



The Madison, WI Rotary News for February 16, 2018

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February 21 at the Park Hotel

Jo Handelsman: From the White House to Wisconsin: A Journey in Science

Join us next Wednesday, February 21, at the Park Hotel, when **Dr. Jo Handelsman** will talk about her return to Madison after serving in President Obama’s administration for three years as the Associate Director for Science in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in Washington D.C.

Dr. Handelsman is the Director of the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery at UW-Madison, as well as a Vilas Research Professor and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor. She earned her PhD degree at UW-Madison in Molecular Biology and has served on the faculties of UW-Madison and Yale University. Dr. Handelsman has authored over 100 papers, 30 editorials and 3 books. She is responsible for groundbreaking studies in microbiology and gender in science.

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 (phone 255-9164 or rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org).



Upcoming Program at Park Hotel

(unless otherwise noted)

- **February 28**
Dr. Ken DeSantes
New Immunotherapy Research for Treating Childhood Cancer
- **March 7**
Todd Berry
How State Government and Politics Have Changed and What to Do About It
- **March 14**
Shiva Bidar-Sielaff
Immigrant Journeys: Shaped by Loss, Driven to Give Back

Celebrating Love on Valentine’s Day at Rotary

For Valentine’s Day, Rotarians and guests were treated to a lively performance of love songs from Broadway musicals by five very talented teen performers in the Southern WI Tommy Ensemble. Students from St. Ambrose Academy, Verona Area High School, Edgewood High School and Mt. Horeb High School sang solos and duets from musicals as diverse as *Phantom of the Opera*, *Carousel*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Motown the Musical*, and *Natasha, Pierre, & the Great Comet of 1812*.

The Southern WI Tommy Ensemble was created nine years ago, when its first members performed in 23 area high school musicals. This year the group has 92 productions on its schedule, with performances at the Overture Center, the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts in Milwaukee, The Grand Theater in Wausau and Wisconsin Public Television.

Students have to audition and be accepted into the company. The full ensemble has 21 students.

One high school senior who has been in the group for three years told Rotarians that he is auditioning for admission to post-secondary musical acting schools. Certainly his three years with the Tommy Ensemble will help!

At the end of the performance, after the standing ovation, a Rotarian in the audience asked for an encore. Clearly the performers did not have a plan for that, but they got up and sang a beautiful a capella version of our national anthem, which they have performed at sporting events.

Our thanks to members of the Southern WI Tommy Ensemble for their musical presentation and to Andrea Kaminski for preparing this review article.

Rotary Group Heads to Project Site in Ghana

Our group of Rotarians departs on February 17 to visit our club-funded project site in Ghana. Best wishes to **Ted Ballweg and his wife, Joan; Christine Beatty; Joyce Bromley; Greg Frank and his wife, Jamie; Kip Frautschi, Marci Henderson and Mary O'Brien**. Mary Crave of the UW-Extension who has traveled to the project site several times already is leading the group.

We wish the group well, and we are planning to have weekly updates on what they are doing while in Ghana to keep everyone updated. They return to Madison on March 2.



Wine Fellowshipers Attended a Different Kind of Tasting on Feb. 1

The **Wine Fellowship Group** met at **Mike and Patty Wilson's** for a "different" tasting. They tried fortified wines and added three Single Malt Scotches to show the effect of a REAL aftertaste. Members and guests alike found this tasting to their liking very much! To read more about the various wines and scotches, visit our [blog posting](#).



Another Successful Scotch Whisky/Lew Harned Society Event

Members and guests gathered at The Brink Lounge on February 12 for this month's Scotch Whisky Lew Harned Society Event. Our thanks to **Brian Basken** and **Curt Brink** for hosting the event.



Dinner and Discussion Fellowship Met on Feb. 13

Members and guests enjoyed a "Rotary Mardi Gras" held on February 13 at the home of **Steve Wallman**.

Action By Directors

The following, proposed as new members, were favorably considered by the Directors at a recent meeting. Members are accorded a period of ten days within which objections may be filed in writing, stating the specific reason for the objection and signed by the objecting member, and sent to the Executive Director in the Rotary office. Consideration of a membership proposal is to be kept confidential, and members should not discuss membership with any listed candidate at this time. After the ten-day period, the sponsors will be notified of the status of the candidate.

