



The Madison, WI Rotary News for March 6, 2020

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March 11 Rotary Meeting at Park Hotel **WI Supreme Court Candidate Jill Karofsky**

Join us next week on March 11, at the Park Hotel, when Steve Walters from WisconsinEye will moderate a Q&A session with WI Supreme Court Candidate **Jill Karofsky**. While both candidates were invited to speak on two different dates, Justice Daniel Kelly indicated that he was not available. Per our policy on inviting candidates to speak (see our February 28 newsletter for the policy), a person from his campaign has been invited to attend and distribute campaign materials.



Jill Karofsky is a judge for Branch 12 of the Dane County Circuit Court in Wisconsin. She earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University. She holds a master's degree and J.D. degree from UW-Madison. She was the education director and general counsel for the National Conference of Bar Examiners from 2001 to 2010.

Judge Karofsky previously served as executive director of the Wisconsin Office of Crime Victim Services. She also worked as an Assistant Attorney General, serving as the state's Violence Against Women resource prosecutor and as deputy district attorney in Dane County. She is an adjunct professor at the UW-Madison Law School.

Any member wishing to submit a question for candidate Karofsky should send their questions via email to our Rotary office by March 9th.

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).

The Wisconsin Civics Games: An Important Competition

Eve Galanter told of why and how she founded The Civics Games, an annual competition among high school students from all regions of Wisconsin. A few years ago, she became concerned when learning that research demonstrated the profound lack of knowledge of civics and the very poor level of participation in civic affairs among citizens of America.

Thirty-two percent of Americans cannot name the three branches of government. A high percentage of elected offices at the local level are either uncontested or lack any candidate at all.

Because teens like competition and "to know more than their parents," Ms. Galanter developed a contest similar to the old College Bowl television series. Her approach to the Wisconsin Newspapers Association Foundation for sponsorship was met with enthusiastic approval.

Upcoming Program at Park Hotel

(unless otherwise noted)

- **March 18**
Deb Archer, Sharon Corrigan, Rob Gottschalk & Heather Stouder
The Next Big Community Connection: Taking a Destination District from Vision to Reality
- **March 25**
UW-Madison Prof. William Aylward
The Archaeology of Troy and the Trojan War
- **April 1**
Jim Draeger
Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin's Historic Bars

For the first time, last February, students at all Wisconsin high schools were invited to form teams and compete at regional contests held at state universities throughout the state followed by the championship round at the State Capitol. Each round consisted of teams competing to answer 100 questions.

To demonstrate, she provided Rotarians the opportunity to answer five questions from last year's championship round. If you were with us, you would know how we fared. Let's just say, it was not a slam dunk. So as to include our honored ten spelling winners, she asked them to spell "emoluments," a topic that will be addressed at this year's Civics Games in April.

Most Rotarians were surprised to learn that civics is not required for graduation in Wisconsin, also true of most states. However, Wisconsin does require all graduates to pass the naturalized citizenship test with a score of at least 60%.

For more information about the games, please go to www.wisconsinincivicsgames.com.

Our thanks to Eve Galanter for speaking to us and to Larry Larrabee for preparing this review article. If you missed our meeting this week, you can watch the video on our club's YouTube Channel [here](#).

Meet Our New Members



Robert A. Fanning has been loaned the classification of Business Services & Supplies and is senior advisor for FarWell Project Advisors, LLC. He was born in Corning, New York, and currently lives with his wife, Suzanne, on Hidden Cave Road in Madison. They have three grown children. Bob graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Northeastern University, and he also holds an MBA degree from UW-Madison. He is a member of the American Society for Quality. He is a past Baldrige National Quality Award Examiner and served on the board of the Madison Area Quality Improvement Network (MAQIN). Bob was also a commodore of the Mendota Yacht Club. He enjoys sailboat racing and skiing. Majid Sarmadi is his sponsor.



