Changing the Study of Native American History and Culture

Patty Loew, Ph.D. is a well-known Wisconsin broadcast and print journalist, producer, educator, writer and proud member of the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Ojibwe. After retiring as a professor from the University of Wisconsin she accepted a position as the inaugural Director of the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

When she accepted the position at Northwestern she wanted to change the paradigm that Native American studies had typically been carried out under; that is, in the framework and context of academic study and peer review, and then describing what eras and influences affected the life and culture of the Native American through history.

Dr. Loew’s concept was to build relationships and draw in related and disparate disciplines to bring a fresh perspective on contributions that Native American cultural knowledge brings to our understanding of the world.

In a convergence of science and cultural history the story was told of a fish warden that oversaw when spear fishing could be opened on certain lakes. He approached his task from a strictly scientific benchmark methodology: When the lake temperature hit 48 degrees it was time to open spearing season because spawning was about to begin. A Native American friend of his had a different method handed down from his ancestors: “Frogs chirp before spearfishing in the spring”. Over
time he discovered the results were much better when he melded the two methodologies, but the real trigger was waiting until the frogs chirped!

Dr. Loew related that there are many other ecological heritage stories that have as much validity as western science methodologies. She has created a minor in Native American & Indigenous Studies to build on the knowledge of historical, scientific and cultural contributions of Native American populations. Learning in this context is expected to be experiential in nature by building relationships through tribal and Native American institutions. She also hopes to raise the visibility of Native American culture and language as indigenous cultures become increasingly rare and dormant.

*Our thanks to Patty Loew for speaking to us and to Kevin Hoffman for providing this review article. If you missed our meeting this week, you can watch the video [here](#).*

### Community Projects Volunteer Opportunity: Help Pack Books Sept. 28 from 10 am to noon

Books for the World Join fellow Rotarians in our club as well as other Madison Area Rotary Clubs for this volunteer opportunity being held on Saturday, September 28, 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Madison College Book Processing Center located at 1849 Wright Street on Madison’s east side. Guests and family members are also welcome to participate. We will be sorting and packing used text books which have been donated by local schools, libraries and individuals. These boxes of books will be shipped to developing countries where they are made available to teachers and school administrators at no cost.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Rotary office at 608-255-9164 or [rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org](mailto:rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org) to sign up.

### Manfred E. Swarsensky Humanitarian Service Award Nominations Due to Rotary Office on October 1, 2019; Award Presentation at Club Luncheon This November

The Rotary Club of Madison, also know as Downtown Rotary, has announced that nominations for its prestigious annual Manfred E. Swarsensky Humanitarian Service Award are now being accepted.

Rabbi Swarsensky was a beloved member of Downtown Rotary for 22 years, served as rabbi of Madison’s Temple Beth El and on the faculty of Edgewood College. He died in 1981 at the age of 75. Inspired by his remarkable life, the club established the award in 1982 to honor his memory. Its purpose is to identify and honor individuals who have, through their voluntary efforts, made a particularly outstanding contribution to humanitarian service in the greater Madison community and beyond, in the tradition so well exemplified by Rabbi Swarsensky. The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a broad community interest as advanced by the rabbi, whether through a single community agency or service, or many. The club seeks nominees who, like Rabbi Swarsensky, have helped build bridges and sought reconciliation between groups and individuals.

The award will be presented at a Wednesday luncheon meeting of the club’s large membership this November and will include a $2,500 grant to a charitable organization in the greater Madison area selected by the awardee.

**RABBI MANFRED SWARSENSKY: LIFELONG HUMANITARIAN:** Born in Prussia in 1906, Manfred Swarsensky was a young rabbi known for his brilliant sermons at one of Berlin’s leading synagogues when the Nazis burned it down, as they did most Jewish institutions and businesses, and imprisoned him in a concentration camp in 1938. After most of his family perished in the Holocaust, he settled in Madison to lead the then new Temple Beth El. Rather than retreat into bitterness, he dedicated the rest of his life to peacemaking, forgiveness and building bridges. “The power of love is stronger and more enduring than the forces of hate,” said Rabbi Swarsensky.

Rabbi Swarsensky’s life is a testimony to what one person can do to better the lives of others. He was known statewide for his commitments to social justice, civil rights, religious tolerance, inter-faith dialogue and furthering forgiveness and reconciliation.