NAME	ORGAINZATION	CLASSIFICATION	PROPOSERS
Frank, Renee	Frank Productions	Business Services	Haley Saalsaa & Craig Bartlett
Savino, Jennifer	KW2	Advertising, Publicity & Public Relations	Jason Beren & Bryan Chan
Swenson, Julie	Forward Theater Company	Arts-Performing	Roth Judd & Jennifer Winding
Trone, Carole	CTrone Consulting LLC	Consulting	Melanie Ramey & Becky Steinhoff

New Make-up Option



Members can now watch any of our Rotary speakers on our YouTube Channel, and it will count as a make-up for 14 days before or after any missed regular meeting. Visit our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/rotaryclubofmadison> to view past speakers from our club meetings.

If you use this make-up option, you can send an email to the Rotary office at rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org to let them know the date you watched the video, and they will record the make-up for you. We hope you enjoy this new way to help maintain 50% attendance in Rotary.



February Rotary District Newsletter

The February edition of the Rotary District 6250 Newsletter, *The District Dispatch*, is now available. Click on the following link to read about happenings within our Rotary

District: <http://www.rotary6250.org/currentnewsletter>.



Members in the News

- **Renee Moe** was quoted in an article titled, "Dolly Parton, Dane Co. United Way sending free library books to kids." [WSJ 2/8](#)
- **Kathryn Smith** was quoted in an article titled, "With careful shifts, Madison Opera stages 'Abduction'." [TCT 2/7](#)



Happy Birthday to You!

- **Feb. 18 -- Dave Ewanowski** -- Adm. Date: 06/27/1990 Architecture. KEE Architecture, Inc. Director 2006-08; President 2009-10 PHF (6)
- **Feb. 18 -- Anne Neujahr Morrison** -- Adm. Date: 02/07/2018 Real Estate. Urban Land Interests
- **Feb. 18 -- Tom Ragatz** -- Adm. Date: 12/09/1981 Law-Retired. Director 1986-88 PHF (3)
- **Feb. 19 -- Virginia Henderson** -- Adm. Date: 10/11/1995 Education-Retired. PHF (7)
- **Feb. 20 -- Grace Chosy** -- Adm. Date: 10/11/1995 Retail-Services & Products-Retired. PHF (2)
- **Feb. 21 -- Greg Rutzen** -- Adm. Date: 03/01/2017 Community Services. Dane County Humane Society
- **Feb. 21 -- Kathryn Smith** -- Adm. Date: 10/02/2013 Arts-Performing. Madison Opera

- **Feb. 22 -- Don Helfrecht** -- Adm. Date: 09/09/1970 Energy Services-Retired. Director 1981-83; 100% Attendance since 12/26/1984 Formerly Rotarian at Madison West 1966 - 1970 PHF (2)
- **Feb. 23 -- Vikki Enright** -- Adm. Date: 04/05/2017 Foundations. Nimick Enright Consulting PHF
- **Feb. 23 -- Steve Johannsen** -- Adm. Date: 12/05/2012 Consulting. Steve Johannsen & Associates PHF
- **Feb. 23 -- Mark Moody** -- Adm. Date: 09/02/2009 Insurance-Retired. Sgt.-at-Arms 2013-14 Former member in CA, MN and Appleton WI PHF (4)
- **Feb. 23 -- Jim Sullivan** -- Adm. Date: 03/10/1971 Health Services-Retired. Formerly Rotarian at Peoria, IL PHF
- **Feb. 24 -- Dave Edinger** -- Adm. Date: 11/01/2017 Health Services. Edinger Surgical Options

Weekly Statistics

MakeUp Artists

Casey, Mike at Horizons 2/6; Donahue, Mary at Horizons 2/6; Franzen, Mike at Foley, AL 2/9; Haumersen, Scott at Breakfast 2/7; Neviasser, Ann at Naples, FL 2/2; Saalsaa, Haley at Breakfast 2/7; Shannahan, Glenna at Palm Desert, CA 2/6; Smith, Larry at WT-Middleton 2/9; Thompson, Mary at Sun City, AZ 2/2

Guest List – Feb. 14, 2018

Tim Sauers, Karra Beach & Gail Becker of Program Committee; Kim Landry of Steve Landry; Cindy Hyman of Alan Hyman

Attendance Record

Date	Total Members	Total Active	Active Attending (incl. make-ups)	Percentage
02/15/2017	478	350	330 (137)	94.29%
02/14/2018	500	371	359 (145)	96.77%



Limited Parking at Park Hotel February 21

If you park at the Park Hotel, note that on February 21, there will be almost no parking spaces available at the hotel. They will accommodate members with mobility issues, but anyone else should find a parking space away from the Park Hotel next week.