



The Madison, WI Rotary News for October 25, 2019

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Oct. 30 Meeting 4:30 – 6:00 pm – Park Hotel 8th Floor

Upcoming Program at Park Hotel

(unless otherwise noted)

- 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
- November 20
Masood Akhtar
Overcoming Hate
- November 27
**HOLIDAY WEEK
NO MEETING;
NO MAKE-UP
REQUIRED**

October 30 Rotary Meeting at Park Hotel: Evening Meeting

Mike Huberty: Dark Tales From Downtown



It's the 5th Wednesday of the month on October 30, so our Rotary meeting will be held from 4:30 – 6:00 pm on the 8th floor of the Park Hotel. Enjoy this time for informal conversations with other members. At 5:00 pm, president Andrea Kaminski will introduce our speaker, **Mike Huberty**, who will talk for 10 minutes. He will then be available to respond to questions from members for the remainder of our meeting time.

Growing up near Milwaukee, Mike Huberty was always interested in ghost stories, UFO sightings and other weird tales. He came to Madison to attend college in 1995 and loved it so much he stayed. In 2010, he founded Madison Ghost Walks, a tourism company dedicated to preserving local history, folklore and showing people a great time around the city. Since 2010, Madison Ghost Walks has expanded to American Ghost Walks, preserving and boosting haunted history in eight Midwestern cities including the Wisconsin Dells, Milwaukee, Lake Geneva, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Stillwater and Waukesha. Mike also hosts a weekly podcast on the paranormal and pop culture called See You On The Other Side.

On October 30, Mike will introduce members and guests to the unique heritage of Madison. You'll hear tales of haunted history, ghost stories, local folklore and recent reports of paranormal activity From the Capitol Square to King Street to State Street and Bascom Hill. If you want to learn more about Madison Ghost Walks and the three different kinds of Madison area haunted history tours, visit: <https://americanghostwalks.com/madison/>

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).



Oct. 30 Coffee Connections at Noon for a Make-up Opportunity:

We will hold an informal **Coffee Connections Oct. 30** from noon to 1 pm at the **Park Hotel**, 2nd Floor Lobby area. If you cannot attend our regular meeting from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm (see details above), you can come over to the hotel at noon for a cup of coffee and talk informally with other attendees and receive a make-up.

KIVA-Madison Helping Area Entrepreneurs

On October 23, 2019, Pam Christenson, one of the organizers of KIVA Greater Madison, described how this program that lends money to low-income people operates. KIVA, which means “Unity” in Swahili, is an international organization that practices crowdfunding, in which small amounts of money are raised from large numbers of people. Other websites that provide crowdfunding are GoFundMe and StartSomeGood.

Here is how KIVA works. A borrower applies for a loan. A review team determines whether the proposal is fundable, and if approved, the borrower is asked to raise the first round of money from friends and family. They must raise at least \$25 from 20 people, at zero percent interest. The loans must be paid back within a certain period of time. Additional loans may be requested through KIVA, and these may come from people and companies all over the world.

Pam gave several instances of loans that succeeded in helping local entrepreneurs get started. A Tibetan woman living in Madison bought a food cart in which she sold Tibetan food. She applied for a loan in order to rent a store on East Johnson in order to open a restaurant. One young engineering student designed a device that would vaporize fluid as an alternative to giving eye drops. Another young man asked for funds to buy corn seed, which he would use to grow corn that would be made into tortilla shells.

In its first year, KIVA Greater Madison has made 237 loans. The majority have gone to women and people of color. Worldwide, the payback rate has been 96.9 percent. Experience has shown that microloans have been a successful venture that has allowed hundreds of enterprising people to carve out a new existence. In 2006, Mohammad Yunis was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for demonstrating that credit is a fundamental human right.

Our thanks to Pam Christenson for her presentation to our club and to Stan Inhorn for this review article. If you missed our meeting this week, you can watch the video [here](#).



MRF Thanks Contributors

The Board of Trustees of the Madison Rotary Foundation appreciates and thanks the following for their generous contributions: **Nelson Cummings and Bob & Lucille Westervelt** – in memory of John Larson; **Jim & Carol Ruhly** in memory of Jack Stevenson.

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. We have raised \$75,301.26 to date.

Make your contribution to the Madison Rotary Foundation today – mail your gift or visit our website to make a donation online. Thank you!



Volunteer Opportunity: Thanksgiving Basket Assembly for Families in Need

Our Community Projects Committee invites Rotarians to join them for the following volunteer opportunities at the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street on Madison's east side.

- **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.

To sign-up to volunteer for this event, click on this link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1TG4jTPRDO57ZZ--TrtOTuOe-VSNSaVDI0tbEmvRSCQo>.

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).

Bringing a Guest to Rotary?

