



# CONNECTING

## THE U.N. AND THE REALITIES OF INTERDEPENDENCE



**Dr. Payam Akhavan** was the first Legal Advisor to the Prosecutor's Office of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda at The Hague (1994-2000) and made significant contributions to its foundational jurisprudence. He has also served in the field with the UN in Bosnia, Croatia, Cambodia, Guatemala, Timor Leste, and Rwanda. He is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and the New York State bar and has appeared as counsel and advocate in leading cases before the various international courts and the Supreme Courts of Canada and the United States.

In 2017, he delivered the CBC Massey Lectures, *In Search of a Better World. A Human Rights Odyssey*, which ran September 13 - October 4 in five different Canadian cities. His companion book was the number one bestseller (non-fiction) in Canada.

Professor Akhavan teaches and researches on public international law, international dispute settlement, international criminal law, human rights and cultural pluralism at McGill University. He received the degree of Doctor of the Science of Jurisprudence (SJD) from Harvard Law School and, prior to joining McGill, he was a Senior Fellow at Yale Law School, and a UN prosecutor at The Hague. In 2016, he was appointed a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague and, in 2018, he was appointed to the Panel of Arbitrators of the World Bank's International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes in Washington. He was promoted to full professor in 2019.

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## SERBIAN DELEGATION LEARNS ABOUT WATER MANAGEMENT IN MILWAUKEE

Our Serbian Delegation took part in a whirlwind tour of wastewater treatment and watershed management in southeastern Wisconsin.

As you have heard at our luncheons, the Rotary Club of Milwaukee was selected 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.



The delegation included five Serbian civic leaders, a facilitator and a translator:

- Facilitator Dejan Gajic, Economic Assistant, US Embassy in Belgrade
- Branko Bjelic, Deputy Mayor, Nova Varos
- Goran Dimitrijevic, Deputy Mayor, Babusnica
- Jelena Krstic, Department Head of Project Planning for Waste and wastewater Management, Ministry of Environmental Protection
- Stefan Stevic, Department Head for Urban Planning, Veliko Gradiste
- Slavko Todorovic, Network Administrator, Temerin
- Interpreter Teodora Burian of Skokie, IL

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A special thanks to Kris Martinsek, Jerry Stepaniak, and Theresa Reagan, who planned an exceptional week of learning and social activities.

RCM worked with MMSD, the City of Milwaukee Water Department, UWM School of Freshwater Sciences, The Water Council, Menomonee Valley Partners, Mayor Tom Barrett, River Revitalization Foundation, Urban Ecology Center, MillerCoors, Inc., Discovery World, the Harbor District and the Riverwalk.

Additionally, social events and other activities included tours of the Harley Davidson Museum, Fiserv Forum, and Turner Hall, HKE MKE at the Urban Ecology Center, shopping at the Pleasant Prairie Outlet Mall in Kenosha, sailing with Eric Isbister on Lake Michigan, socializing at Uncle Buck's on Old World Third St., and spectacular parties at the homes of the Eric and Mary Isbister, and Julilly Kohler.

Our delegation truly had a wonderful experience: *"The program was exceptional and extraordinary. We have no complaints. The Rotary Club of Milwaukee did a phenomenal job and deserves all the kudos!"*

Thank you to our partners who hosted programming, Rotarians who opened their homes to the delegates for overnight stays, and hosted parties. Special thanks to our volunteers who took time from their schedules to drive the 12 passenger van for the delegation. This program would not have been successful without all of your efforts.



## SPEAKER SCHEDULE

### **October 15th - Glenn Kleiman, 88.9 Radio Milwaukee**

Rotarian Jamie Reeve will interview 88Nine Radio Milwaukee Executive Director Glenn Kleiman and Backline Artist Klassik. Backline is 88Nine's program fostering and launching local musician's careers. It aims to promote Milwaukee's musical talent in an effort to reshape our city's image nationally.

### **October 22nd - UN Day with Payam Akhavan UN and the Realities of Interdependence**

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### **October 29th - Jim Shields, HGA Milwaukee's War Memorial & Art Museum: A History**

Jim Shields will trace the history of the transformation of the lakefront in a talk illustrated with historic drawings and photographs of the area including the Saarinen War Memorial, the Kahler Wing expansion, the Calatrava Addition, and Discovery World.

### **November 5th - Mongol Rally**

Rotarian Richie Burke will interview three intrepid travelers from Milwaukee who recently completed a 10,000 mile journey across Europe and Asia for the GoGedders Podcast.

## MEET THE ROTARY CLUB OF MILWAUKEE'S NEW SCHOLARS!

This spring the RCM Scholarship Program received over 50 very strong applications from Milwaukee high school seniors. After a round of interviews, the committee extended financial support and mentorship to seven new scholars.



