

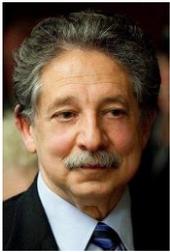


The Madison, WI Rotary News for March 8, 2019

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March 13 Rotary Meeting at the Park Hotel Madison Mayoral Candidates Forum: Paul Soglin & Satya Rhodes-Conway

Join us next week, on March 13, at the Park Hotel for a Madison Mayoral Candidates Forum with Paul Soglin and Satya Rhodes-Conway. The moderator for this forum will be Abigail Becker, City and County reporter for *The Cap Times*.



Paul Soglin is seeking re-election of a third consecutive term as mayor for the City of Madison. His administration has supported the Madison Metropolitan School District to produce the best educational system for every student, and he continues to work to eliminate critical racial and ethnic disparity in educational achievement, income and incarceration. He implemented the first components of Madison's acclaimed bicycle route system and is committed to looking at transportation issues and building more affordable housing in Madison.



Satya Rhodes-Conway is a former city alder who served three terms on Madison's City Council, and she is current managing director for the Mayors Innovation Projects through the Center on Wisconsin Strategy, a "think-and-do tank" based at UW-Madison. She runs a national learning network for mayors and their staff focused on equity, sustainability and democracy. She is calling for a change in leadership and ideas.

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 Programs at Park Hotel

(unless otherwise noted)

- **March 20**
Jen Cheatham
Leading for Equity
(MMSD Board Candidates have been invited to attend and distribute campaign materials and to answer questions. See separate article on page 2.)
- **March 27**
WI Supreme Court Candidate: Brian Hagedorn
(Lisa Neubauer declined. A rep. from her campaign office has been invited to attend and distribute her campaign materials. See separate article on page 2.)
- **April 3**
Allen Ebert, Mike Ross & Roseann Sheridan
Plans for Madison Youth Arts Center

Stories About Pioneers Who Settled in Wisconsin

Instead of writing about Wisconsin history in the pioneer era (1830-1850) from the perspective of the famous or leaders of that time, Dr. Michael Stevens chose to document the practical and emotional side of everyday existence for ordinary people. What did it feel like to those who lived in a new situation from the land to weather to language to food to culture?

While there were many things to be negative about such as Wisconsin weather extremes, an imbalance in the male to female ratio (8 men to 5 women), poor food and hardship on the journey, having to learn a new language (English), loss of cultural affiliation, unfamiliar surroundings, and loneliness; the overall impression was that the pioneer had a positive outlook and balanced the difficulties against the opportunities, diversity, freedom and future prosperity they envisioned.

The trade-offs from having to learn English, live in rough conditions and with rough people, and missing their home country are the freedom they enjoyed to map their future, work hard for income and wealth, and the natural beauty of Wisconsin.

One essay of the time expressed the following about the Wisconsin Character: There is a freedom and independence of mind – people think for themselves; an awakening spirit of enterprise – people are open to new ways of doing things; people work hard – they invest their sweat equity; and a public spiritedness about Wisconsinites – people support roads, schools, churches and a friendly interest in the welfare of all.

Dr. Stevens drew insights into the attitudes, humor and outlook of the early pioneer and the similarities to today's Wisconsin Character. The essay writer above said of his time: "The settler here finds, within the limits of his acquaintance, people from all the states and many foreign countries, and those too have been formerly been engaged with a variety of occupations different from his own, so he acquires a great variety of new ideas and becomes much more liberal in all his opinions and life." Even through the hardships and inconveniences of the time, the pioneer's outlook is not so different from our present-day Wisconsin outlook.

Our thanks to Dr. Michael Stevens for his presentation to our club this week and to Kevin Hoffman for preparing this review article. If you missed our meeting this week, you can watch the video [here](#).

Upcoming Political Candidate Appearances

Last fall, our board approved a policy that when scheduling political candidates for a particular office during election season, the Program Committee will invite all major candidates to address club members. In any instance where one candidate agrees to speak but the other declines, the committee will move forward in scheduling the candidate who agreed to speak and advise members that the other candidate was invited but declined the invitation. The candidate who declines to speak will still be offered the option to provide informational brochures at the back table of the meeting room and will be allowed to have a representative from the candidate's campaign office to be present to distribute the materials. We are following that policy as we schedule upcoming programs as follows:

On March 13, we will have a mayoral candidate forum and both Soglin and Rhodes-Conway will appear.

