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August 8 Rotary Meeting at Park Hotel Kaleem Caire: Our Club's Commitment to Ending the Achievement Gap in Madison's Schools

In 2017 a Madison Rotary Foundation membership survey was taken asking if members would be supportive of our Community Grants Committee setting aside funds specifically for a single large impact project. There was a resounding "yes!" So an ad hoc committee was formed to investigate a large impact initiative aimed at serving people in need in our community. After much deliberation, One City Schools was chosen to receive the \$100,000 grant with plans being worked out for its launch in March of 2019.

Join us on Wednesday, August 8, when fellow Rotarian **Kaleem Caire** will provide an overview of how One City Schools is helping to narrow the achievement gap in Madison's schools and how our grant will be assisting.

Kaleem Caire is the founder and CEO of One City Schools which has two preschools, serving ages 1-3 and 4K, and is adding kindergarten this fall.

A native of Madison, Kaleem has led three national and regional organizations focused on education reform, and community and workforce development. He's been recognized nationally and locally for his efforts. He rejoined our Rotary club last year.

To plan for sufficient seating, members bringing guests to our weekly meetings are asked to contact the Rotary office with the number of guests you plan to bring by Tuesday noon (rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org or phone 255-9164).



Upcoming Program at Park Hotel

(unless otherwise noted)

- **August 15**
TR Loon
Truly Remarkable Loon Comes to Rotary
- **August 22**
Peter Wilt
Launching Madison's First Professional Soccer Team
- **August 29**
Rotary District Governor Bill Hoel

National Parks – The Joy Trip Project; "Closing the Gap" & Ensuring Access to Our Parks by Diverse Populations

James Edward Mills grew up in a family steeped in the civil rights movement in Los Angeles. His father, who served on the city council and was called the "de facto Mayor of LA" for a time, was an advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr. His parents strove to make it possible for children of color in their community to achieve, excel and become anything they wanted. They supported James in what he wanted, which was to excel in outdoors adventure.

Right out of college Mills took a backpacking trip from the rim to the floor of the Grand Canyon. He explored Yosemite National Park and climbed the tallest mountain in California, Mount Whitney. He couldn't help but notice that there were not many adventurers in these places who looked like him.

It's true. African Americans make up only two percent of the visitors to the National Parks and an even smaller percentage of those who participate in more strenuous adventures. Mills wanted to change that. In 2012 he was part of an expedition of six men and three women who were the first all African American team to climb Denali. In 2016 he won the lottery – that is, the lottery to have a permit to raft through the Grand Canyon. On that adventure the guide told Mills that he was the first African American to join one of his rafting trips in his 40 years on the Colorado River.

As a freelance journalist who has worked in several roles in the outdoor industry since 1989, Mills wants to change the narrative. He learned from documentarian Ken Burns, who produced the series “The National Parks: America’s Best Idea,” that African Americans have long been engaged in the preservation of natural areas. For example, the “Buffalo Soldiers” were members of peacetime all-black regiments of the U.S. Army in the early 20th century. Burns said they were, in effect, the first national park rangers, and they were instrumental in preserving the giant redwoods in California.

Mills figured that if he had not heard that story before, most other people had not heard it either. He launched a blog called The Joy Trip Project (joytripproject.org) to document stories of African Americans engaged in outdoors adventure. Mills also is the author of a new book, “The Adventure Gap: Changing the Face of the Outdoors.”

Mills believes that if equality means you can do anything, that includes climbing mountain peaks. He takes literally the words in Martin Luther King’s iconic “I Have a Dream” speech: “Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York... from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania... from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado... from the curvaceous slopes of California!”

But you don’t have to go to one of these spectacular places to change the narrative, Mills said. He lauded places in Madison, such as Troy Gardens, the Ice Age Trail and the Aldo Leopold Nature Center, which are making intentional efforts to show a broad diversity of people who enjoy natural areas and work to preserve their beauty. He said children need to be introduced to nature from a science perspective, not just for recreation.

“Nature isn’t just the national parks,” Mills said. “Every time you enjoy a sip of water, a fresh salad or a breath of clean air, you benefit from the preservation of natural areas and resources.”

Our thanks to James Edward Mills for speaking and to Andrea Kaminski for preparing this review article.



Invite Your Children and Grandchildren to our August 15 Rotary Luncheon when the *Truly Remarkable Loon Comes to Rotary*

Our **Second Century Fellowship Group** would like children and grandchildren of our Rotary members to learn more about our Rotary Club and the many wonderful things we do as well as to see how it has impacted their parents and/or grandparents. As part of that learning process, we invite your children and grandchildren to our **3rd Annual Bring Your Child/Grandchild to our Rotary luncheon on Wednesday, August 15**. We will meet at our usual time with a noon lunch and our meeting running from 12:15 – 1:10 pm at the Park Hotel. *Children of all ages are welcome! Last year, we had children in attendance, ranging in age from 2 to 17!*

Program: **Truly Remarkable Loon** is a comedy juggler and has performed for many audiences including at the Overture Center, Schools, Fairs and Festivals across America. He has been juggling giant bean bag chairs, spinning plates, tossing the dreaded implements of death, and those ever flaming torches. This will be an entertaining program for children and Rotarians.

