



The Madison, WI Rotary News for June 5, 2020

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Upcoming Rotary Online Programs

- **June 17**
Michael Wagner
Pandemic Voting: Information, Geography and Polarization in the 2020 Elections in Wisconsin
- **June 24**
Club's Year End Celebration
- **July 3**
No Meeting

Upcoming Online Rotary Program



June 10 Speaker is Renee Moe: What Can We Do? Response to Community Unrest Over Racism, Police Use of Force, Protests and Riots

Our Rotary Program Committee wants to talk about what we can do as community members and Rotarians. Black leaders have asked us to expand the number of voices who are responding. For that reason, we have invited fellow Rotarian **Renee Moe** and United Way of Dane County to help us understand and know how to take action. **Teresa Holmes**, our club's Racial Equity & Inclusion Committee Chair and board member will introduce Renee.

Renee was elected as President & CEO of United Way of Dane County in 2016. Renee's career at United Way began seventeen years earlier as a college intern. In 2013, Renee was the youngest and first woman of color to serve as President of our Rotary Club. Renee holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mandarin Studies from UW-Madison, and an Executive MBA degree from the Wisconsin School of Business. Renee lives with her husband, their two children and family dog on Madison's north side.

Q&A: This meeting will be livestreamed on June 10, and our thanks to Brian Basken for helping with the A/V to make this possible. Members who have questions for Renee can email them to our Rotary office at rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org by 10 am on June 10 or use the Chat feature on YouTube during the meeting to ask your question. President Andrea will ask the questions after Renee's remarks next Wednesday.



Virtual Coffee Connections

Join Us Each Wednesday for Virtual Coffee Connections! You can connect with other Rotary members of our club for coffee via a Zoom Call. **If you would like to join the Zoom Coffee Connections at 11 am on June 10, send an email to the Rotary office (rotaryoffice@rotarymadison.org) by 10 am on June 10** to let us know you'd like to receive the link to this event.



Class of 2020 Rotary Scholars

The Madison Rotary Foundation has awarded college scholarships totaling \$316,800 to 24 graduates from Madison area high schools, and they were introduced to our club membership at our June 3 online Rotary meeting. Congratulations to the following recipients:

Nathan F. Brand Scholar: Tyson Nash

Frederic Brandenburg: Astrid Hooper Lofton

John J. Frautschi/Synergy Scholar: Savannah Hill

Harry French Scholars: Rachel Bautz, Cyrus Lashore & Autumn-Breeze Silva

Dick Goldberg Scholar: Poppy Smallman

Perry & Virginia Henderson Scholar: Achemsa Kum

Regina M. Millner Scholar: Yacouba Traore, Jr.

Louis Hirsig Scholar: Deniye Mitchell

Irving & Dorothy Levy Family Scholars: Emmanuel Apodaca, Nevaehia Boston, Victor Bulat, Ani Dickerson, Destiny Lloyd, Alberto Lopez, Julian Morales Grande, Kevin Shean, Reette Thorns & Baoku Vang

Thomas Leonard/Synergy Scholar: Yan Venegas Sosa

Andrew McBeath Scholars: Blessing Odjedele & Valery Pov

Synergy/Weston Scholar: Beeki Gurung

Our Scholarship Committee annually selects students from participating high schools. The chosen applicants are students with high academic standing and with character and leadership ability who have made contributions to their schools and communities and have financial need.

We sincerely appreciate the donors who have made scholarships possible through the following named funds: **Robert M. Bolz, Nathan F. Brand, Frederic S. Brandenburg, John J. Frautschi, Harry L. French, Dick Goldberg, Perry & Virginia Henderson, Louis Hirsig, Thomas Leonard, Irving & Dorothy Levy Family, Andrew A. McBeath, Regina M. Millner, Cheryl Weston** and the **Worzala Family** – thank you! We also have our **Synergy Fund** to which anyone can contribute any amount to help us fund future scholarships.

