Upcoming Program at Park Hotel (unless otherwise noted)
- October 23
  Pam Christenson
  Kiva Madison
  Microloans - Fueling Economic Growth Through Entrepreneurship
- October 30
  (4:30pm-6:00pm at Top of the Park – NO NOON MEETING)
  Mike Huberty:
  Dark Tales From Downtown

October 16 Rotary Meeting at The Sheraton
Alex Lasry: How Milwaukee Pursued Hosting the Democratic National Convention; Plans For It; and Its Economic Impact

Next Wednesday, October 16, our Rotary Luncheon will be held at The Sheraton Hotel, 706 John Nolen Drive. Guest speaker Alex Lasry will discuss the 2020 Convention bid process, how Milwaukee got it and how this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for Milwaukee to put itself on the map.

Alex Lasry is senior vice president for the Milwaukee Bucks, and he chaired Milwaukee’s successful bid for the 2020 Democratic National Convention and currently serves as the Finance Chair for the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

Alex worked at the White House as the Deputy Counselor for Strategic Engagement, where he served as a top aide to the Senior Advisor to the President, Valerie Jarrett. He also served as a staff member for the President’s Jobs Council and the White House business outreach team.

He was born and raised in New York, but currently resides in Milwaukee. He is active in the community and serves on the boards of the Marcus Center for Performing Arts, Milwaukee Film Festival, Sojourner Family Peace Center and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Milwaukee. He graduated cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania and recently received his MBA from the NYU Leonard N. Stern School of Business.

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 (608-255-9164 or rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org).

Fund Drive Update

Fund Drive Chair Herman Baumann is emphasizing the Fellowship of Giving which makes our community a better place for this year’s campaign to raise money for our Madison Rotary Foundation. Together, we are helping countless children and families with projects and programs that provide food, shelter, clothing, health care and other services to those in need.

All members have received a mailing which includes your giving levels from the 2018-19 Rotary year. We have a goal of $150,000. A total of $30,556.26 has been received so far, and we have 14% participation. Make your contribution to the Madison Rotary Foundation today – mail your gift or visit our website to make a donation online. Thank you!
Highlights from Focus on Fellowship Groups

Our thanks to the 14 Fellowship Groups for being on hand to tell members more about their groups and to Mike Engelberger for taking these photos. Visit our club’s Facebook page for more photos.
Community Projects Volunteer Opportunity: Tree Planting

Our Community Projects Committee announces the following tree planting opportunities for Fall 2019:

- **October 18**: Lapham Elementary School, 1045 E. Dayton St., Madison 9:30am-12:30pm. Some school classes will be involved to plant 9 trees.
- **October 18**: Marquette Elementary School, 1501 Jenifer St., Madison 1pm-3:30pm. Some school classes and the Marquette Neighborhood Association will be involved to plant 10 trees.
- **October 21**: Truax Apartments on Madison's east side, 1pm-4pm. Various community groups are likely to be involved including Madison College students to plant 20 trees.
- **October 24**: Whitehorse Middle School, 218 Schenk St., Madison, 1pm-3:30pm. Some school classes will be involved to plant 7 trees.

Members of the Urban Tree Alliance will be on hand to provide a short orientation, and groups of volunteers will plant trees together. All the supplies will be provided; Rotarians just need to show up dressed ready to work with work gloves.

If you would like to participate contact the Rotary office at 608-255-9164 or email rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org, and indicate which date/time works best for you.

Be sure to wear your “Rotarian at Work” T-Shirt! Don’t have a t-shirt? “Madison Downtown Rotary Rotarian At Work” t-shirts are available at a cost of $11 per shirt. Contact the Rotary office to purchase a t-shirt.

Pints for Polio Event October 24th at Great Dane Pubs in Madison

October 24th is World Polio Day and to celebrate, all Madison Great Dane Pubs will be donating $1 to Rotary’s Polio Plus Fund for every pint, crowler, growler and 6 pack sold that day. Every dollar donated will be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

All Rotary members are encouraged to help support this event and attend with families and friends!