Registration: Please contact the Rotary office at rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org or 608-255-9164 to make a reservation for your children and/or grandchildren to attend our Rotary luncheon.

Meal Choices: For children attending, let us know which meal selection they would like: 1) Mac & cheese, fruit and cookie meal or Chicken & noodles, veggie & cookie at \$9/child. Deadline to register is August 10.

Bringing a Guest to Rotary?

If you plan to bring a guest to a Rotary luncheon, here is the procedure to follow:

- 1) Send an email or call the Rotary office (rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org or 255-9164) by Tuesday noon. Let them know the number of guests you plan to bring. You need only give the number of guests you are bringing and do not need to provide the name/s.
- 2) When you arrive at the meeting, you will fill out a guest name badge at the registration table.
- 3) The lunch cost is \$18 per person, payable at the registration table. Cash, checks (payable to Rotary Club of Madison) credit card are accepted.

- 4) If your guest is a potential new member, let the Rotary office know that information and then also provide the name. We provide one complimentary lunch for any potential new member. If it is a potential new member, a name badge and meal ticket will be prepared and will be ready for pick-up at the registration table..

By advising the Rotary office in advance about guest plans, we can better accommodate seating for everyone during our Rotary luncheon. Thank you.

Volunteer For James Madison Park Clean Up August 30

Our Community Projects Committee encourages members to sign-up and help Clean Lakes Alliance to clean up James Madison Beach on **Thursday, August 30th, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm**. Tools and equipment will be provided, but bring gloves. It's a great way to help out as summer is winding down!

If you can help out, contact the Rotary office at 255-9164 or rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org to sign-up by August 24.

Proposed Amendments to Club Constitution

The Club Board appointed a special committee to review actions of Rotary International Council on Legislation and to recommend action to Club's directors. Members serving on the committee were **Roth Judd**, Bylaws Advisor; **Donna Hurd**, **Frank Byrne**, **Mario Mendoza** and **Melanie Ramey**. Recommendations from the committee were submitted to the Club Board of Directors in March.



The Committee recommended that the Club amend the Club's Constitution to conform with an action of the Council on Legislation if the amendment was either to improve our Constitution or afforded our Club greater scope to control the Club's own requirements and procedures.

In a few instances, without substantive change, provisions would be renumbered so that they correspond to the numbers of their counterparts in the Standard Club Constitution.

The Club Board of Directors approved the recommendations of the special committee and recommend that club members adopt the following amendments to the Club's Constitution:

- 16-10 To amend the Second Avenue of Service to add that the role of members includes «lending their vocational skills to club developed projects in order to address the issues and needs of society »
- 16-21 To allow for flexibility in club meetings and attendance
- 16-26 To amend the provisions for canceling a meeting
- 16-30 To revise attendance provisions to allow for both in person and online meeting participation
- 16-36 To allow for flexibility in membership
- 16-38 To revise the provisions for membership
- 16-47 To amend the provisions for honorary membership
- 16-48 To amend the provisions for suspension of membership
- 16-51 To amend the provisions for transferring and former Rotarians

The Council on Legislation Report and a detailed description of each action is available by contacting the Rotary office. We will also have reference copies available at the club luncheon.

Members will be asked to approve these amendments to our Club's Constitution during our August 8 Rotary luncheon.



Look Who's Celebrating a Birthday!

- **Aug. 6 -- Megan Ballard** -- Adm. Date: 12/06/2017 Retail-Services & Products. West Towne Mall Former member at Wausau 2013-14
- **Aug. 8 -- Sarah Best** -- Adm. Date: 04/05/2017 Advertising, Publicity & Public Relations. Sarah Best Strategy
- **Aug. 10 -- Christine Beatty** -- Adm. Date: 08/23/1989 Community Services. Madison Senior Center Director 2002-04. President 2004-05. PHF (5)

- **Aug. 10 -- Carl Hampton** -- Adm. Date: 06/06/2018 Colleges & Universities-Administration & Support. University of Wisconsin System
- **Aug. 11 -- Paul Hoffmann** -- Adm. Date: 09/05/2012 Financial Institutions. Monona Bank PHF
- **Aug. 11 -- Beverly Simone** -- Adm. Date: 05/01/2013 Education-Retired. Formerly Rotarian at La Crosse 1989; Madison 1989-2004; Burlington, IA 1987-89; 2005-12 PHF

Weekly Statistics

MakeUp Artists

Harned, Lew and Rozenfeld, Jon at South 7/23; Wilson, Mike at Horizons 7/26.

Guest List for August 1, 2018

Jessica Tormey of Donna Beestman; Holly Frank and Ethan Psyk of John Sims and Renée Frank; Mary Murphy of Margaret Murphy; Ernie Stetenfeld of Cheryl Wittke; Jenny (2001 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar), Shinn, Aaron and Claire Wang of Grace Chosy; Kyle Engelke of David Billing; Pamela Hinchman of Ted DeDee; Kathryn Averback of Deb Archer; Ken Kraus of Bob Shumaker; Brenna Holzhauer of Mike Strigel; Jack McLaughlin of Diane Everson.

Attendance Record

Date	Total Members	Total Active	Active Attending (incl. make-ups)	Percentage
08/02/2017	482	372	358 (121)	96.24%
08/01/2018	493	383	330 (117)	86.16%