



The Madison, WI Rotary News for October 19, 2019

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Upcoming Program at Park Hotel

(unless otherwise noted)

- **October 30**
(4:30pm-6:00pm at Top of the Park – NO NOON MEETING)
Mike Huberty:
Dark Tales From Downtown
- **November 6**
Jack Daniels
An Inside Look at Madison College South Campus
- **November 13**
Doug Bradley & Craig Werner
We Gotta Get Out of This Place: The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War



October 23 Rotary Meeting at Park Hotel Pam Christenson: KIVA-Madison: Fueling Economic Growth Through Entrepreneurship

Next Wednesday, October 23, guest speaker, **Pam Christenson**, will talk about KIVA-Madison, an international program that provides community based loans to entrepreneurs. Pam is one of the organizers who helped to get KIVA launched in Madison.

She is the Director of Economic Development for Madison Gas and Electric. She currently serves as the Chair of the Workforce Development Board of South-Central Wisconsin, President of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce and on the boards of the Wisconsin Economic Development Institute, BioForward, Capital East Business Association, StartingBlock Madison, Dane Buy Local and the Wisconsin Academy of Graduate Service Dogs. Prior to her work with MGE, Pam held positions in both the public and private sector including 15 years in a number of different roles with the State of Wisconsin. While working at the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, she served as the Director of the Bureau of Entrepreneurship and Technology Development.

Pam and her husband co-own Christy's Landing, a third generation bar and restaurant on the Madison side of Lake Waubesa.

Pam is an avid runner, having completed 12 marathons and two Ragnar Races. She is also a five-time Ironman triathlon finisher and Tough Mudder survivor.

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).

Milwaukee to Host Democratic National Convention in 2020

This week, Alex Lasry, who led the bid for the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Milwaukee, spoke to the Downtown Rotarians about his experience and what this bid can mean for Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin. Alex was initially inspired to promote Milwaukee for the DNC bid after realizing that Milwaukee was never considered for the Amazon HQ2 location. He knew all that Milwaukee had to offer and believed that if we could bring people to the city and state, there would be positive downstream impacts for years to come.

The group hired the consultant who won the last two bids, submitted their RFP and did some grassroots work to highlight Milwaukee in Washington D.C. They made top three finalists (along with Miami and Houston), and then went on to raise double the amount of money for the convention than their competitors. Supporters from all political backgrounds came from all parts of the city, community and state to back the bid.

Alex's main takeaway was that this is an opportunity not only for Milwaukee, but the entire State of Wisconsin. He believes that it is now our duty to develop opportunities and attractions to pull the 50,000 people coming to the convention over to Madison while they're here. We can work together to provide venue space, attractions, lodging and more in effort to show off our community.

Alex believes that the measures for success are not around the DNC itself, but instead the impact the DNC has on the state's economy years into the future. But in order to do that, we need to give people a reason to come back. If you are interested in learning more, volunteering or registering a venue with the host committee, visit www.milwaukee2020.com.

Our thanks to Alex Lasry for his presentation to our club; to Jessika Kasten for this review article; and to WisconsinEye for videotaping our meeting. If you missed our meeting this week, you can watch the video [here](#).

Rotary Information Report: Rotary International Conventions Presented by Jerry Thain – Oct. 16, 2019

In 2009, I was in the audience in Birmingham, England, when the marching band of the Coldstream Guards, in big fuzzy black hats and bright red coats came marching into the arena playing the Col. Boogie march. Where was I? At the Rotary International Convention. The conventions feature notable entertainment from the area in opening and closing sessions among many other highlights.

How many of you have attended a Rotary International Convention? I have been to seven and each was memorable. The convention opens with a pageant presenting the flag of each country in Rotary in alphabetical order save for the host country, whose flag is the last displayed. For several days, there are many opportunities to learn about every aspect of Rotary.

