



The Madison, WI Rotary News for August 30, 2019

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Upcoming Program at Park Hotel

(unless otherwise noted)

- **September 11**
Conor Moran
The Wisconsin Book Festival (at **ALLIANT**)
- **September 18**
Daniel Smith
Uneven Ground: The Changing Landscape of America's Dairyland
- **September 25**
Karen Menendez Coller
The Personal Stories Behind "Immigrant Journeys from South of the Border" Exhibit; Creating Meaningful Conversations About Immigration



September 4 Rotary Meeting at Park Hotel Patty Loew: The Wisconsin Idea in the Land of Lincoln

Join us next Wednesday, September 4, at the Park Hotel, when **Dr. Patty Loew** (Bad River Ojibwe) shares her journey from UW-Madison to directing Northwestern University's new Center for Native American and Indigenous Research. She and other like-minded professors are trying to flip the research paradigm and

focus on collaborative community-based research framed by Native communities themselves.

Patty is a former broadcast journalist in public and commercial television. For 20 years, she hosted news and public affairs programs, including *WeekEnd* and *In Wisconsin*, for Wisconsin Public Television. This year she was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and received the state of Wisconsin's Martin Luther King Jr. Heritage Award. Prior to her position at Northwestern University, Dr. Loew was a professor at UW-Madison. She is Professor Emerita, UW-Extension, and is an Honorary Fellow in the Department of Civil Society and Community Studies in the UW-Madison School of Human Ecology.

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).

US Rep Mark Pocan Addresses Club

Today, U.S. Representative Mark Pocan shared updates and insights from Washington D.C. Rep. Pocan began by giving some background on the Second Congressional District which is much larger than most assume, including Dane County as well as more rural counties surrounding Dane. This array of both metropolitan and rural areas greatly impacts Rep. Pocan's areas of focus in Washington.

This fall, Rep. Pocan is hopeful to see movement in a few major areas: investment in infrastructure, prescription drug pricing (more generic drug equivalents) and gun violence prevention (background checks). He also anticipates that there will be a Continuing Resolution (CR) that would bide leaders some additional time (November/December) after the September 30 fiscal year end to develop an omnibus house appropriations bill and hopefully avoid a government shutdown.

Rep. Pocan finished by answering some submitted questions from Rotarians, including:

Q: What opportunities to do you see for bipartisanship?

A: There are a few areas called out above where we could see movement ahead of the Presidential election cycle. The biggest threat to bipartisanship is gerrymandering, which creates non-competitive districts. Competitive districts would force candidates to speak with all of the district constituents, encouraging additional voices to be heard.

Q: How do you feel Medicare for All would work?

A: The U.S. is the only industrialized nation to not offer universal healthcare. He believes we should focus on the value of having healthcare for all first, and then dig into the how best to accomplish it. Healthcare is the number one concern of his electorate.

Q: Why hasn't Congress started impeachment proceedings?

A: Congress has requested testimony from those involved, but invitations have been declined. They have now begun an impeachment investigation in order to compel witnesses to come forward and share their honest stories. After these testimonies, next steps will be developed.

Our thanks to US Rep Mark Pocan for speaking to us and to Jessika Kasten for providing this review article. We also thank WisconsinEye for videotaping our meeting this week. If you missed our meeting, you can watch the video [here](#).



Rotary International Campaign Raises \$58,045

In May, we held our third annual fund drive for the Rotary International Foundation. This is one of the four priorities of giving of our members--and not to be confused with our local annual fund drive which begins in October that raised dollars primarily for local projects in Madison. Here are some highlights from this year's Rotary International Foundation Fund Drive which Charles McLimans, our Rotary International Committee Chair, announced at our August 28th Rotary luncheon:

- We raised \$58,045 for The Rotary International Foundation during the May campaign. This means we were raised more than the required \$100 per member in order to qualify for matching dollars from our Rotary District and Rotary International. Thank you!
- 265 members made a gift to the campaign with 244 contributing at least \$100 to take advantage of receiving matching points towards a Paul Harris Fellow.
- 75 members achieved a Paul Harris Fellow level with 13 of them being new Paul Harris Fellows. The 75 members obtaining a new Paul Harris level during the May campaign were introduced during our August 28th luncheon.
- 53% of our members are now Paul Harris Fellows.