On March 20, we will hear from Madison Metropolitan School District Superintendent Jennifer Cheatham. We have also invited all school board candidates to that luncheon. We will introduce the candidates, and members will have an opportunity to informally meet the candidates immediately following that luncheon.

In January, our Program Committee invited both Supreme Court Candidates to appear at one of our meetings in March. We have scheduled that program for March 27. While our preference is to have both candidates appearing, Judge Hagedorn accepted the invitation, but Judge Neubauer, declined. Per our board policy, we have offered Judge Neubauer's campaign office to have her campaign materials at our meeting on March 27 when Hagedorn appears. WisconsinEye will videorecord that meeting, and Steve Walters from WisconsinEye will moderate that program. This will be the same format and moderator we used last fall when Attorney General candidate Josh Kaul appeared and Brad Schimel declined our invitation. Any member interested in submitting questions for candidate Hagedorn should send their questions via email to our Rotary office by March 19th.

Meet Our New Members



Michelle M. Drea has been loaned the classification of Government-Local and is the Assessor for the City of Madison. Michelle was born in Boulder, Colorado. She lives on West Doty Street in Madison and has two sons. By the way, one of her sons participated in our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp in 2017. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and a juris doctorate from Hamline University. Michelle has served as an event coordinator for the Wisconsin Book Festival and an on-air legal expert for Larry Meiller's show on Wisconsin Public Radio. Michelle enjoys running, reading, music and movies. Mike May and Paul Riehemann are her sponsors.



Casey S. Liakos has been loaned the classification of Consulting and is president of Carex Consulting Group. He was born in Russell, Kansas, and came to Madison from Minneapolis in 2004. He and his wife, Victoria, make their home on Meredith Way in McFarland and have two children. Casey holds a bachelor's degree and an MBA degree from the University of Minnesota. He is a member of the Healthcare Informatics Management Systems Society. Casey's community service activities include youth sports coaching and volunteering in McFarland. He has also served as a volunteer business advisor and mentor, and he has held several board appointments. He enjoys spending time with his family and fishing. His sponsors are Michelle McGrath and Bryan Chan.



Welcome Back Laura Gallagher

On March 6th, **Laura Gallagher** rejoined our Rotary Club. She is President and Founder of The Creative Company and is sponsored by Rob Stroud and Bob Winding.

Welcome back, Laura!

Top Ten Spellers Recognized



Our club has a long-standing tradition of honoring the top ten spellers in the All-City Spelling Bee, a tradition that dates back to at least the 1960's. We were happy to continue that tradition on March 6 when past president **Donna Moreland**, member of our Youth Awards Committee, introduced the top ten spellers.

This year's All-City Spelling Bee was held on February 9th at Madison College with 44 top spellers from public, private and home school associations in Madison. The organizer of this year's Spelling Bee was Gayle Worland, and she was also recognized at our luncheon. Gayle said that all 44

students who participated this year impressed her with their maturity, their poise at the microphone, their respect for one another, and of course their spelling skills.

The top ten spellers are: Matthew Brock from Toki Middle School, Kevin Du from Shorewood Hills Elementary School, Josh Holdener from Leopold Elementary School, Shryia Khullar from Hamilton Middle School, Maggie Nornberg from St. Ambrose Academy, Evan Sherer from Van Hise Elementary School and Eli Stevens from Kennedy Elementary School. Gang Wang from Spring Harbor Middle School placed third and Frankie Bautista from Edgewood Campus School was runner up. The winner in this year's spelling bee was Maya Jadhav, a 5th grader at EAGLE School. Maya was runner up a year ago. She is an avid reader and spends lots of time studying lists and learning origin languages to prepare for the Spelling Bee. She will participate in the Badger State Spelling Bee on March 16th at Madison College's Mitby Theatre, and we wish her well in this upcoming bee.

The annual Spelling Bee is sponsored by the *Wisconsin State Journal*.

Our Racial Equity & Inclusion Committee Invites Rotarians to Racial Equity Book Read Group



When: Sundays: 2:00 - 3:30pm.

- April 7: *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Dr. Isabel Wilkinson.
- May 5: *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* by Dr. Michael Eric Dyson.
- June 2: *White Fragility: Why is it so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin DiAngelo.

Please read the book prior to the event. All available on audiobook. Sessions facilitated by Rotarian Eugenia Sherman Brown.

Purpose: To learn more about the African-American experience and to create a safe space to talk about racial issues.

Location: "The Oaks" Community Room; Oakwood Village, 6201 Mineral Point Road on Madison's west side (enter at "Heritage Oaks" entrance, follow the signs). Lemonade provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

If you plan to attend, send an email to: EugeniaSBrown@gmail.com.