The first of the 110 Rotary conventions to date was held in Chicago in 1910. Initially, convention delegates debated and voted on changes to the Rotary constitution and by-laws. In 1977, the Council on Legislation became Rotary's legislative body. The convention remained the main event for meeting friends, celebrating accomplishments and discussing Rotary's future. In 1917, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International was born at the meeting. In 1921, the first overseas convention was held in Edinburgh. In 1980 and 1985, Albert Sabin, the developer of the oral polio vaccine spoke at the convention, stressing the importance of mass vaccination campaigns. The PolioPlus program was begun at the 1988 meeting. 1989 saw the first Rotaract preconvention in conjunction with the convention.

There were 60 attendees at the first convention but 1,000 plus at the 1914 gathering. The current record attendance is 45,381 in Seoul, Korea, in 1916. That convention was highlighted by an address by Sadako Ogata, former UN High Commissioner for Refugees, who recalled her time as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and its impact on her career.

The 2020 Rotary International Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii June 6 – 10. You can find out more information and register at www.riconvention.org.

Aloha!

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 \$53,866.26 has been received so far. Make your contribution to the Madison Rotary Foundation today – mail your gift or visit our website to make a donation online.

Thank you!

12 Nominees Announced for Club Director 2020-2022 Term

This year's **Director Nominating Committee** announces 12 members who have agreed to place their names in nomination for the six openings on our club board of directors for a two-year term starting July 1, 2020. The nominees are:



Dewey Bredeson



Mark Clear



Nick Curran



Stephen Ehlke



Mike McKay



Mark Moody



Mary O'Brien



Leigh Richardson



Dave Scher



Scott Strong



Rob Van den Berg



Cheryl Wittke

Our nominees will be individually introduced at upcoming Rotary luncheons, and photos and biographies of each candidate will appear in our November 8 newsletter.

It is truly an honor for these 12 members to be placed in nomination, and we thank them for allowing their names to be put forward. On November 13, the membership will select six of these leaders as new club directors.

The 6 newly elected members will join the following continuing members as well as Jorge Hidalgo who will serve as president:



Joyce Bromley



Sara DeTienne



Jorge Hidalgo



Paul Hoffmann



Teresa Holmes



Andrea Kaminski



Haley Saalsaa



Lynne Sexten

Our club bylaws also provide for the possibility of additional nominations. "Any twenty voting members may nominate an additional candidate or candidates. Such nominations shall be in writing, signed by the members making them and filed with the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the election" (by October 30).



MRF Thanks Contributors

The Board of Trustees of the Madison Rotary Foundation appreciates and thanks the following for their generous contributions: **Laura Peck & Gregory Anderson** – in memory of John Larson; **Steven & Vanessa Wagner/UBS** in memory of Nate Brand.

Volunteer Opportunity: Tree Planting

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



- **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.

Volunteer Opportunity: Thanksgiving Basket Assembly for Families in Need



Friday, November 22, 2:00pm – 5:00pm, Donation Sorting/Basket Packing (8 slots)

Help unload and organize the food donations that will make up the Thanksgiving Baskets. Volunteers will be lifting, carrying, and sorting food products throughout their shifts. Some work may involve being outside - bring a coat and gloves.

Prepare for distribution by packaging all of the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal into family sized bags. Volunteers will be lifting and carrying items weighing up to 30 lbs.

Saturday, November 23, 8:30am – 11:45am, Basket Distribution (8 slots)

Help check-in attendees, deliver baskets to the front line, and distribute baskets to recipients (all distribution occurs on-site at GCC, volunteers do not need to make deliveries). Volunteers will be working both inside and outside, and layered warm weather wear (hats, coats and gloves) are recommended.

Volunteers will be lifting and carrying heavy bags of groceries, as well as standing and walking through the whole shift.

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Contact the Rotary office at rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org or 608-255-9164 to sign up to help.



Group Travels to Ghana

A group will be traveling to our club's Change HERstory project in Ghana, departing on October 21. Members of our club who will be in the group are:

Linda Baldwin, Bob Block, Mark Moody, Mary O'Brien and Mary

Thompson. Mary Crave of the UW Extension will lead this group, and she has led two other groups from our club to Ghana. Mary has traveled extensively to that area. We look forward to hearing from our members upon their return in early November.

