Rotary Club of Madison

ROTARY CONNECTION

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MEMBER PROFILES

BRYAN CHAN – Member since 2006
Bryan is founder and president of SupraNet Communications, Inc. His company works to eliminate the barriers to Internet inclusion and digital equity by building fiber optic and wireless networks. Bryan serves on the board of directors of Overture Center for the Arts, Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Dane County. He was named an Executive of the Year by In Business Magazine in 2015. He is a graduate of UW-Madison.

SANDY MORALES – Member since 2015
Sandy is CEO of Big Brother Big Sisters, Dane County. Big Brothers Big Sisters' mission is to create and support 1-to-1 mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Sandy serves on the board of directors of Downtown Madison Inc. and in 2016 she was named one of Wisconsin's 48 Most Powerful Latinos. She is past president of the Latino Professionals Association of Greater Madison. Sandy is a graduate of Marquette University.

JEANNIE CULLEN SCHULTZ – Member since 2015
With brother, George, Jeannie is Co-President of JP Cullen Construction. JP Cullen is a 130-year-old family business known as "The Tough Jobs Experts." Jeannie rose through the ranks of the company with an emphasis on healthcare construction projects. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College, BA and UW–Madison, MA. While attending Dartmouth, Jeannie played on "The Big Green's" women's basketball team. Jeannie is also the proud mother of five children.

FOR ME, PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL GROWTH CAME UNEXPECTEDLY

By ELLEN FOLEY — Member since 2017

In the past few years, the Rotary Club of Madison distilled the spirit and value of our club with a crisp action-oriented branding statement: Connect. Grow. Serve.

It carries powerful messages for current members and shares with prospects the uplifting breadth of the club's pursuits.

Let's talk about GROWTH.

After many years in Madison, I ***finally*** joined the Rotary Club of Madison because I ***finally*** had the opportunity to regularly attend the weekly luncheon meetings. Such experiences were a delight as I met new and interesting people. Also, I began to volunteer to work on a few committees. Then COVID hit.

Due to family issues, I couldn't risk getting infected. In-person meetings were no longer possible. By early 2021, navigating work and life through the eye of my teeny laptop camera was grim. Then something unexpected happened.

I was busier than I had ever been because many clients began ramping up for the reopening of the economy. My camera and I began bumping into Rotarians on my Zoom forays. And they were young Rotarians—the kind of people I didn't often sit with at luncheon meetings.

My younger friends taught me about life via pixels with tips on how to rescue a meeting by using your cellphone when the audio or video flaked out. They shared with me hand signals to tell someone they mistakenly had their microphone on mute. And one explained we don't meet unless we need to make a decision.

These young Rotarians and other young friends in the past two years demonstrated an amazing adaptability amid possibly the worst time in a generation. They taught this old dog some new tricks. And for that I am grateful.

Are you a community leader who is interested in taking part in transformational change in your community, making an impact around the world, and expanding your personal and professional network? If so, the Rotary Club of Madison is eager to hear from you.

BUILDING UNDERSTANDING THROUGH ROTARY EXCHANGE

By JESSIKA KASTEN — Member since 2019

One of the most special, yet globally impactful programs the Rotary Club offers is its Youth Exchange Program. Longtime Downtown Madison Rotarian Paul Hoffmann knows this personally, having hosted 32 students over the years – the vast majority arranged through or connected to the Rotary program. Paul's wife, Sharon, took part in a Rotary Youth Exchange to Brazil when she was a teen, and since then, vowed to return the favor. "We just feel like this is an opportunity to have an impact on the world – spreading goodwill, making connections and putting a real face to a nation," said Paul. "It's such an enriching experience for us as the host family, and we're so blessed to have these opportunities."

Paul Hoffmann, Brun Zulfikarpasic, Sharon and Isaac Hoffmann enjoying a Badger game

One of the Hoffmann's most recent exchange students, Brun Zulfikarpasic, lived with the Hoffmanns for four months in 2019. "Staying with Paul and Sharon was an unforgettable experience. They welcomed me and taught me many valuable life lessons," said Brun. "They were so giving in so many ways." Brun, originally from Zagreb, Croatia, is now studying electrical engineering in London. The Hoffmann family continues to keep in contact with Brun and considers him a member of their family.

Rotary Youth Exchange is making a difference one person at a time, one household at a time, during a time when finding common ground has never been more important.

ROTARIANS ARE ENGAGED AND SATISFIED WITH MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

By LYNETTE FONS — Member since 2018

Each year Rotary Club of Madison surveys its members. Respondents do so anonymously providing candid feedback about the club and their experience. These surveys measure member satisfaction and engagement, identify issues important to members and help club leaders make informed, timely decisions.

Results of the 2021 survey revealed a vast majority of the respondents have pride in and feel fulfilled by their club involvement. Members feel encouraged, connected and included.