**Kiya Mooney**  
**Mary & Bill Herd, & Rozena Baker Barber Scholar**

*High School: Bradley Technology & Trade School*  
*College: UW-Stout*  
*Anticipated Major: Electrical Engineering*

Kiya is the first recipient of the Mary and Bill Herd, & Rozena Baker Barber Scholarship, which supports an African-American graduate of MPS who intends to pursue a career in science, technology, engineering, math or teaching. Kiya's career goal is to change and improve technology.



**Alexander Mancilla**  
**RCM Leadership Scholar**

*High School: Carment High School of Science and Technology*  
*College: Marquette University*

Alex is the first recipient of the RCM Leadership Scholarship, which is awarded to a student who exemplifies promise and potential to be a leader in the Milwaukee community.



**Omar Chavez**  
*High School: Carmen High School of Science and Technology*  
*College: UW-Milwaukee*  
*Anticipated Major: Engineering*

Omar discovered a passion for engineering after taking several rigorous Project Lead The Way courses in high school. He also enjoys playing soccer and hopes to become part of the soccer team at Milwaukee.



**Nathalia Dominguez**  
*High School: Carmen School of Science and Technology*  
*College: Marquette University*  
*Anticipated Major: Psychology*

Natalia discovered a love for psychology in high school. She would like to study how people's life experiences shape them and their decisions by becoming a behavioral analyst.



**Leah Moore**  
*High School: Pulaski*  
*College: UW-Milwaukee*  
*Anticipated Major: Criminal Justice*

Leah was a member of her high school's honor roll and played soccer. She enjoys writing in her free time. Leah would like to become a Forensic Analyst and continue her education to obtain a law degree.

**Tavirelle K. Moore**  
*High School: James Madison Academic High School*  
*College: Miles College (Alabama)*  
*Major: Kinesiology or Education*

Tavirelle was a multi-sport athlete in high school and Vice President of the Senior Board. He would like to teach and coach high school football, and hopes to mentor youth through sports.



**Juan Padilla-Mendez**  
*High School: Reagan High School*  
*College: UW-Oshkosh*  
*Major: Biology*

Juan has worked as a CNA at Aurora/St Luke's, and has an interest in becoming a Physician's Assistant. He would like to enrich the lives of others in his community through the medical field.

*Special thanks to all of our outstanding RCM Scholarship Committee members and mentors for making this program possible!*



# MEET RCM'S CONTINUING SCHOLARS!

## William Adams Scholar



**Aleeya Conway**  
*Marquette University, Psychology*  
This is Aleeya's second year as a resident assistant. She is also a mentor in the Women and Youth Support Club.

## Jim and Judy Ford Scholar



**Alexis Edwards**  
*UW-Madison, Bio-Medical Engineering*  
This year Alexis is co-leading a research group tasked with developing a glue for lacerations.

## James I. Miller III Scholar



**Dayanara Gonzalez**  
*Mount Mary University, Education*  
Dayanara loves learning, and has made many friends through classes, clubs, and crocheting.

## Gordon & Elizabeth Smith Scholar



**Jorge Olmo-Santiago**  
*UW-Whitewater, Communications*  
Jorge continues to strive for an A in every class, (3.8 GPA last year). He is hopeful to secure an internship next summer.



**Vanessa Garnica**  
*Mount Mary, International Studies*  
Vanessa won the Academic Major Award for International Studies last year. Congratulations, Vanessa!



**Guillermo Guerrero**  
*UW-Milwaukee, Psychology*  
Guillermo is dedicated to his studies, and his mentors have been very helpful. He volunteered at the Golf Outing in June.



**Jim Her**  
*UW-Madison, Kinesiology*  
As Finance Chair for the Hmong American Student Association, Jim has enjoyed leading and providing resources for its members.



**Chue Lee Chang**  
*Northland College, Urban Studies*  
Chue joined Northland's Student Council, and learned about aquaponics through an internship last semester.



**Christine Little**  
*Northland College, Environmental Science*  
Christine is exploring her post-grad career plans in her final year of college with her professors and advisor.



**Anthony Pittman**  
*UW-Madison, Marketing*  
Last year, Anthony joined a first year interest group: Education Policy: Youth, Education, and Society.



**Alvaro Rodriguez**  
*Carroll University, Music Therapy*  
Alvaro developed an orientation program for incoming freshman last year. He is in his final year of studies.



**Mayra Solis**  
*Mount Mary University, Education*  
Mayra worked at COA this summer to gain more experience in her journey to educate youth.