Connecting Our Rotary Stories: Inspire, Connect, Transform

DISTRICT 6250 FALL SUMMITS



ALL ROTARIANS ARE INVITED
Participate in 1 of 4 summits taking place throughout Rotary District 6250.

SUMMIT AREAS OF FOCUS:
MEMBERSHIP | FOUNDATION | PUBLIC IMAGE

These summits will provide Rotarians with information and strategies for meeting their Rotary goals, including membership, service, and public image. Rotarians will learn about the power of storytelling and how club gatherings and social media such as Facebook can be powerful storytelling tools. Summit participants will develop a storytelling action plan to bring back to their individual clubs.



October 16 - Neillsville

5:30pm - 8:00pm | Neillsville Country Club

October 29 - Sun Prairie

5:30pm - 8:00pm | Hilton Garden Inn

November 6 - Tomah

5:30pm - 8:00pm | Cranberry Country Lodge

November 7 - Stoughton

5:30pm - 8:00pm | The Lageret

Register for a summit at www.bit.ly/30JR464



Members in the News

- **Juli Aulik** was pictured in an article titled, "Empowering Black Women to be Healthy: 11th Annual Black Women's Wellness Day at the Alliant Energy Center." *TCCH 10/7*
- **Curt Brink** and **Charles McLimans** were interviewed for InBusiness Magazine's "Street Smarts" column "What was the scariest movie you ever remember seeing? How did it impact you?" *Oct 19*
- **Steve Fleischman** was pictured and quoted in an article titled, "Cream of the Crop: The Wisconsin Triennial showcases select contemporary artists." *Brava Magazine Oct 19*
- **James Tye** co-authored a guest column entitled "Farmers and City Dwellers Share Conservation Goals." *WSJ 10/12*

In Our Thoughts... **Dick Fayram** is undergoing treatment for neuroendocrine cancer. We will be thinking about Dick, and he welcomes cards and emails. You can find his contact information in our club roster or contact the Rotary office at 608-255-9164.



Happy Birthday!

- **Oct. 20 -- George Gialamas** -- Adm. Date: 11/11/1974 Real Estate. The Gialamas Company Director 1988-90
- **Oct. 21 -- Marci Henderson** -- Adm. Date: 5/2/2012 Community Services. Girl Scouts of WI, Badgerland Council Former member Syracuse, NY 2000-01 PHF (2)
- **Oct. 21 -- Laura Peck** -- Adm. Date: 4/5/2000 Law. Axley Brynelson, LLP Director 2007-09; MRF President 2005-06. PHF (3)
- **Oct. 21 -- Ernie Stetenfeld** -- Adm. Date: 9/5/2018 Community Services. Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- **Oct. 21 -- Charles Tubbs, Sr.** -- Adm. Date: 11/6/2013 Consulting. Dane Cty Emergency Mgmt Director 2016-18
- **Oct. 22 -- Joan Ziegler** -- Adm. Date: 10/7/2015 Professional Design. ZDA Inc.
- **Oct. 23 -- Sandra Gajic** -- Adm. Date: 1/9/2019 Arts-Performing. Overture Center for the Arts Former Rotarian Calgary & Edmonton, Canada 2008-16

Weekly Statistics

Guest List for October 16, 2019

Jackson Weber of Program Committee; Jacob Cording of Tim Stadelman/Rotaract Committee; Stephanie Thomsen of Joanna Burish; EdLando Watson of Teresa Holmes; Greg Baer of Dave Mollenhoff; Nelson Kling of Joyce Bromley; Mary Pat Williams of Annette Hellmer; Curtis Canter of Carl Hampton; Bob Gard & John Leinen of Deb Archer; Carrie Carroll of Juli Aulik; Jeff Wendorff of Anne Lucke; Nate Boebec of Darrell Behnke

Attendance Record

Date	Total Members	Total Active	Active Attending (incl. make-ups)	Percentage
10/17/2018	480	359	306 (85)	85.24%
10/16/2019	460	335	321 (121)	95.82%