



## The Madison, WI Rotary News for August 9, 2019

a publication of the Rotary Club of Madison

### Upcoming Program at Park Hotel

(unless otherwise noted)

- **August 21**  
**David Maraniss**  
*A Good American Family*
- **August 28**  
**US Rep. Mark Pocan**  
Update from Washington



### August 14 Rotary Meeting at Park Hotel Tom Lynch: On Board for Madison's Transportation Future

Madison has experienced explosive growth that has provided economic opportunities and challenges. The transportation system that supported our growth is maxed out – it cannot take us to the next step.

We need to move from being a “big little city” to a “little big city” -

developing the transportation infrastructure needed for a metro region approaching one million. On Wednesday, August 14, at the Park Hotel, guest speaker **Tom Lynch**, will talk about how Madison is pursuing an integrated system that includes focused

investments in rapid transit. This higher level of urban transportation providing better business and resident access will foster economic investment for the next 30 years.

Tom is a registered Professional Engineer, Professional Traffic Engineer, Professional Transportation Planner and Certified Planner. He has over 25 years in the transportation planning field where his planning efforts have resulted in almost a half billion dollars of infrastructure improvements. He currently serves as the Director of Transportation for the City of Madison. This department includes Metro Transit, Traffic Engineering and the Parking Utility with a combined operational budget of over \$80 million annually. He is an advocate for meeting our transportation needs through moving mode share away from single occupancy vehicles and towards transit, biking, and walking.

Tom has lived with his wife, Melody, in Madison for 27 years and has four grown children. In his free time he enjoys backpacking, canoeing and biking.

*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](mailto:rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org) or phone 255-9164).*

### Wisconsin Gay and Lesbian History Revealed in a New Book

Who knew about early Wisconsin's gay history? Really, no one. But now, thanks to Richard Wagner, this story is out of the closet with his new, scholarly, and extensively illustrated book, *We've Been Here All Along* (Wisconsin Historical Society Press).

In a surprise-filled presentation Wagner summarized Wisconsin's remarkable story from 1895 to 1969. During most of these years being gay in Wisconsin was downright dangerous. Gays were almost universally regarded as criminals or suffering from organic illness or a psychiatric disorder, and this interpretation was upheld by the police, the courts, and even universities. Men convicted of sodomy were routinely sent to prison or an insane asylum.

Not until the 1930s and 1940s did a few academics begin to view homosexuals as a legitimate subject for research. For example, a UW professor interviewed prisoners at Waupun who had been convicted of sodomy and from this experience came a series of books and articles that softened society's harsh caricatures.

Wagner noted that Madison gays and lesbians played significant activist roles by forming social clubs, creating gay bars, and forming organizations such as the Homophile League.

Curiously, Wisconsin society lavished a more benign interpretation upon lesbians describing them as “domestic friends.” In 1962 when the UW-Madison launched a purge of homosexuals, lesbians escaped, thanks to Dean of Women Margaret Peterson, who was a lesbian.

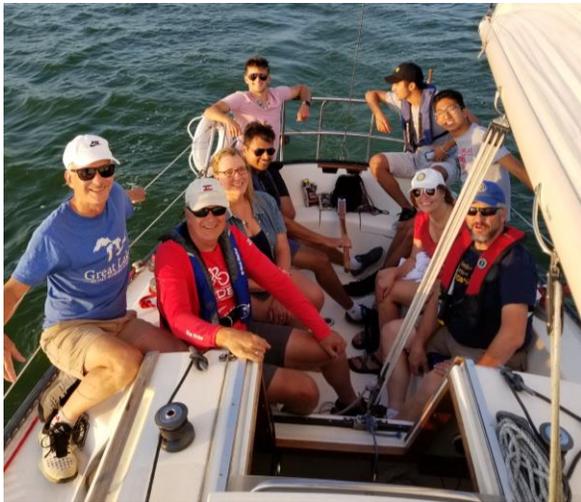
Wagner began collecting documents for his book 40 years ago but did not begin to write it until 2008. A second volume, *Coming Out, Moving Forward*, covering the period from 1969 to the present will be published by the Wisconsin Historical Press in 2020.

*Our thanks to Dick Wagner for speaking to us, and to Dave Mollenhoff for preparing this review article. Our thanks also to Wisconsin Eye for videotaping our meeting this week and to the Wisconsin Historical Society Press for selling copies of Wagner’s book. If you missed our meeting this week, you can watch the video [here](#).*

## Meet Our New Member



**Reena Chandra Rajpal** has been loaned the classification of Community Services and is president and executive director of Combat Blindness International. She was born in Boston and now makes her home on Glacier Road in Middleton with her husband, Keshav Rajpal, and their two teenage daughters. Reena holds a bachelor’s degree from Colby College and a master’s degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University. She has served as a parent volunteer at Northside Elementary School and in the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District. Reena enjoys travel and cooking. Her father, Suresh Chandra, also a member of our club, and Bob Sorge are her sponsors.