James J. Krueger has been loaned the classification of Community Services and is executive director for NewBridge Madison; an organization which serves as a support network for senior citizens living in their homes. He is a native Madisonian who earned his bachelor's degree in social work from UW-Madison. Jim and his wife, Lisa, make their home on Chandler Lane in Sun Prairie. He is a member of the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers as well as the National Institute of Senior Centers. Jim serves as president of the Elderly Services Network of Dane County and is a member of the Northside Business Association. He is also a member of the American Society for Quality. Jim is a recipient of the Northside Planning Council's Community Impact Award. He plays basketball, football and baseball and enjoys beer and wine tastings and card games. Jim's sponsors are Charles McLimans and Christine Beatty.



John F. Leinen has been loaned the classification of Business & Convention Development and is vice president of sales for Destination Madison. He was born in Joliet, Illinois, and came to Madison from Reno, Nevada, in 2017. John and his wife, Sharon, live on Lexington Way in Waunakee and have one son. John is a member of Destinations International, the American Society of Association Executives and the Professional Conference Managers Association. John enjoys cooking, reading and hiking. His sponsor is Deb Archer.



Michael D. Mucha has been loaned the classification of Government-Local and is chief engineer and director for the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District. He was born in Milwaukee and now lives with his partner, Laurel Sukup, on Lakeland Avenue in Madison. Michael holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from UW-Milwaukee and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington-Seattle. Michael is a member of the therapy dog team for Pet Partners. He is also a Wisconsin Master Naturalist and volunteers many community services hours each year toward stewardship of the natural environment. He is a community board member and faculty member at Edgewood College. Michael enjoys vintage bicycle and fountain pen restoration as well as backpacking and photography. His sponsor is Jenny Sereno.



Rebekah P. Paré has been loaned the classification of Colleges & Universities – Administration & Support and is executive director for UW-Madison, SuccessWorks, a center for student personal and professional development. She was born in Warwick, Rhode Island. Rebekah and her husband, Michael, make their home on Wenzel Way in Waunakee with their two children. Rebekah earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of New Hampshire and two master’s degrees from UW-Madison. She is chair-elect for the Big Ten Academic Alliance Liberal Arts and Career Initiatives Peer Group. Rebekah is a recipient of the Wisconsin Academic Advising Association’s Advising Impact Award. She is the pianist for Ladies Must Swing Band, and she loves knitting and crocheting. Her sponsor is Ron Luskin.



Top Ten Spellers Honored

Continuing our Rotary Club’s long standing tradition which dates back to the 1960’s, we recognized the Top Ten Spellers in the All City Spelling Bee during our Rotary luncheon this week. Members of our Youth Awards Committee greeted and hosted the spellers and their guests, and Dave Billing, chair of our Youth Awards Committee made the introductions. The This year’s Top Ten Spellers are: **Matthew Brock** from Toki Middle School (1st place), **Vincent Bautista** from Edgewood Campus School (2nd place), **Grace Huang** from Velma Hamilton Middle School (3rd place), **Emma Kidarsa** from Stephens Elementary School, **Katherine Moore** from Crestwood Elementary School, **Maggie Nornberg** from St. Ambrose Academy Middle School,

Leander Pottinger from Sherman Middle School, **Jillian Stebbins** from O’Keeffe Middle School, **Gang Wang Jr.** from Spring Harbor Middle School, and **Aiden Wijeyakulasuriya** from Blessed Sacrament School. In addition, Gayle Worland, Spelling Bee Director, was also in attendance.

First Place Finisher Matthew Brock will participate in the Badger State Spelling Bee this Saturday, March 7th, at Madison College.

Congratulations to the Top Ten Spellers, and thank you for attending our March 4 meeting.



Madison Rotary Foundation Thanks Contributors

The Board of Trustees of the Madison Rotary Foundation appreciates and thanks the following for their generous contributions: **In Memory of Phil Stark:** Alan

Orenberg and Jim & Carol Ruhly. **In Memory of Dave Phillips:** Nelson Cummings and Jim & Carol Ruhly.

