

## GETTING INVOLVED WITH ROTARY CLUB OF MILWAUKEE 2025-26

The Rotary Club of Milwaukee offers you many ways to get involved in the club, in the community and around the globe. We hope that everyone will find the time to connect with the work of Rotary. Every year, we ask you to review the list of committees and select one or more in which you would like to participate. If you would like to continue with your current committee, we would still like you to complete the form to “re-up”.

The Rotary office will make sure you are on the distribution list to receive meeting reminders and other email communications. Don't hesitate to call the office or a committee chair if you would like more information.

### CLUB SUPPORT

☐ **Finance Chair:** *Bill Coleman* Monitors Club finances and approves the annual budget for the Club. *Meets twice a year.*

☐ **Marketing & Communication Co-Chairs:** *James Madlom & Dave Murphy* Considers ways to enhance visibility of our Club and improve communication with club members. *Meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00 – 10:30 am. (Virtual)*

☐ **Member Engagement Co-Chairs:** *Jodi Ristau* Focuses on engaging all members to ensure a positive Rotary experience. Runs New Member Orientations. Determines topics for table conversations. Reaches out to new members. *Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 1:20 – 2:20 pm. (In-person/Virtual)*

☐ **Membership Co-Chairs:** *Antoine Carter & Patrick Fennelly* Seeks out prospective members, reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Board. *Meets the first Wednesday of each month from 2-3 pm. (Virtual)*

☐ **People of Action Chair:** *Mary Bolich* Join a team of writers to interview and create profiles of fellow Rotarians that provide a look at how they are making a difference in our community. The profiles are shared in the Friday newsletter, at the table on Tuesdays and on our website. *Two writing assignments required per year.*

☐ **Rotary Person of the Year Chair:** *Nancy Sennett* The Rotary Person of the Year honors individuals, executives and entrepreneurs who, through their profession, are making the Milwaukee community a better place to live and work. The committee selects the award recipient and plans a celebratory program. *Meets four times a year between October – March. Schedule TBD. (In-Person/Virtual)*

### EDUCATION

☐ **RCM Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs:** *Steve Chevalier & Jon Dehlinger* Coordinates the full range of activities that support our scholarship program including seeking and evaluating recipients, recruiting and supporting mentors and planning special programming for the scholars. *Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am. (In-person/Virtual)*

### CONNECTING LOCALLY

☐ **Done-In-A-Day Chair:** *Charlotte John-Gomez* Identifies and plans a variety of fun, worthwhile opportunities in the community that can be "Done-In-A-Day" or in just a few hours. Examples include: volunteering at the Urban Ecology Center, St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, the MKE Urban Stables, sorting food at Feeding America, ringing bells for the Salvation Army and wrapping gifts for the McKey Christmas Club. *Meets quarterly. Schedule TBD. (Virtual)*

☐ **Environment & Ecology Chair:** *Margaret Crawford* Leads efforts of the club to enhance Milwaukee's natural environment and hosts environmental speakers. *Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1:20 pm. (In-person/Virtual)*

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- ☐ **Connecting to the Community Grants** *Co-Chairs: Marilka Velez and Pat Cronin* Awards Grants to local non-profits from a pool of \$25K. *Meets between October – March. Schedule TBD. (Virtual)*
- ☐ **Maritime Chair:** *Dan Nelson* Established to promote public access to Milwaukee's lakefront. Produces the Live @ the Lakefront summer concert series. *Meets five times a year between April – August on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:20 pm. (In-person)*
- ☐ **Peacebuilder Chair:** *Carol Alexander-Barnes & Jon Ward* Assists in accomplishing our Rotary mission to “advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.” Administers the A.D. Robertson Fund for the United Nations. Supports planning for UN Day at Rotary, the UNSIL World Fair Seminar in May, and programs that connect with up and coming international leaders. *Meets the last Tuesday of each month. (In-person).*
- ☐ **Veterans and Military Service Support Chair:** *Mark Kannenberg* Promotes awareness and support of veterans and the military community. Finds speakers for Armed Services Day. *Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:15 am. (In-person)*