To learn more about Rabbi Swarsensky and to prepare the strongest submission possible, nominators are encouraged to watch this award-winning 9-minute video about his life and work which may be found online on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51xmORreEUs

Click on the following link for this year’s nomination form which is due in the Rotary office by Oct. 1, 2019: https://rotarymadison.org/wp-content/forms/Swarsensky%20Nomination%20FILL%20IN%20Form%202019.docx

Open House at One City Schools
Come and see the new
Madison Rotary Foundation Community Room
Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
One City Schools – 2012 Fisher Street in Madison
Presentation of Check/Brief Program 6:00–6:15 pm

In 2017, members were surveyed and said they would like our club to support a large impact project in our community, in addition to our regular community grants program. Melanie Ramey chaired the committee which conducted a community review that included input from United Way and many local organization representatives. The results connected us to One City Schools and an opportunity to interact with families and children who attend the school.

Our Madison Rotary Foundation is providing a total of $102,500 to One City Schools. The funds were used to create a Community Room during a lower level renovation/expansion project at the school. We were also able to obtain a matching grant from our Rotary District to use towards the school’s meals program for the children attending the school.

We are pleased to join with One City Schools for an Open House on Tuesday, September 10, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, so Rotarians and families can see the room and learn more about future volunteer opportunities at One City Schools. A brief program, including presentation of our check to One City Schools, begins at 6:00 pm.

Light snacks and beverages will be served. Stop by One City Schools, 2012 Fisher Street, between 5:30 – 6:30 pm on September 10 to see the space and see what our grant is providing to the school! No reservations required.

September Rotary District Newsletter
The September edition of the Rotary District 6250 Newsletter, The District Dispatch, is now available. To read about happenings within our Rotary District, click on the following link: https://rotary6250.org/bulletin/viewsent/18c438b5-faca-425b-9d77-d7d6cbfc037a/2e0f60b9-afe3-4d0d-8613-fff871029acfdid=m2t+HOOyWecyjXM8KM+k8Q==&type=m

This issue includes information about a Rotary Disaster Relief Fund and Hurricane Dorian, Collection of Old Musical Instruments by Madison West Rotary, Information about the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, One Rotary Summit Events in the area; and information about seeking applications for students from our district to study abroad as part of our Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

MRF Thanks Contributors
The Board of Trustees of the Madison Rotary Foundation appreciates and thanks the following for their generous contributions: Rick Kiley & Liz King – in memory of Nate Brand, Virginia Henderson and Frank Yost.
Welcome Rotary International Global Grant Scholar Alison Shepherd

Alison Shepherd is a Rotary International Global Grant Scholar from Chester, England. She will be doing post graduate work in international education and global studies at the UW-Madison. Ted Ballweg and his wife, Joan, are serving as counselors to Alison, and we welcome her to Madison and to our Rotary Club of Madison!

From left: Club President Andrea Kaminski, Alison Shepherd, and Ted Ballweg

Action By Directors

The following, proposed as new members, 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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Members in the News

- **Jen Bauer** was interviewed by Carol Koby’s radio program, “All About Living” on August 31, about what to do now when you and your family are on the Alzheimer’s Journey.
- **Boris Frank** was pictured and quoted in an article titled, “One afternoon, two celebrations: Honoring Madisonians Terry Devitt and Boris Frank.” **Renee Moe** was also mentioned in the article. *Madison Magazine Sept 19* And a Mayoral Proclamation was made declaring August 25, 2019, "Boris Frank Day."

OUR SYMPATHIES....

Lew Harned’s daughter, Cathy, passed away on September 3. We extend our sympathies to Lew and to his family.

Wishing You a Happy Birthday!

- **Sept. 8 -- Adam Powell** -- Adm. Date: 7/11/2018 Business Services & Supplies. You Move Me
- **Sept. 9 -- Michelle Drea** -- Adm. Date: 3/6/2019 Government-Local. City of Madison
- **Sept. 9 -- Melinda Heinritz** -- Adm. Date: 5/3/2017 Foundations. Foundation for Madison’s Public Schools
- **Sept. 9 -- Mike Wilson** -- Adm. Date: 9/9/1987 Physician-Retired. Director 1996-98; 100% Attendance since 7/1/1995 PHF (11)
- Sept. 13 -- Tom DeChant -- Adm. Date: 10/3/2012 Consulting-Retired. PHF

Weekly Statistics
MakeUp Artist
Bromley, Joyce at South 7/22

Guest List for September 4, 2019
Alice Loew of Program Committee; Alison Shepherd (RI Global Grant Scholar) of Ted Ballweg; Lloyd Biddle of Debbie Biddle; Brad Gilbert of Oscar Mireles; Joy Cardin of Joan Collins; Vince O’Hern of Linda Baldwin O’Hern

Visiting Rotarian List for September 4, 2019
Jim Zirbell from West; Melissa Wraalstad from Cedarburg/Grafton

Attendance Record

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