When giving to The Rotary International Foundation totals at least \$1,000, one can become a Paul Harris Fellow, named after the founder of Rotary. Individuals receive a special pin to recognize this giving level to assist the international foundation in providing support to its many worthy international projects and programs. Gifts to the Rotary International Foundation are helping areas hit by a natural disaster by having schools and other buildings rebuilt, women and men are taught skills in order to make a sustainable living, and children and adults receive much needed medical care. A great first-hand example of the type of project funded by your gifts to the Rotary International Foundation continues to be our club's Change HERstory project in Ghana.

At our luncheon, a handout was distributed which lists members who contributed to the campaign. It also includes members who achieved the Paul Harris Fellow level during the May campaign. We'll have extra copies at our Rotary luncheon next week.

Thanks to all members who made a contribution to the May, 2019 Rotary International Foundation campaign and for helping our club exceed our goal of \$100/member!

Nominate someone today!

Director Nominations

On an annual basis, the Rotary Club of Madison membership elects six members to serve on the club's board of directors. Next month, our **Director Nominating Committee** will begin its work on developing a listing of twelve candidates for the six openings that will occur on the Club Board of Directors for two-year terms beginning next July 1.

The committee is seeking input from the membership regarding members to consider for the twelve candidates. If you would like to submit a suggestion (it could even be yourself), send an email or mail a note to the Rotary office and include the name of the member as well as the reason for putting forth the name (committee work, etc.). As the committee reviews potential nominees, they look at the number of years in the club, whether the member has chaired a committee as well as service on committees in general and if the member is supportive of our philanthropic efforts.

Send your suggestions to the Rotary office by Sept. 14.



Manfred E. Swarsensky Humanitarian Service Award Nominations Due to Rotary Office on October 1, 2019; Award Presentation at Club Luncheon This November

The Rotary Club of Madison, also known as Downtown Rotary, has announced that nominations for its prestigious annual Manfred E. Swarsensky Humanitarian Service Award are now being accepted.

Rabbi Swarsensky was a beloved member of Downtown Rotary for 22 years, served as rabbi of Madison's Temple Beth El and on the faculty of Edgewood College. He died in 1981 at the age of 75. Inspired by his remarkable life, the club established the award in 1982 to honor his memory. Its purpose is to identify and honor individuals who have, through their voluntary efforts, made a particularly outstanding contribution to humanitarian service in the greater Madison community and beyond, in the tradition so well exemplified by Rabbi Swarsensky.

The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a broad community interest as advanced by the rabbi, whether through a single community agency or service, or many. The club seeks nominees who, like Rabbi Swarsensky, have helped build bridges and sought reconciliation between groups and individuals.

The award will be presented at a Wednesday luncheon meeting of the club's large membership this November and will include a \$2,500 grant to a charitable organization in the greater Madison area selected by the awardee.

RABBI MANFRED SWARSENSKY: LIFELONG HUMANITARIAN: Born in Prussia in 1906, Manfred Swarsensky was a young rabbi known for his brilliant sermons at one of Berlin's leading synagogues when the Nazis burned it down, as they did most Jewish institutions and businesses, and imprisoned him in a concentration camp in 1938. After most of his family perished in the Holocaust, he settled in Madison to lead the then new Temple Beth El. Rather than retreat into bitterness, he dedicated the rest of his life to peacemaking, forgiveness and building bridges. "The power of love is stronger and more enduring than the forces of hate," said Rabbi Swarsensky.

Rabbi Swarsensky's life is a testimony to what one person can do to better the lives of others. He was known statewide for his commitments to social justice, civil rights, religious tolerance, inter-faith dialogue and furthering forgiveness and reconciliation.

The Capital Times called him "a voice of conscience." *The Wisconsin State Journal* called him "a symbol of tolerance."

To learn more about Rabbi Swarsensky and to prepare the strongest submission possible, nominators are encouraged to watch this award-winning 9-minute video about his life and work which may be found online on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51xmORreEUs>

Click on the following link for this year's nomination form which is due in the Rotary office by Oct. 1, 2019:

<https://rotarymadison.org/wp-content/forms/Swarsensky%20Nomination%20FILL%20IN%20Form%202019.docx>

Open House at One City Schools Come and see the new Madison Rotary Foundation Community Room Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 – 6:30 pm One City Schools – 2012 Fisher Street in Madison Presentation of Check/Brief Program 6:00–6:15 pm



In 2017, members were surveyed and said they would like our club to support a large impact project in our community, in addition to our regular community grants program. **Melanie Ramey** chaired the committee which conducted a community review that included input from United Way and many local organization representatives. The results connected us to One City Schools and an opportunity to interact with families and children who attend the school.