Our thanks to this year's Scholarship Committee for the many hours spent on reviewing applications, interviewing students and developing recommendations for this year's award recipients: **Laura Peck** (Chair), **Marci Henderson, Dick Lovell, Oscar Mireles, Donna Moreland, Stacy Nemeth** and **Nasra Wehelie**.

When asked, "How do you define success," one of this year's scholars said, "Defining success for me, begins with happiness. I have always valued the idea of doing what you love. My success will come from a career that I know I belong in and surrounding myself with people who I know have my best interest at heart. Being successful does not only happen once. I believe we can find success in any aspect of life because we are not perfect, and the journey to success can perpetuate if we put our minds to it. Success to me will always be wherever my happiness is."

Our congratulations to these 24 students receiving this year's scholarships and best wishes for success in their college careers!

If you missed our meeting this week, you can watch it on our club's YouTube Channel here: https://youtu.be/f_gAhB-Qbik

Rotary International Foundation Fundraising Campaign

The
Rotary
Foundation



Goal: \$50,000 by June 30, 2020
Goal Per Member: \$100/member goal

Week of June 3, 2020: \$40,935 raised. 174 members participating.

How COVID-19 is Impacting Our Club

COVID-19 has presented many economic hardships within our community – for our members personally and for our Rotary Club.

Our Rotary Club was forced to cancel in-person meetings beginning March 18 through the remaining of our fiscal year due to the pandemic. While this unfortunate occurrence has reduced our meal expenses, our membership numbers are also lower than budgeted which has created a large deficit for the upcoming Rotary year.

We will be mailing the semi-annual Rotary membership dues billing on June 12 to members' home addresses, and it will include a cover letter explaining the billing. The billing does not introduce an increase in regular dues or meals for July – December. Because of the canceled luncheons from March 18 – June 30, there is a meal credit of \$145 available to members who prepaid their meals for the first half of 2020. It would be very helpful to the club and greatly appreciated if members would choose to forego the credit and allow us to apply it to the deficit our club faces for the 2020-2021 year. Non-prepaid members who have outstanding meal tickets and are willing to turn them in unused can mail their those meal tickets to the Rotary office.

We understand some members are experiencing a career transition and/or family life consideration due to the pandemic and need to seek an exemption of the prepayment of meals during the July – December billing period and pay only the dues portion. You may email or call the Rotary office to seek this status. Our Rotary board will be reviewing such requests on a case by case basis.

Below are details about planning for smaller in-person Rotary meetings starting July 8, and we will also livestream these meetings so members who prefer not to attend in-person meetings can watch online each Wednesday at noon (or view any time on the club's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/rotaryclubofmadison>).

Note that if additional luncheons are canceled during July – December of 2020, our board may offer another meal credit on the January – June 2021 billing.

Regardless of how we are able to meet in the upcoming months, we will continue to *Connect, Grow and Serve* to make our community a better place to live.



Planning for In-Person Meetings

We wanted to share our current plans for getting together in person, and we'll follow the guidelines established for Dane County on the maximum number of people in any meeting room. We will also follow all CDC safety guidelines.

Here are answers to some questions about in-person meetings:

- **When Will We Meet In Person Again?** July 8 is our targeted start date at the Park Hotel. We will livestream the meeting from the Park Hotel and have additional locations as needed to accommodate members who would like to meet in person. If you have space in your office to temporarily host a group of about 20 – 40 members where they can be at least six feet apart, please contact the Rotary office to let us know. We will arrange a box lunch to be served at any of these off-site locations. New, however, will be a requirement to make a reservation to attend a meeting until further notice.
- **How Do I Make a Reservation to Attend?** Reservations will be required by Tuesday at 10 am (there will be a link in each Friday newsletter) for anyone planning to attend a Wednesday meeting. Registration will be limited by the number of people we can safely accommodate and will be closed after the number is reached. An online registration tool will be used for this purpose. Non-prepaid members and guests will need to pay any fee via credit card or by mailing payment to the Rotary office. No money exchange will take place at the meeting.
- **Do I Need to Maintain 50% Attendance?** Until further notice, while attendance will be recorded, it will remain optional. Names will be written down as the member or guest enters the meeting room so there is no handling of meal tickets.
- **Can I Still Watch our Rotary Meeting Online?** Yes, we will have one main “live” meeting with all presenters in attendance at that session. This meeting will be livestreamed to other locations as needed and to members at their homes if they prefer not to risk being in groups of people. We have been averaging 200+ views for our videorecorded Wednesday meetings, and we will continue to livestream our upcoming meetings (available to watch any time after the start of our noon meeting on our club’s YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/rotaryclubofmadison>).
- **Name Badges:** A temporary plastic name badge will be sent to members in the mail. Members will bring their badge to/from Rotary meetings. Badges cannot be stored on site.
- **Will I Be Served A Meal?** Yes, however, it will be a preset lunch, and there won't be any sharing of coffee or other items at the tables.
- **Do I Need to Wear a Face Mask?** Yes, you will be asked to wear a face mask to meetings, but of course you can remove it to eat your lunch.
- **Can I Still Park At The Hotel?** No. Unfortunately, until further notice, valet parking is not allowed at the hotel. There is two-hour parking on Main Street, and the Dane County Parking Ramp is also an option, in addition to the State Street and Overture Center Parking Ramps.

Rotary District 6250 Conference is June 20



This year's District 6250 Conference has virtually moved! Join District Governor Edwin Bos and other Rotarians from around our District for the first time ever virtual district conference on Saturday, June 20, 7:30am – 12:00pm. This Virtual RotaryFest is being held in conjunction with Rotary International's Online Convention Broadcast. You won't have to leave the comfort of your own home, and the event is absolutely FREE! But you must register to take part in the morning's events. Click on this link to register: <https://www.rotary6250.org/page/2020-district-conference-virtual>.



Members in the News

- **John Hayes** was interviewed about damage caused at Goodman's Jewelers during rioting on Saturday evening. *Channel 15 News 5/31*
- **Sharyl Kato** was pictured in an article titled, "The Diversity of Asia America: Celebrating 2020 Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month." *TCCH 5/4*
- **Renee Moe** wrote a guest column about the skyrocketing needs in our community due to the pandemic and United Way's role in helping those in need. *WSJ 5/31*
- **Casey Oelkers** wrote an article about **Margaret Murphy** and her husband, Howard Kidd, on how they provide support to the Madison Symphony Orchestra. *5/20*
- **Susan Schmitz** and **Karla Thennes** were quoted in an article titled, "City, partner seek new site for homeless men; return to church basements 'inconceivable'." *WSJ 5/31*



OUR SYMPATHIES

Mark Laufman's wife, Ilene Princer Laufman, passed away on May 26. We extend our condolences to Mark and to his family.



Let's Celebrate Your Birthday!

- **June 8 -- Lynette Fons** -- Adm. Date: 4/4/2018 Consulting. Lynette Fons, JD, CCEP
- **June 9 -- Allen Arntsen** -- Adm. Date: 5/4/2016 Law-Retired. Former member 2007-11 PHF
- **June 9 -- Randy Banks** -- Adm. Date: 10/1/2008 Architecture. Strang, Inc.
- **June 10 -- Herman Baumann** -- Adm. Date: 1/9/2013 Consulting-Retired. Sgt.-at-Arms 2017-18
- **June 10 -- Valerie Renk** -- Adm. Date: 11/7/2012 Community Services. Habitat for Humanity of Dane County PHF
- **June 10 -- Yigit Uctum** -- Adm. Date: 1/9/2013 Accounting. Wegner CPAs PHF
- **June 11 -- Tom Carroll** -- Adm. Date: 10/12/1994 Brokerage & Investments. R.W. Baird & Co. Inc.
- **June 11 -- Karl Gutknecht** -- Adm. Date: 1/7/1998 Business & Convention Development. Culture Ventures International Director 2003-05; 100% Attendance since 1/7/1998 PHF (5)