If you want to have a pint or a meal with other Rotarians from our Club and their guests, stop by the Great Dane Pub’s downtown location at 123 Doty Street on October 24th from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Q&A Guidelines

We have been experimenting with a few different formats for Q&A over the past few months before making a decision on how to move forward with a more permanent plan. Data from members was collected as part of our annual Program Survey, and Jorge Hidalgo, Andrea Kaminski and Pat Jenkins attended the Large Rotary Club Conference last week in Chattanooga and received some good input from other clubs. Many members have also provided feedback regarding Q&A.

The Club Board of Directors met on Monday night and approved Q&A guidelines which we will use beginning October 16 when we move back to questions from the floor as time allows for our weekly speakers.

The Q&A Guidelines are as follows:

The Q&A portion following a Rotary Club of Madison speaker’s presentation is an important part of the overall program. Good questions can help further our members’ understanding of a topic and give the speaker an opportunity to expand on items covered during the formal presentation. When asking a question, please keep in mind the following:

1. Our speakers come to us on their own time and free of charge. They are our guests. Please treat them with respect.
2. Questions should be general in nature, fair and of interest to other members. If you have a more specific question, it is best to try and catch the speaker after the meeting concludes.
3. It is fine to ask a tough question, however, do not state your own opinions on the speaker’s topic or try to embarrass the speaker.
4. Please state your question succinctly and briefly. Our members are more interested in hearing the answer to the question than audience commentary or even the question itself.

5. In short, questions should meet The Four Way Test:
   - Is it the TRUTH?
   - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
   - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
   - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The club reserves the right to withhold the microphone from anyone who does not follow the guidelines. The club will acknowledge or apologize to a speaker as appropriate if these guidelines are not followed.

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.

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October Rotary District Newsletter
The October edition of the Rotary District 6250 Newsletter, the new Rotary District 6250 eBulletin, is now available. To read about happenings within our Rotary District, click on the following link: https://rotary6250.org/bulletin/viewsent/fda8005d-5231-45fe-a14a-9ed722442450/1ea15124-0774-4271-9cd8-f84117c53fa5?mid=QsYbC7U9090P5kzWCmsEZQ==&type=m

Members in the News
- Allen Ebert was quoted in an article titled, “Breaking New Ground: as group readies for new arts center, it embraces risks with new shows.” WSJ 10/6
- Congratulations to Jac & Edith Garner who received the 2019 United Way Tocqueville Society Award on October 3.
- Gregg McManners was pictured and quoted in an article announcing his retirement as Monona Terrace executive director in January 2020. WSJ 10/3
- Wensy Melendez was pictured and quoted in an article titled, “Public-Private Partnership: Southwest Madison Employment Center Grand Opening.” TCCH 9/23
- Mary Ellen O’Brien has been recently appointed chair of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Environmental Advisory Committee.

Happy Birthday!
- Oct. 14 -- Bob Block -- Adm. Date: 2/6/1985  Physician-Retired. PHF (2)
- Oct. 18 -- Paul Riehemann -- Adm. Date: 2/5/2003  Government-State. WI Dept of Revenue  Sgt. At Arms 2007-08; Director 2008-10; President 2011-12  PHF (2)
- Oct. 19 -- Paul Fleer -- Adm. Date: 11/1/1972  Consulting-Retired.  PHF (2)
- Oct. 19 -- Gregg McManners -- Adm. Date: 2/6/2013  Cultural Institutions. Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center

**Weekly Statistics**

**MakeUp Artists**
Bromley, Joyce at Ft Atkinson 8/12; Waunakee 8/22; Sun Prairie 9/24 & DeForest 10/2; Franzen, Mike at West 10/4 & Breakfast 10/7

**Guest List for October 9, 2019**
Lisa Koenecke of Debbie Biddle; Nelson Kline of Joyce Bromley

**Visiting Rotarian List for October 9, 2019**
Martin Lauridsen & Karen Lauridsen from Copenhagen, Denmark; Harry Hamilton from Sun River, MT

**Attendance Record**

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