE (CONT'D)

The power of the worldwide Rotary network continues to amaze me and I would like to thank you for your continued support of The Rotary Foundation.

Michael Paddock is a Senior Engineer with Engineers Without Borders. He has worked with the Rotary Club of Milwaukee and MSOE on projects in Guatemala.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS (CONT'D)

So if you have suggestions or can step up to plan or host an activity, please contact us.

We will divide each of the 12 hour days into three four-hour shifts, morning, afternoon, and evening and will need lots of volunteers to make this work. We will need a 12-passenger van driver and hosts every day to accompany the group all nine days. By the end of August, we hope to have a detailed schedule so we can begin to slot volunteers and be more specific about duties and timing. For now, please just consider participating and let us know when you might be available and your area of interest – providing a room, driving the van, hosting a meal or an event, accompanying the group for a morning or afternoon, or anything else you feel would enhance the experience and enrich their time with us.

Please contact the Rotary Office if you would like to volunteer your time.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Sebastian Mei is thrilled to have returned to his hometown of Milwaukee after spending most of the past 25 years in New York City and Chicago in the world of advertising. Sebastian currently serves as the Chief Marketing and Financial Officer at Milwaukee Film and is excited to play a prominent role within an organization that provides such a positive impact on the city. Sebastian and his husband moved into the Riverwest neighborhood in 2018 and are enjoying the city's beer gardens, biking the lakefront and getting more involved in the community.



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Johnsons Park and Wellness in the Park

The Johnsons Park committee is dedicated to strengthening the relationship the Rotary Club of Milwaukee has with the Johnsons Park neighborhood. One of the ways the committee does this is by supporting community use of Johnsons Park itself. The Rotary Club of Milwaukee was integral in the renovation of the park, which now includes a playground, pavillion, and open air performance stage.

Recently, Neu Life Community Development has been holding Wellness Wednesdays in the park, where kids can participate in a variety of programming.



CONNECT WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Networking Socials

MKE Brewing Company

Thursday, September 12th

Mix and mingle with Rotarians at our monthly Networking Social from 5 - 7pm at MKE Brewing Company on 9th St. Appetizers will be provided along with a cash bar. Bring your spouse, a friend, a prospective member, or just yourself.

Tyrotarian Tours

A.O. Smith Corporate Technology Center

Wednesday, September 18th at 4pm

Dierks Hall at MSOE

Wednesday, October 9th at 4pm

Join us for tyrotarian tours that are changing the technology industry in the Milwaukee area.

Barn Party for the RCM Scholarship Program

Saturday, September 21st

Join the fun for an awesome barn party at Rotarian Karen Forrer's barn in Mequon. There will be live music provided by Rotarians Bill Rotter and Steve Ziembiec, a flavorful BBQ and lots of cold beverages. Tickets are \$100 apiece and proceeds support the RCM Scholarship Program.

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Urban Ecology Center - Riverside Park

Sunday, September 29th

We invite you to hike with us through the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum to benefit the URban Ecology Center. The routes are family-friendly and tailored to different abilities so everyone can participate. RCM is the title sponsor for this event.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

August 6th - Matthew Krueger, US Attorney

Law enforcement agencies at all levels are committed to working with stakeholders to address human trafficking. We have to understand what human trafficking is and how best to fight it. As the top-ranking federal law enforcement official in the area, United States Attorney Matthew D. Krueger will discuss the various forms of human trafficking we face in our region and suggest ways we can work together to prevent exploitation, bring justice to traffickers, and help victims.

August 13th - Joe Solmonese

Rotarian Richie Burke will interview Joe Solmonese, the CEO of the DNC Committee for a live GoGedders Podcast. They will dive into Joe's backstory, then talk about what the Committee is doing to prep for the convention, and how it will impact the city before, during and after the convention, and much much more. The GoGedders is a community based podcast produced by GGMM and syndicated by OnMilwaukee.

