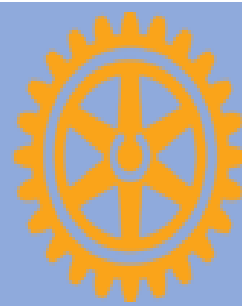




Rotary



La Rotariana

April – June 2023

Second annual Walk-A-Thon a success

On a rainy day on May 20, 2023, several resolute and valiant walkers took the challenge posed by the rain and walk the five miles designated for the event. After the walk, club members grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for a well-deserved treat for the walkers. Needless to say that the grilling was done under umbrellas.

At this time, we extend once more our gratitude to the participants and the sponsors that so generously contributed to the success of this fundraising event. It will allow the club to continue the service projects that characterize our club.

Community dinner

Once more club members cooked an excellent dinner to serve the community during the Easter season. This time, the Father Laurence Tracy Advocacy Center was the location for the dinner. Sixty-five individuals participated in the dinner. The menu consisted of roast chicken, rice, pasta salad, green salad, cookies, and coffee.

Besides the club members, the staff of the center, and volunteers helped to welcome the guests and serve the food. Many individuals chose to take the food home to share with family members. It was very satisfying to receive the appreciation of the guests, many of them homeless.

These dinners have been served traditionally by the club at Easter, Thanksgiving, and a Christmas Parranda. Even during the COVID epidemic, the club continued serving the dinners using a modified delivery system. Food was prepackaged and individuals came one at a time to the distribution center. The Heart and Soul Church generously allowed us to use their facilities to package and deliver the food.

Once more, thank you to the cooks, the staff, and volunteers that give of their time and resources to help in this endeavor.

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William Hazlitt

"The art of life is to know how to enjoy a little and to endure very much."

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Literacy projects

Kindergarten students at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School received a bilingual book to take home. Club members went to the school to read the book to the students and to lead a discussion about the book. The teachers had prepared four questions based on the book for the students to answer. It was remarkably interesting to see how well the students paid attention during the reading and how well they were able to answer the questions.

Students were asked to collect coins to raise funds for the OneTreePlanted organization. They raised \$100 dollars that was matched by the club for a total of \$200 dollars donated to the organization. This project – Parents as Reading Partners – has been an ongoing project of the club. The last two years it has been combined with the money collected to plant trees to address another of Rotary International focus area, protection of the environment.

Another ongoing project of the club is the awarding of scholarships to college-bound Latino students. This year, two students of the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School received scholarships. Besides the academic achievements, students receiving the scholarships have demonstrated they provide services to the community in keeping with Rotary's slogan of Service Above Self. Students present two letters of recommendation and prove of admittance to a college or university. Congratulations to the winners and continued success in their studies and life!

President over a two-year period

Aida Veras has been an excellent leader of the club during the past two years. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and leadership skills have been an inspiration to all. Aida is a highly organized and thoughtful person who has great ideas regarding the service projects and fundraising events to help the club continue services to the community. As she leaves the post, she is going to take over as secretary of the club, so her work and involvement do not end.

We want to extend to Aida our gratitude for all the work she has done to advance the club's position as a valuable contributor to the wellbeing of the community.

Women's Tea

A first for the club was the Women's Tea held on June 4 at the Holt Lodge in Webster. About 40 women joined for the event consisting of an inspirational speaker, food, and a craft activity. Dr. Miriam Vázquez was the speaker. Elba Williamson, Elisa DeJesús, and Idalia Chang planned and executed the project. Participants were very satisfied and appreciative for the opportunity to enjoy a pleasant afternoon. The purpose of the event was to inspire women to reach their potential, know about Rotary, and potentially join the club.

Change over dinner

Once more, Dr. Miriam Vázquez home was the site for the change over dinner to install the new members of the club's board of directors. An excellent dinner prepared by the club members was served. Aida Veras gave a brief speech about her experience as president for two years. She reflected on the service projects conducted, and she thanked the members for their support and involvement in the same. There was camaraderie and lots of laughter and goodwill.

End Polio Now

Julio Vázquez has once more take charge of the campaign to raise money to help end polio around the world. This has been an endeavor of Rotary International since the early 80s. At present two countries still have polio as an endemic disease – Pakistan and Afghanistan. Julio conceived the idea of having a fifty/fifty raffle that has been extraordinarily successful in raising the funds that are sent to the Rotary Foundation annually. Thank you, Julio, for your enthusiasm and dedication to this noble cause.

Focus on Rotary



Rotarians are effective problem solvers who create solutions that last because we invest in relationships—what all the leadership books today call “building social capital.”

We know how to mobilize our networks. And we are constantly learning from Our experiences as we participate in clubs, volunteer in projects, and manage our careers.

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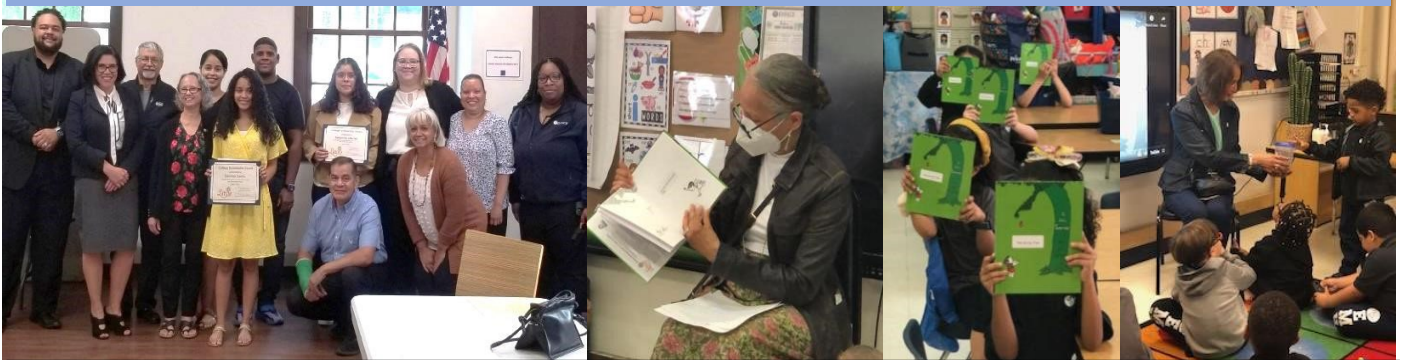
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Garden maintained by the club at St. Michael Church



Members and volunteers at Easter dinner



Scholarship recipients, families, and members, Elba Williamson reads to students and students show books, student hands in money collected for trees planting

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Julio Vázquez
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Charol Ríos
Chair Elect



Iris Alvarado
Secretary



Dr. Miriam V
Treasurer

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

William Osler

"We are here to add what we can to life, not to get what we can from life."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Aida Veras

President Elect: Luisa E. Baars

President Elect Nominee: Elba Williamson

Treasurer: Idalia Chang

Secretary: Luisa E. Baars

Rotary Foundation Chair: Julio Vázquez

Membership/Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
Chair: Elisa DeJesús

Treasurer: Idalia Chang

Community Service Chair: Charol Ríos

Newsletter Editor: Luisa E. Baars



Club members read book to students

