

***We Focus on Youth and  
Literacy***



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**Meeting Time, 7:30 AM Mondays**  
(No meeting 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the  
Month)

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**DECEMBER 11, 2017**

*With a focus on youth and literacy, the Rotary Club of Madison-Breakfast actively serves our community – local, national, and the world – by working together and contributing our talents, energy and fellowship to achieve the goals of Rotary.*



**PROGRAM**  
**Dec. 11:**  
**Susan**  
**Schmitz,**  
**President,**  
**Downtown Madison,**  
**Inc. “The State of**  
**Downtown Madison**  
**2017”**

**Greeters**

Dec. 11: Ericka Braatz  
Dec. 18: Erin Hastey

**Guests Dec. 4:**

**Drivers to School**

**Meals-on-Wheels  
Drivers**

Dec. 14: Bruce Harville  
Dec. 21: Stephanie Stetson  
Dec/ 28: Betsy & Doug Nordstrom

**Calendar of Events**

**Dec. 19: 5:30 pm** Board  
Meeting, In person/Holiday  
Social, MDS Office

**Jan. 6:** Inbound weekend to  
see “Rent” at Overture.

**Jan. 11: Thursday:** 7:15 am,  
International Committee at  
Panera

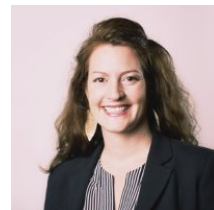
**May 4-6, 2018:** TriCon  
Conference at Wilderness  
Resort, Wisconsin Dells

**June 23-27, 2018**  
RI Convention in Toronto

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Dec. 18: Holiday**  
**Skypeing with Current**  
**and Former Youth**  
**Exchange Students**

**Jan. 8:**  
**Rowan**  
**Childs,**  
**Ex. Dir.,**  
**Madison**  
**Reading Project**



**The Rotary Foundation**  
***Every Rotarian Every***  
***Year***

Include The Rotary  
Foundation in your year end  
giving. Help the club meet its  
goal of \$3500. Ninety one  
percent of the donations go to  
Rotary projects. Rotarians  
propose the projects

## ESRAG: The Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group

On December 4, Paul Riehemann, Founding Chair and Director of ESRAG, talked about this Rotary group's actions and direction. ESRAG is an organizing point for Rotarians who share sustainability practices for the global humanitarian crisis of climate change. The group focuses on six areas:

**Water and Sanitation:** Changing precipitation patterns have increased both the frequency and severity of extreme weather events like droughts and flooding. Locally directed resource management can reverse desertification, detoxify waters, and mitigate against both flooding and drought.

**Disease Prevention:** A healthy environment, stable local economies, and access to clean energy contribute both to disease prevention and Rotary International partnerships for treatment.

**Peace and Conflict Resolution:** Equal access to natural resources addresses the root causes of conflict and forced migration over our crowded planet.

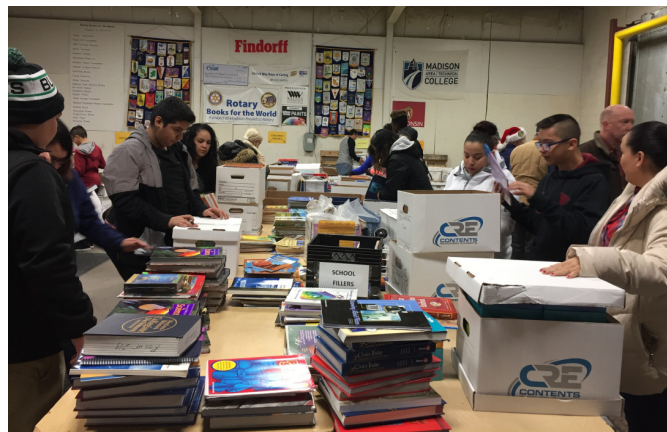
The group also focuses on Maternal and Child Care, Basic Education and Literacy, and Economical and Community Development. Environmental stability promotes long term job creation.

Rotary International President Ian Risley has issued a challenge for 2017-18: Every Rotarian plant a tree by Earth Day, 22 April 2018.

*Our thanks to Paul Richemann for his important work with ESRAG and for his presentation to the club.*

When the well's dry, we know the worth of water.  
– Ben Franklin

## ROTARY BOOKS FOR THE WORLD



A large group gathered to pack books on Saturday, Dec. 9.

**President – Heather Dyer**

**President Elect – Bailey Ebben\***

**Treasurer – Fe' Cruz Semira**

**Secretary – Eng Braun**

**Board of Directors:** Sarah Flanagan, Bruce Harville, Mike Kafka, Betsy Nordstrom

**Webmaster/Social Media – Doug Nordstrom**

**Past President – Thom Weiss**

**Membership Chair – Judy Levine**

**Rotary Foundation Chair – Helen Baldwin**

**Exchange Students**

**Inbound:** Beatriz (Brazil)

**Outbound:** Daniel (Denmark)

**Rebounds:** Gabby (Taiwan), Mason (Thailand), Johannes (Germany)

**H.S. Youth Exchange Officers**

**Youth Exchange Officer:** Thom Weiss

**Youth Exchange Counselor:** Sarah Flanagan

**Youth Protection Officer:** Rhea Myers

**Youth Exchange Outbound Coordinator:** Sarah Flanagan

**The Program Committee and Its Monthly Assignments**

January	OPEN	July	International Com.
February	International Com.	August	OPRN
March	Sarah Flanagan	September	OPEN
April	Doug Nordstrom	October	Betsy Nordstrom, Priscilla Thain
May	OPEN	November	OPEN
June	Judy Levine	December	Bruce Harville

### AREA MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

City or Club	Day	Time	Place
Rotary After Hours, 1st & 3rd Sunday. Eve..			Breakwater, 6308 Metropolitan Lane, Monona <a href="http://www.madcityrotary.com">www.madcityrotary.com</a>
Madison South	M	12:15 pm	Sheraton Inn
Lodi	M	6:15 pm	City Limits
Oregon	T	6:45 am	State Bank of Cross Plains
Sun Prairie	T	7 am	Colonial Club, Blankenheim Rd
Fitch Rona	T	12 Noon	Ten Pin Alley, Nesbitt Rd.
Madison East	T	Noon	Hometown Buffet
Madison Horizons	T	12:10 pm	Radisson Inn West
Edgerton	T	12 Noon	Culvers, Richardson Springs Rd
Madison Downtown	W	12 Noon	Inn on the Park
Deforest	W	12 Noon	Deforest Community Ctr.
Mount Horeb	W	12:10 pm	Grumpy Troll
Stoughton	W	12 Noon	Stoughton VFW Hall
Waunakee	Th	12:05 pm	Rex's Innkeeper
Madison West	F	12:15 pm	Blackhawk Country Club
West Towne Middleton	F	12:15 pm	Zor Shrine Plac