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## The Madison, WI Rotary News for October 9, 2020

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### Upcoming Rotary Programs (subject to change)

- **October 21**  
**Eileen Harrington**  
Restructuring City of Madison Government
- **October 28**  
**Darin Harris**  
This is Not TV: Networking and Best Practices in Zoom
- **November 4**  
**UW-Madison Prof. David Canon**  
Election 2020: Now What?
- **November 11**  
**BG Joane Mathews**  
National Guard's Support of Wisconsin During This Crazy Year

## Next Wednesday's Online Speaker

### October 14: Lee Rasch to Speak About Ethical Leadership and the American Democracy



At next Wednesday's online Rotary meeting, guest speaker **Lee Rasch** will analyze some of the variables that are increasing the partisan political divide in our nation, resulting in reduced confidence (and reduced effectiveness) in government. He will cover the important role of ethical leadership among elected officials as a means of countering these trends, and he will also include suggested actions that the average citizen (and Rotarian) can take to promote ethical leadership.

Lee founded LeaderEthics-Wisconsin in 2018 and serves as its executive director. Prior to this, he served as president of Western Technical College from 1989 to 2017. Throughout his career, he has actively promoted leadership development, continuous improvement, economic development and sustainability at the national, state and local levels. He has written articles and given numerous presentations on these topics. Lee was chair of the Legislative Committee for the Wisconsin Technical College System for more than 15 years.

Lee holds a doctorate degree in Higher Education Administration from Illinois State University. He is a fellow Rotarian and a member of the Downtown La Crosse Rotary Club.

## Review of Most Recent Program Speaker

### A Launching Pad for Young People to Do Great Things in the World

Chris McIntosh opened the October 7 Rotary program with a question. "What do you think of when you think of the Badgers?"

You may imagine sitting in the stands watching football at Camp Randall, but there's a lot more to it when it comes to Badger athletics.

Each year, the UW-Madison Department of Intercollegiate Athletics makes available the opportunity for approximately 800 student-athletes to obtain a world-class education while competing on a grand athletic stage.

Chris McIntosh was named Deputy Athletic Director in July 2017. He oversees daily operations of the department, student-athlete recruitment, business development, human resources, and strategic planning.

McIntosh was a consensus All-America offensive tackle and Outland Trophy finalist for the Badgers in 1999. He captained Wisconsin's back-to-back Big Ten and Rose Bowl champions in 1998 and 1999 and started 50 straight games during his college career. He was a first-round draft choice of the Seattle Seahawks in 2000 and played in Seattle for three seasons. He emphasized that UW-Madison athletes gain far more than lasting memories and trophies; they have numerous opportunities ahead due to their world-class education.

Athletes receive support from several organizations like W-Club which includes UW-Wisconsin alumni around the country. Interestingly, 63 percent of Badger athletes settle in the Upper Midwest after graduation.

Where does the revenue come from for the UW athletics? McIntosh said the sport of football, including filling the stands at Camp Randall on seven Saturdays a year is an important cog in the wheel. But this year there have been revenue shortfalls given the widespread impact of Covid-19.

Eight hundred young people in 23 sports are developing life skills that can take them far. The mentoring and support they receive at the UW during these formative years is crucial to their success. Much of that support comes from relationship building.

McIntosh showcased several athletes' stories and how UW-Madison was a launching pad for their doing great things in the world.

By and large UW athletes recognize their exceptional educational opportunities. That shows in the 3.246 GPA earned by the vast majority of UW-Madison athletes.

Looking back on their athletic experiences at the UW-Madison, McIntosh said, "These young people discover they are capable of far more than what they thought was possible.—all because of football."

*Our thanks to Chris McIntosh for speaking to our club this week and to Sharyn Alden for preparing this review article. If you missed our meeting this week, you can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/YB626jHUsdk>. And here is the link to watch the Live Q&A session with Chris: <https://youtu.be/NiERHpsOuU>.*



## Socktober! Donate Socks for Homeless

It's Socktober! Winter is coming. A small act of love, like donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference for our neighbors who are homeless. Join your fellow Rotarians in donating socks through the month of October. In addition to socks, Porchlight is looking for new travel size hygiene items.

**Drop off:** You can drop off items at the following locations. If you would like a receipt, please include a note with your name and address.