Our Madison Rotary Foundation is providing a total of \$102,500 to One City Schools. The funds were used to create a Community Room during a lower level renovation/expansion project at the school. We were also able to obtain a matching grant from our Rotary District to use towards the school's meals program for the children attending the school.

We are pleased to join with One City Schools for an **Open House on Tuesday, September 10, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm**, so Rotarians and families can see the room and learn more about future volunteer opportunities at One City Schools. A brief program, including presentation of our check to One City Schools, begins at 6:00 pm.

Light snacks and beverages will be served. Stop by One City Schools, 2012 Fisher Street, between 5:30 – 6:30 pm on September 10 to see the space and see what our grant is providing to the school! No reservations required.



Bicycling Fellowship End of Summer Ride on August 27

Rotarians and guests of our Bicycling Fellowship Group attended a pinstripe education/demo at Slow Roll Cycles on Monona Drive. They were then joined by some other bikers from the bicycle shop and road 14 miles on a beautiful end of summer night!



Community Projects Volunteer Opportunity: Books for the World

Join fellow Rotarians in our club as well as other Madison Area Rotary Clubs for this volunteer opportunity being held on **Saturday, September 28, 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Madison College Book Processing Center located at 1849 Wright Street on Madison's east side.** Guests and family members are also welcome to participate. We will be sorting and packing used text books which have been donated by local schools, libraries and individuals. These boxes of books will be shipped to developing countries where they are made available to teachers and school administrators at no cost. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Rotary office at 608-255-9164 or rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org to sign up.



Happy Birthday!

- **Sept. 1 -- Reena Chandra Rajpal** -- Adm. Date: 8/7/2019 Community Services. Combat Blindness International
- **Sept. 2 -- Teresa Holmes** -- Adm. Date: 5/4/2016 Consulting. Exponential Endeavors Director 2019-21
- **Sept. 3 -- Virginia Bartelt** -- Adm. Date: 5/3/2006 Law. Bartelt Grob, S.C. Director 2008-10 Formerly Rotarian at Middleton Sunrise PHF (6)
- **Sept. 3 -- Matt Brink** -- Adm. Date: 9/6/2017 Associations-Business & Professional. Smart Growth Greater Madison
- **Sept. 4 -- Jenny Sereno** -- Adm. Date: 4/6/2005 Communications.
- **Sept. 7 -- Mark Greene** -- Adm. Date: 6/4/2014 Financial Institutions. Cuna Mutual Group
- **Sept. 7 -- Len Kaplan** -- Adm. Date: 5/5/1999 Colleges & Universities-Professional School-Retired.
- **Sept. 7 -- Jennifer Winding** -- Adm. Date: 2/3/2016 Business Services & Supplies. The QTI Group

Weekly Statistics

MakeUps

Everson, Diane at Edgerton 8/19; Gutknecht, Karl at Hilo Bay, HI 8/14 & 8/21 & Volcano, HI 8/15; Holmes, Teresa at Toledo, OH 8/27

Guest List for August 28, 2019

Luanne Kostelic, Calvin Blodebuck, Erik Schlueter, Anna Young & Audra Cohen-Plata of Program Committee; Shann Jensen of Victor Rodriguez; Jonathan Solari of Martha Vukelich-Austin; Mike Jensen of Dick Pearson; Pamela Bean of Anita Mahamed; Mary Pat Williams of Annette Hellmer; AJ Gray & Addison Gray of Anthony Gray; Vivian Larkin of Willie Larkin; Jessica Ace & Dennis Hall of Scott Haumersen; John Leinlen of Deb Archer; Monica Welke of Anne Lucke; Carrie Bernhardt of Norv Bernhardt

Attendance Record

Date	Total Members	Total Active	Active Attending (incl. make-ups)	Percentage
08/29/2018	483	365	285 (79)	78.08%
08/28/2019	464	356	309 (94)	86.80%