If you plan to bring a guest to a Rotary luncheon, here is the procedure to follow:

- 1) Send an email or call the Rotary office (rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org or 608-255-9164) in advance regarding the number of guests you plan to bring. You need only give the number of guests you are bringing and do not need to provide the name/s. If you can let us know by Tuesday noon before the Wednesday meeting, that is preferable.
- 2) When you arrive at the meeting, you will fill out a guest name badge at the registration table.
- 3) The lunch cost is \$20 per person, payable at the registration table. Cash, check (payable to Rotary Club of Madison) or credit card accepted.
- 4) **Is your guest a potential new member?** If your guest is a potential new member, let the Rotary office know the person's name, organization and title. **We provide one complimentary lunch for any potential new member who attends one of our regular Rotary luncheons at the Park Hotel.** By having the potential member attend a meeting at our regular location and time, it helps the person gauge the time commitment, location and format for a regular meeting. If it is a potential new member, a name badge and meal ticket will be prepared and will be ready for pick-up at the registration table.



By advising the Rotary office in advance about guest plans, we can better accommodate seating for everyone during our Rotary luncheon. Thank you.



Seeking Rotary Musicians

Our Rotary Music Committee is seeking a few additional Rotary members to help lead singing and/or play the keyboard at our weekly Rotary luncheons. If you have an interest, contact the Rotary office at 608-255-9164 or rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org.

Members in the News



- **Oscar Mireles** was interviewed on WORT 89.9FM on October 16 about Wisconsin Poets on social justice as part of this year's Wisconsin Book Festival.



OUR SYMPATHIES...

Mark Westover's mother, Ginnie Westover, passed away on October 11 in Neenah, Wisconsin. We extend our condolences to Mark and to his family.



Happy Birthday!

- **Oct. 27 -- Kathy Blumreich** -- Adm. Date: 9/5/2018 Financial Institutions. Monona Bank Former Rotarian at Neenah 2017-18
- **Oct. 28 -- Maria Alvarez Stroud** -- Adm. Date: 3/4/2015 Colleges & Universities-Administration & Support-Retired. Former club member 1987-1994
- **Oct. 28 -- Tom Mooney** -- Adm. Date: 6/3/2009 Community Services. American Red Cross
- **Oct. 29 -- Ron Thorstad** -- Adm. Date: 2/19/1986 Retail-Services & Products-Retired. PHF (6)
- **Oct. 29 -- Ted Waldbillig** -- Adm. Date: 5/5/2004 Communications. Mid-West Family Broadcasting Group Director 2014-16 PHF
- **Oct. 30 -- Jason Beren** -- Adm. Date: 8/3/2005 Engineering. Pearson Engineering Director 2015-17; Club President 2018-19 PHF (5)
- **Oct. 30 -- Harry Engstrom** -- Adm. Date: 2/18/1981 Law-Retired. Foley & Lardner, LLP Director 2004-06. PHF

- **Oct. 30 -- Debbie Gilpin** -- Adm. Date: 1/8/2014 Cultural Institutions. Madison Children's Museum
- **Oct. 30 -- Bradley Hutter** -- Adm. Date: 5/1/2002 Real Estate. MIG Commercial Real Estate, LLC Director 2009-11 PHF (9)
- **Oct. 31 -- Chris Ivanov** -- Adm. Date: 1/3/2018 Energy Services. Madison Gas & Electric
- **Nov. 2 -- Brian Anderson** -- Adm. Date: 9/4/2013 Law. DeWitt LLP Former Rotarian at Thiensville-Mequon 1994-96; Waunakee 1997-2000
- **Nov. 2 -- Peter Cavi** -- Adm. Date: 5/6/2009 Brokerage & Investments. Merrill Lynch PF&S Director 2013-15 PHF (3)
- **Nov. 2 -- Victor Rodriguez** -- Adm. Date: 11/5/2003 Brokerage & Investments. Isthmus Partners Director 2006-08 PHF

Weekly Statistics

MakeUp Artists

Amato, Nino at Prescott, AZ 10/1; Anderson, Terry at DeForest 10/9; Franzen, Mike at Horizons 10/22; Silverberg, Joe at South 10/14

Guest List for October 23, 2019

Lynn Hobbie, Nichole Crust, An Nguyen & Chandra Miller Fienen of Program Committee; Angelica Lozano & Lilly Tangwall of Valerie Renk; Robert Procter of Dewey Bredeson; Meg Prestigiacomo of Scott Forester; Raymond Zhang of Susan Schmitz; Lisa Zwierzynski of Mary Helen Becker; Cecilia Violetta Lopez & Scott Gendel of Music Committee; Andy White of Bill White; Diane Morgenthaler of Deb Archer; Mary Pat Williams of Annette Hellmer; April Kigeya of Anthony Gray; Duncan Schultz of Mike Strigel; Talib Bensouda, Binta Jannah, Philip Spenser, Kaba Bah, Samba Baldeh & Jerah Kujabi

Attendance Record

| Date | Total Members | Total Active | Active Attending (incl. make-ups) | Percentage |
|------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 10/24/2018 | 480 | 366 | 398 (172) | 108.74% |
| 10/23/2019 | 460 | 345 | 311 (95) | 91.14% |