**Porchlight Drop Off Main Office**

306 N Brooks  
St Madison, WI 53715  
Mon-Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm

**Commercial Kitchen**

1704 Thierer Road  
Madison, WI 53704  
Mon-Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm

**Grace Episcopal Church's Food Pantry**

116 W Washington Ave  
Madison, WI 53703  
Tues-Thurs : 1-3 pm and Sat:10am – noon  
Parking on W. Washington by entrance  
Use clearly marked container on site

Porchlight strives to reduce homelessness in Dane County by collaborating with the community to provide shelter, affordable housing, and supportive services that eliminate barriers and empower the individuals and families they serve.

Questions? Contact Maggie Porter Kratz – [mpkratz@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:mpkratz@madisoncollege.edu) or 814.777.4896

Thank You!



## Join Rotarians For a Walk in the Woods at APT

On October 17 or 18, join fellow Rotarians for a tour of the grounds of American Players Theatre. In groups of 8, we will walk around the grounds, and listen to a self-guided audio tour done by APT folks sharing stories about plays, actors, the woods and the hills. The tours are designed for different levels of hiking ability and Rotarians can choose which one they want. We will all gather at the Hilltop Theater for the final scene. The cost is \$25 per person.

Contact the Rotary office as soon as you can to assure we can get tickets. Deadline is October 9 to sign-up or click on this link to register: <https://forms.gle/KCLYF8pkSL8mPTJCA>

Once we receive information from interested Rotarians on the day for the afternoon event, we will send a confirmation notice. In addition, when you receive the confirmation notice, you will need to purchase your tickets online.

Here's a link to more information: [https://americanplayers.org/if-these-trees-could-talk?dm\\_i=5KVB,BW4V,4DJHKA,18IVE,1](https://americanplayers.org/if-these-trees-could-talk?dm_i=5KVB,BW4V,4DJHKA,18IVE,1)

This event is hosted by our club's **Special Events Fellowship Group** chaired by Linda Baldwin.



## Volunteer Opportunity

### Assembling Thanksgiving Baskets on November 19 and 20 for Families in Need

Our **Community Projects Committee** chaired by **Jenni Jeffress** invites Rotarians to join them for volunteer opportunities at the Goodman Community Center Gym on Madison's east side as follows:

**VEGETABLE SORTING/BAGGING NOV. 19 – 1:00 – 3:00 pm:** Prepare for distribution by helping unload bulk vegetables (potatoes, carrots, and onions), sort out any expired or damaged produce for composting, and assemble individual portion produce bags by weight. 5 Slots available.

**DONATION SORTING NOV. 20 – 2:00 – 5:00 pm:** 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, and some work may involve being outside - bring a coat and gloves. 10 slots available.

All volunteers will be required to wear a mask during their shift. To sign-up, click on the following link: <https://forms.gle/X7ktMkDx3fkvLbXFA> or contact the Rotary office. Deadline to sign-up is November 10.



## Members in the News

- **Masood Akhtar** was included in an interview about a pardoned citizens assistance program he helped create. *WKOW 10/1*
- **Jeannie Cullen Schultz** and George Cullen been selected to serve as fifth generation co-presidents of J.P. Cullen. Congratulations, Jeannie!
- **Donna Moreland** has recently been named Deputy Secretary of the Dept of Safety and Professional Services. *WSJ 10/3*



## Happy Birthday, Rotarians!

- **Oct. 11 -- Willie Larkin** -- Adm. Date: 12/6/2017 Community Services. Former member Auburn, AL 1992-2006; Madison Rotary 2008-10
- **Oct. 14 -- Bob Block** -- Adm. Date: 2/6/1985 Physician-Retired. PHF (2)
- **Oct. 14 -- Jerry Thain** -- Adm. Date: 6/3/1992 Colleges & Universities-Professional School. UW Law School Sgt.-At-Arms 2000-01, Director 2001-03 PHF (9)
- **Oct. 16 -- Laura Gallagher** -- Adm. Date: 3/6/2019 Advertising, Publicity & Public Relations. The Creative Company, Inc. Former member of club 2014-2018
- **Oct. 17 -- Dortz Dortzbach** -- Adm. Date: 6/20/1973 Physician-Retired. PHF