Connect, Grow and Serve is our club's motto. seventy percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed their membership resulted in close friends and connections. Rotary offers many opportunities to forge connections and make new friends, even during a pandemic.

The primary way for Rotarians to connect and grow is through our weekly luncheon meetings where members gather and are exposed to a wide array of topics and quality program speakers. seventy-four percent stated they also engaged in club committees or fellowship groups. Twenty-nine fellowship groups provide a variety of ways to share common interests ranging from matters culinary to sporting, literary to environmental, newsworthy to personally noteworthy, and good times. Joining a fellowship group is easy. Invitations to these small group gatherings start arriving, often monthly. Committees drive our international and community projects and club initiatives not limited to those aimed at eliminating polio, helping the disadvantaged throughout Dane County and mentoring college students.

Through attendance at weekly meetings, plus involvement in committees and fellowship groups, members enhance their club experience and engage on a scale just right for their lifestyle and interests.

CLUB INFORMATION

The Rotary Club of Madison was chartered in 1913, and we are proud of our 100+ years of service to Madison and beyond. We are one of the 10 largest of over 46,000 Rotary clubs in the world with 420 members.

Rotary Club of Madison

CONNECT. GROW. SERVE.

- **Connect** with other leaders to expand your network
- **Grow** personally and professionally
- **Serve** and help shape our community, our world and our future

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS.

Through Rotary you will meet people from all backgrounds. Rotary has 1.4 million members worldwide. Not only will you make valuable connections, but you will be introduced to new interests and ideas you may not otherwise experience. We offer informative programs at our weekly luncheon meetings on various local, national and international topics.

CREATE CHANGE.

We participate in many hands-on service opportunities. You can help shape our community and our future. We focus on three key areas: Basic Needs, Education and Civic Engagement. With Rotary, you'll be able to make a difference in the areas closest to your heart.

MAKE AN IMPACT.

It's people like you who make up the heart of this city—people who promote change and take steps to make it happen. You'll evolve both personally and professionally by connecting with people from every sector.

In Rotary, our purpose is simple: join together to accomplish greatness—greatness for ourselves, our community and our world.

Jack Salzwedel, Retired CEO American Family Insurance

PROGRAM SPEAKERS THAT ARE SURE TO INFORM AND INSPIRE

By JANET PIRAINO — Member since 2012

We all have that friend in our circle. The one who drops local leaders' names, who always knows what's on the ballot, and who has informed opinions on the latest controversies of the day. Likely that friend is a Downtown Madison Rotarian who attends weekly luncheon meetings.

You may already know about the opportunities Rotary offers for serving the community and networking with movers and shakers. But you may not be aware of the diversity and caliber of thought leaders who speak at our meetings.

As a member of the Rotary Club, you would've heard the new Madison Police Chief's vision for the city amid the turbulence of local protests. You would've heard former Governor Tommy Thompson's thoughts about the challenges in leading the UW System through the COVID pandemic and how Olympic Gold Medal winner and UW women's hockey coach, Mark Johnson, keeps winning NCAA championships. And U.S. Army Reserve Major General Marcia Anderson, the first African American woman to achieve that rank, shared with us the leadership lessons she learned supporting 225,000 soldiers and their families.

Wishing you had more to say when talk around the water cooler turns to controversial issues? If you were a Rotarian, you would've heard about the challenges related to racial justice, the latest thinking on climate change, and the implications of legalizing cannabis.

Scratching your head over who to vote for? If you belonged to Rotary, you would've heard candidates for Congress, the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Wisconsin School Superintendent debate each other to name just a few.

So, join in and expand your horizons! An entire world of insight awaits.

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JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Our club meets each Wednesday at the Park Hotel on the Capitol Square from noon until 1:05 pm to enjoy lunch, connect with fellow members, and hear from engaging guest speakers.

Upcoming speakers are:

MAY 11 – Joe Shumow and Alan Klugman, Jewish Federation of Madison. Topic: Ukraine and their recent visit to Poland

MAY 18 – Randy Romanski, Secretary of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, State of Wisconsin

MAY 25 – Matt Wachter, Director of Planning, Community & Development, City of Madison

JUNE 8 – Dawn Crim, Secretary of Department of Safety & Professional Services, State of Wisconsin

Contact the Rotary Club of Madison office to reserve your spot! 608-255-9164

CONNECT FOR GOOD

The Rotary Club of Madison empowers you to Connect, Grow and Serve.

We exist to help our members form new, positive and diverse relationships, grow personally and professionally while working to make our community and world better places to live for all.

Learn through our weekly speakers on timely topics. Volunteer to help with community service projects. Meet other leaders from a broad cross section of our community. Enrich yourself culturally and socially, personally and professionally.

For more information and to join, visit rotarymadison.org

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Rotary Club of Madison commits to be diverse, equitable and inclusive. We will achieve this through recruitment, education, member engagement and community service.

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