**Dalicia Simpson**  
*Minnesota - Twin Cities, Pre-Medicine*  
Dalia serves as the President of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She was their representative at the National PanHellenic Conference.



**Kenyon Terrell**  
*Fordham University, Theatre*  
Kenyon is ecstatic to be in New York learning and being exposed to pioneers in his field.



**Shawn Turner**  
*Marquette University, Engineering*  
Shawn interned with Rockwell Automation in North Carolina, and has accepted a position at their HQ upon his graduation next spring. Congratulations, Shawn!



**Jose Uribe**  
*UW-Whitewater, Spanish Education/ESL & International Studies*  
Jose is active in the Voto Latino group where he serves as Director of Public Affairs.



**Nhia Vang**  
*UW-Madison, Personal Finance*  
Nhia Vang took a 5th year to obtain his coding certificate. He will graduate next spring.



**Zoua Pa Yang**  
*Mount Mary University, Art Education*  
Zoua spent the summer in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where she took courses on Thai culture and dance.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Matt Haas CPA, CFA® is a shareholder for Pegasus Partners Ltd in Mequon where he works as a Wealth Advisor. He is the Treasurer for the Friends of the Forest Preserves (Cook County, IL), on the board of the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, and one of the five Rotarian Board members for the River Revitalization Foundation. Matt was born and raised on Milwaukee's East Side, where he resides with his wife Victoria (also a CPA) and three young children. Look for them hiking, biking, boating, swimming, golfing, skiing or exploring new ways to enjoy the Wisconsin outdoors.



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Kristine Havlik is a business lawyer with Foley & Lardner, where she focuses on complex estate planning, business succession planning and estate and trust administration. In 2018, Kris received the Philanthropic Five award from the United Way for her work with the Wisconsin Wills for Heroes program, a national program designed to provide eligible emergency personnel with free basic estate planning documents. Kris is a troop leader for Girl Scout Troop 8339 and is an assistant coach for the Waukesha Catholic middle school forensics team. She resides in Waukesha with her husband Frank and two children, Cameron and Emma.



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Jason Rae is the President & CEO of the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce, an organization he founded in 2012. He is also a partner at the Milwaukee-based public affairs firm, Nation Consulting, where he has worked since 2008. In addition, he serves as the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee, elected to that role in 2017. He currently serves on the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District Board, the board of VISIT Milwaukee, and several other community organizations. Jason holds a BA from Marquette University. He lives in Glendale with his husband, Phillip Bailey.



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Aaron Schmanski currently serves as Vice President at First Business Bank. He works closely with business clients with their investment management needs, and heavy focus helping companies design and implement Employee Benefit Plans. Raised in the Fox Valley area, Aaron moved to Milwaukee in 1990 to attend UW-Milwaukee, earning both his BBA and MBA. Today, Aaron with his wife Jenny and son Jack, make their home in the Town of Grafton. Outside of youth sports, they spend spring and summer in their vegetable gardens, appreciating Wisconsin's wildlife throughout their property. Aaron is very active within his community and coaches various youth sports.



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# SPOTLIGHT ON THE RCM COMMUNITY TRUST

## SUPPORTING BAHAMAS RELIEF EFFORTS FROM MILWAUKEE

Last month, we learned yet again just how much destruction hurricanes can cause. In early September, Hurricane Dorian ravaged the northern islands of the Bahamas, leaving much of Grand Bahama and the Abaco Islands devastated, with over 50 dead, and many still missing.

As always, Rotarians respond to some of the world's greatest needs. Our fellow club member Mike Paddock deployed to Nassau on September 9th on assignment with Engineers without Borders at the request of the United Nations.



*An aerial view of damage caused by Hurricane Dorian on Great Abaco Island in September.*

Mike, through his work with Engineers without Borders, has worked on reconstruction efforts in Mozambique and Guatemala in the past year alone. In a recent CONNECTING newsletter article, he talked about how proud he was to be a Rotarian and work with Rotary Clubs in these ravaged communities.

In September, our Rotary Board of Directors discussed how our club should respond with a financial donation. They determined that using funds from the RCM Community Trust, the Club would match donations made by members up to \$5,000.



Rotarians responded to the Board's decision to support relief efforts in the Bahamas with enthusiasm and the Rotary Club of Milwaukee will be sending nearly \$11,000 to Rotary International's Bahamas Disaster Relief Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity in responding to devastating natural disasters.

The match came from the Orth Fund, a legacy fund created by the family of Phil and Mariette Orth. Phil Orth joined RCM in 1947 and was RCM president 1954-55, District Governor 1961-62 and the recipient of the Rotary Person of the Year award in 1982, among his many other accomplishments. He had a deep commitment and love for Rotary and remained a Rotarian until his death in 2009. 🌐