August 20th - Guy Smith

Guy Smith, Director of the Milwaukee County Parks System will share an update on the Domes, discuss the Parks Fund with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and talk about the challenges and opportunities facing the Parks system.

August 27th - Kelly Fitzsimmons

Kelly Fitzsimmons is a serial tech entrepreneur, artist, author, and mother of two. In May, she published "Lost in Startuplandia: Wayfinding for the Weary Entrepreneur," which was named by Inc. magazine to its 2019 summer reading list. She is the cofounder of Custom Reality Services, a virtual reality (VR) production company. Keller is the recipient of the Silvertip PwC Entrepreneurship Award and Speech Technology's Luminary Award. Her work has been published by Network Computing, InformationWeek, and Inc. An active angel investor, she serves on the technology committee for BELLE USA, a venture fund that invests in women-led startups.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE RCM COMMUNITY TRUST

CLEAN WATER FOR CHUPOJ3

By Jerry Stepaniak

The community of Chupoj3 in Guatemala lacks clean drinking water for its approximately 720 residents. Currently, the community is using a rainwater catchment during the rainy season and purchasing expensive trucked-in water during the dry season. They twice attempted to drill a well for a new water supply, but due to the igneous nature of the bedrock, it was unsuccessful even at a depth of 1000 feet.

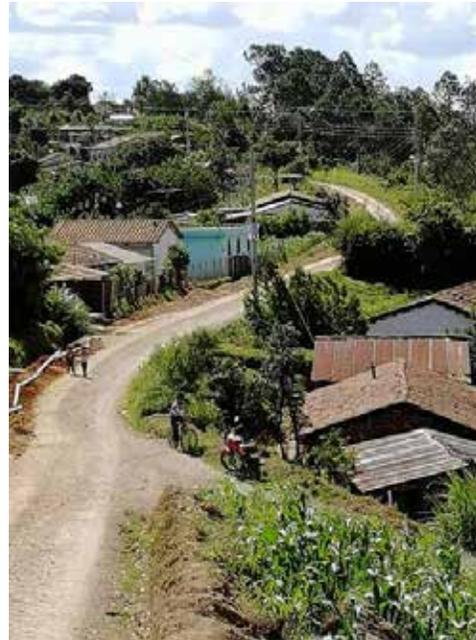
Chupoj3 and the surrounding municipality of Chiche requested assistance from Engineers Without Borders (EWB) to design and fund a functioning water system. The community purchased two springs located 450 meters below the community, and the new system will pump the water using an electrical pump through a conduction line to a storage tank. The water will then be distributed to the 120 homes using gravity distribution piping. Training for community residents in sanitation methods is also included.



The new suction tank that will hold water pumped up from the springs

Key elements were funded locally. The Municipality of Chiche paid for the spring boxes, pump station and conduction piping. The village of Chupoj3 is providing volunteer labor to install conduction piping up the mountain and to dig trenches by hand for distribution piping within the community. A local hardware store donated \$10,000 of materials.

But there was still a need to raise \$90,000. To make this vision a reality the Rotary Club of Milwaukee (RCM) collaborated with our partners EWB-USA, the Vista Hermosa Rotary Club (VHRC) and District 4250 in Guatemala, and other Wisconsin Rotary Clubs.



The village of Chupoj3, in the Chiche region of Guatemala

Here is a quick summary of the funding sources:

\$16,000	Rotary Club of Milwaukee
\$22,500	Other Rotary Clubs *
\$51,500	The Rotary Foundation

* Elkhorn, Elmbrook, Fond du Lac Sunrise, Fox Cities Morning, Mitchell Field, Mukwonago, Oshkosh, Waukesha Sunrise, Whitnall, Vista Hermosa-Guatemala City.



Pipe leading up to the tank from the springs

As evidenced in the photos, work is progressing rapidly with an anticipated completion date of September 30th.

Jerry Stepaniak is a Co-Chair of the World Community Service committee. He has traveled to Guatemala five times with the Rotary Club of Milwaukee.