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.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>SPONSORS</u>
Forester, Scott	Punchkick	Business Services & Supplies	Susan Schmitz & Vikki Enright
Melendez, Wensy	Amigo Construction	Construction	Wes Sparkman & Juan Lopez
Potts, Brian	Perkins Coie LLP	Law	Donna Moreland & Trey Sprinkman
Uchtmann, Brian	Michaels Energy	Consulting	John Braden & Peter Cavi



Members in the News

- **Sandra Gajic** was pictured and quoted in *InBusiness Magazine's* column, "Executive Profile: Tragedy and Triumph: In Act One, Sandra Gajic lost a country, but Act Two promises a dynamic flourish as a leader of Overture Center for the Arts." *Mar 19*
- **Gini Hendrickson** has been named a shareholder with Murphy Desmond S.C. *InBusiness Mar19*
- **Chris Ivanov** and **Ryan Klaustermeier** have been listed among "40 Under 40" by *InBusiness Magazine* for 2019. *Mar 19*
- **Ryan Klaustermeier** was interviewed on [WISC Channel 3's Live at Four](#) about Heartland Hospice being the largest non-profit hospice in the United States. *3/5*
- **Rebecca Prochaska** has been named a shareholder with Potter Lawson. *InBusiness Mar19*
- **Valerie Renk** was pictured in an article titled, "Gift From the Heart: State Bank of Cross Plains helps employees reinvest in local communities to celebrate 100-year anniversary." *InBusiness Mar19*



Wishing You A Happy Birthday!

- **Mar. 10 -- Kathy Koritzinsky** -- Adm. Date: 12/4/2013 Education. PLACES International, LLC
- **Mar. 11 -- Valerie Kazamias** -- Adm. Date: 9/14/1988 Consulting. Kazamias and Associates 100% Attendance since 9/14/1988 PHF (2)
- **Mar. 11 -- Barb Wiley** -- Adm. Date: 1/5/2005 Colleges & Universities-Administration & Support-Retired. PHF
- **Mar. 12 -- Sara DeTienne** -- Adm. Date: 12/5/2007 Foundations. UW Foundation, Dept. of Neurological Surgery
- **Mar. 13 -- Mike Wenzel** -- Adm. Date: 10/1/2008 Real Estate. Key Commercial Real Estate, LLC
- **Mar. 14 -- Mike Gotzler** -- Adm. Date: 5/6/2009 Law. Littler Mendelson
- **Mar. 15 -- Brian Miller** -- Adm. Date: 6/7/2017 Health Services. Independent Living, Inc. Former Rotary member 2005-08
- **Mar. 15 -- Nan Zimdars** -- Adm. Date: 7/13/1988 Brokerage & Investments. Klaas Financial Director 1994-96 PHF (4)
- **Mar. 16 -- Terry Heinrichs** -- Adm. Date: 6/13/2001 Brokerage & Investments. Merrill Lynch Director 2012-14 PHF (2)
- **Mar. 16 -- Mario Mendoza** -- Adm. Date: 3/6/2013 Law. Murphy Desmond S.C. Director 2016-18
- **Mar. 16 -- Fred Mohs** -- Adm. Date: 5/31/1978 Law. Mohs, MacDonald, Widder, Paradise & Van Note PHF (5)

Weekly Statistics

MakeUp Artists

Crim, Dawn at La Crosse 2/28 & Onalaska 2/27; Frautschi, Kip at Houston, TX 3/4; Gutknecht, Karl at Hilo Bay, HI 2/6, 2/13 & 2/20; Long, Ted at Melbourne, FL 2/13 & Haines, FL 2/27; Moody, Mark at Waunakee 2/28; Neviasser, Ann at Naples, FL 3/1; Wilson, Mike at West 3/1

Guest List for March 6, 2019

Bob Lindmeier of Paul Riehemann; Michell Herring, Jean O'Leary, Cristine Reid & Jacob Tissue of Goodman Rotary 50+ Committee; Bill Haight of Nick Topitzes; Nelson Kling of Joyce Bromley; Marie Nofodji (2014 McBeath Scholar) of Regina Millner; Wensy Melendez of Juan Lopez

Visiting Rotarian List for March 6, 2019

Pahuna Sharma-Laden from Tanzania, Africa

Attendance Record

Date	Total Members	Total Active	Active Attending (incl. make-ups)	Percentage
03/07/2018	500	384	356 (134)	92.71%
03/06/2019	477	358	341 (127)	95.25%