## Setting Sail on August 6

Members of our club’s Sailing Fellowship along with UW Rotaract students set sail on Lake Mendota on Tuesday evening, August 6, on “Captain Bob’s Flying Cloud” sailboat. Our thanks to fellowship chair Dan Larson for setting up this first sailing event of the summer and to Dave Ewanowski for arranging the use of Captain Bob’s boat.



## MRF Thanks Contributors

The Board of Trustees of the Madison Rotary Foundation appreciates and thanks the following for their generous contributions: Montgomery County Trauma Service – in memory of Brooks Becker; and Karl Gutknecht – in memory of Jack Stevenson.



## Review Club and Foundation Strategic Planning Documents

Did you know our club and our foundation have strategic plans to help guide the future of our organizations? You can view both of the Strategic Plans in our members-only section as well as board meeting minutes, our budget, and much more. Look for these items once you are logged in within the “Current Members” and then “Minutes/Notices” tab.

## Action By Directors

The following, proposed as a new member, was 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.

| <u>NAME</u>  | <u>ORGANIZATION</u> | <u>CLASSIFICATION</u> | <u>SPONSORS</u>            |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Lange, Debra | Lange Consulting    | Consulting            | Bill White & Allen Arntsen |



## Members in the News

- **Nick Curran** was pictured and quoted in *InBusiness Magazine's* Street Smarts column: "What was your childhood dream, and did you achieve it?" Aug 19
- **Cheryl DeMars** was pictured and quoted in a cover story for *InBusiness Magazine* titled, "Health Care Heroics: Expert panel explains how consumers are getting more price transparency." Aug 19
- **Charles McLimans** was interviewed on Channel 3000 about the possible increase in the number served by The River Food Pantry if potential food share laws change. 7/26



## Happy Birthday!

- **Aug. 11 -- Paul Hoffmann** -- Adm. Date: 9/5/2012 Financial Institutions. Monona Bank Director 2019-21 PHF
- **Aug. 11 -- Bev Simone** -- Adm. Date: 5/22/2019 Education-Retired. Former Rotarian at La Crosse 1989; Madison 1989-2004 & 2013-2018; Burlington, IA 1987-89 & 2005-2012 PHF
- **Aug. 12 -- Marcia Whittington** -- Adm. Date: 8/6/2008 Health Services. Agrace HospiceCare
- **Aug. 13 -- Brian Basken** -- Adm. Date: 1/5/2011 Engineering. Pearson Engineering PHF (3)
- **Aug. 13 -- Nan Hoffman** -- Adm. Date: 1/6/2010 Health Services-Retired.
- **Aug. 14 -- Jim Cole** -- Adm. Date: 8/25/1982 Law. Quarles & Brady
- **Aug. 14 -- Mpoli Simwanza-Johnson** -- Adm. Date: 8/5/2015 Law. State of Wis. Dept. of Justice
- **Aug. 15 -- Mary Borland** -- Adm. Date: 7/2/2014 Health Services. SSM Health - Post Acute Care (WI/IL) PHF
- **Aug. 15 -- Gary Wolter** -- Adm. Date: 5/3/2000 Energy Services-Retired.
- **Aug. 17 -- Kip Frautschi** -- Adm. Date: 12/6/2006 Printing & Publishing. PHF
- **Aug. 17 -- Dan Guinn** -- Adm. Date: 5/1/2013 Health Services. AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
- **Aug. 17 -- Lew Harned** -- Adm. Date: 7/3/1985 Physician-Retired. Director 2001-03; 100% Attendance since 7/3/1985 Formerly Rotarian at Waterloo, IA PHF (6)

## Weekly Statistics

### MakeUp Artist

Sullivan, Martha at Waunakee 7/18

### Guest List for August 7, 2019

Norman Bondoc of Rick Kiley; David Casey of Mike Casey; Jeanette Williams of Roberta Sladky; Donald Uchtmann of Brian Uchtmann; Raf Fronk of Linn Roth; Emily Gruenewald of Sandra Gajic

### Attendance Record

| Date       | Total Members | Total Active | Active Attending (incl. make-ups) | Percentage |
|------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 08/08/2018 | 483           | 347          | 376 (175)                         | 108.36%    |
| 08/07/2019 | 464           | 357          | 284 (59)                          | 79.55%     |