Action By Directors

The following, proposed as new members, were 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.

NAME	ORGANIZATION	CLASSIFICATION	SPONSOR
Charleston, LaVar	UW-Madison	Colleges & Universities-Administration	Bob Graebner
Griffin, Amy	Madison Museum of Contemporary Art	Cultural Institutions	Valerie Kazamias
Kirchstein, Elizabeth	National Guardian Life Insurance Co.	Insurance	John Sims
Lockett, Dani	Madison Children’s Musuem	Cultural Institutions	John Sims



Members in the News

- **Charlie Berthoud** was quoted in an article, “Flu closes schools, leads to ‘fist bumps’ instead of handshaking in churches.” *WSJ* 2/28
- **Jackson Fonder, Susan Schmitz** and **Karla Thennes** were quoted in an article titled, “Community leaders seek to replace 'barely humane' men's homeless shelter.” *WSJ* 3/2
- **Jonathan Solari** was pictured and quoted in an article titled, “Jonathan Solari takes over as Madison Ballet’s first CEO.” *TCT* 2/26
- **Joan Ziegler** wrote an article titled, “Food for Thought” about preserving farmland near cities. *Madison Essentials* Mar/Apr 20



Happy Birthday to You!

- **Mar. 10 -- Jessika Kasten** -- Adm. Date: 6/5/2019 Health Services. UnityPoint Health-Meriter
- **Mar. 10 -- Kathy Koritzinsky** -- Adm. Date: 12/4/2013 Education. PLACES International, LLC
- **Mar. 11 -- Valerie Kazamias** -- Adm. Date: 9/14/1988 Consulting. Kazamias and Associates 100% Attendance since 9/14/1988 PHF (2)
- **Mar. 11 -- Barb Wiley** -- Adm. Date: 1/5/2005 Colleges & Universities-Administration & Support-Retired. PHF
- **Mar. 12 -- Sara DeTienne** -- Adm. Date: 12/5/2007 Foundations. UW Foundation, Dept. of Neurological Surgery Director 2019-21
- **Mar. 13 -- Mike Wenzel** -- Adm. Date: 10/1/2008 Business Services & Supplies. Name Badge Productions
- **Mar. 14 -- Mike Gotzler** -- Adm. Date: 5/6/2009 Law. Littler Mendelson PHF

Weekly Statistics

MakeUp Artists

Franzen, Mike at WT-Middleton 2/28; May, Mike at Palm Springs, CA 2/12; Neviaser, Ann at Naples, FL 2/21 & 2/26

Guest List for March 4, 2020

Matthew Brock, Mathew & Patricia Brock, Vincent Bautista, Ryndon Bautista, Grace Huang, George Huang & Judy Wang, Gang Wang, Jr., Gang Wang & Dennys Mounz, Maggie Nornberg, Julianne Nornberg, Aiden Wijeyakulasuriya, Dinusha Wijeyakulasuriya, Katherine Moore, David Moore, Emma Kidarsa, Adrian & Teresa Kidarsa, Jillian Stebbins, Joana Stebbins, Leander Pottinger & Karen Reim of Youth Awards Committee; Darin Harris of Bob Block; Mary Beth Collins of Bob Sorge; Greg Zacharski of Jorge Hidalgo; Amy Gutzman of Sean Morrison; Natalie Worcester of UW-Rotaract Advisory Committee; Judy Davidoff of Craig Bartlett; Fabricio Oliveira for RYE Committee

Attendance Record

Date	Total Members	Total Active	Active Attending (incl. make-ups)	Percentage
03/06/2019	477	358	341 (127)	95.25%
03/04/2020	449	335	328 (123)	97.91%



Reserve Wednesdays for Rotary:
11:45 am lunch and networking
12:15 – 1:10 pm Rotary meeting