### CONNECTING GLOBALLY

- ☐ **Rotary International Foundation** *Co-chairs: Pat Cronin, Tom Gale, & Janine Kolbeck* Promotes, supports and raises money for the Rotary International Foundation and Polio Plus. *Meets once or twice each year. Schedule TBD. (Virtual)*
- ☐ **World Community Service Chair:** *Jerry Stepaniak* In partnership with Engineers Without Borders, identifies and raises funds to support self-sustaining international projects particularly in Guatemala. Leads trips to Guatemala annually. *Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am. (Virtual)*

### CLUB EVENTS

- ☐ **Scholarship Golf Classic** *Co-Chairs: Jean Casey, John Ferguson & Mike Kellman* Plans the annual Scholarship Golf Classic, benefiting the RCM Scholarship program. In charge of soliciting silent auction items, sponsorships, and ensuring sunny weather. *Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm. (Virtual)*
- ☐ **Social** *Co-Chairs: Leslie Hauser* Plans after-work social activities for club members at varying local venues. *Meets the first Wednesday of each month from 11:00 – 12:00 pm. (Virtual)*
- ☐ **Tyrotarian Tours Chair:** *Jerry Stepaniak* Identifies and plans tours of community assets worth knowing about. *Meets as needed. (Virtual)*
- ☐ **Understanding Structural Racism** *Co-Chairs: Ed Krishok & Paula Pennebaker* Builds awareness and understanding of structural racism as a catalyst for club members to take action. Examples include book clubs, film viewings, etc. *Meets monthly. Schedule TBD. (Virtual)*

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### INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### Weekly Meeting Opportunities

- ☐ Be one of two Greeters at the Tuesday lunch meeting from 11:45 a.m.-12:05 p.m. *Quarterly.*
- ☐ Write and present the Reflection for a Tuesday lunch meeting. *Quarterly.*
- ☐ Host the New Member Table at a Tuesday meeting. *Quarterly.*

#### Tutoring and Mentoring

**Check a box to indicate your interest and we will have the primary contact follow up with you.**

- ☐ **RCM Scholar Mentors** *Contact: Melissa Marschka* Each RCM scholar is assigned a Rotary mentor who guides the student academically, professionally and personally throughout their college career. The Scholarship Committee thoughtfully interviews mentor candidates to ensure a good fit for each student. *Serve for the duration of the college career of the scholar. Connect consistently with scholar but at least monthly. Monthly connection can be in-person, virtual, phone, etc. Quarterly optional learning sessions for mentors.*
- ☐ **I Have a Dream Foundation Mentoring** *Contact: Larry Willis* The "I Have a Dream" Foundation - Milwaukee pairs Rotarians with 3rd graders who are Dreamers that are eager to learn and grow. Mentors provide academic support, assist mentees with skills like time management and goal setting, help mentees explore career options, and provide guidance on personal development. *Meetings between mentors and Dreamers will typically take place for one hour, one day a week for one year.*
- ☐ **Forward Scholars Tutoring** *Contact: Melissa Rios* Forward Scholars, a local nonprofit, works to help Kindergarten through 4th grade students in Milwaukee Public Schools reach grade level in reading. Each Rotarian is paired with one or more students to tutor. A site coordinator will help to develop each day's lessons. *Forward Scholars can create a tutoring schedule to fit individual needs.*
- ☐ **UW Milwaukee Lubar College of Business Mentorship Program** *Contact: Shayla Beaulieu* UW Milwaukee's Lubar College of Business Mentorship Program is designed to help diverse and first-generation students transition from the classroom to the workforce by providing soft-skill development and by creating connections between the students and the Milwaukee business community. *The mentors make a one-year commitment to one or more students and are expected to meet quarterly with the students.*

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