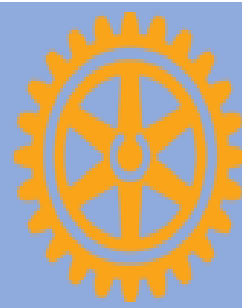




Rotary



La Rotariana

January– March 2023

Plans underway for a Walk-A-Thon

The Rochester Latino Rotary Club is planning its annual fundraising event to take place on May 20, 2023. The event will be held at the Seneca Park in Rochester starting at 9:00 am. We are looking for sponsors and walkers. A link to register for the walk is provided below.

Funds donated to the Foundation of the Rochester Latino Rotary Club are used entirely to provide valuable service projects to the community. Literacy is one of the main objectives of the club. To advance literacy, the club provides scholarships to college-bound Latino students, essay contest for junior and senior high school students, bilingual books to kindergarten students, and bilingual dictionaries to fourth and eighth grade students. Besides, the club has donated Spanish books to the Rochester Public Library on Joseph Avenue and to several Little Free Libraries in Rochester.

In keeping with Rotary's areas of focus, the club provides community dinners to homeless individuals and families in need, as well as funds for food to the House of Mercy. The dinners are offered at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The next dinner is scheduled for April 5th at the Father Lawrence Tracy Advocacy Center on Clinton Avenue in Rochester.

Other projects are geared to serve youths. For many years, the club has sponsored a team for the Hispanic Youth Baseball League. Other youths have participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy and the Rotary District Oratorical Contest. Most recently, an Interact Club was started at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School.

In honor of Fr. Lawrence Tracy, the club maintains a community garden at St. Michael Church on Clinton Avenue. The club has conducted various international projects in Mexico, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, and Puerto Rico.

The way to get starting is to stop talking and begin doing. -Walt Disney

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Registration for the Walk-A-Thon

The link to register for the Walk-A-Thon is provided below.



Rotarians read the Call Me Tree book to kindergarten students at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School. This is part of the Parents as Reading Partners program of the Rochester Latino Rotary Club.

<https://latinorotary.networkforgood.com/projects/173316-walk-a-thon-2023>

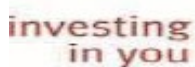
Check-in 9:00 am – 9:30 am at the Eagle Shelter Seneca Park Walk begins at 9:30

T-Shirts to first 100 registrants. Hot dogs and Hamburgers after walk.

Questions & Information: rochesterlatinorotaryclub@gmail.com

Sponsors so far

The following major sponsors of the event include:



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Visit Latinorotary.com for additional information

Women Tea

The RLRC is hosting a Women's Tea on June 4th at the Holt Lodge in Webster Park. The event features Dr. Miriam Vázquez as the guest speaker, a craft activity, and food. It will start at 2:00 pm. Registration is free, and it is open to women residents of Monroe County. It is a time for fun, inspiration, and fellowship. To register for the event, follow the link: <https://bit.ly/41gLUxK>



Easter Community Dinner

The club held the first community dinner on April 5th at the Father Lawrence Tracy Advocacy Center on Clinton Avenue in Rochester. The dinner consisted of Rice with pigeon peas, chicken, macaroni salad, green salad, cookies, and coffee. A total of 65 dinners were served. Those participating in the dinner expressed their gratitude and stated it was delicious. Many thanks to the staff of the center for their help and welcome to all.

Thanks also to the club members and volunteers who cooked and served the dinner. Without their contribution these dinners would not happen. Many of the guests are homeless individuals who have limited opportunities to get a hot dinner particularly when the weather is cold.



Left: Charol Ríos and Yolanda Ríos hold a sign inviting people to the free dinner. Top: Staff and guests shared the dinner.



Top: The cooks and servers ready to start serving dinner.



Left: Luis Lespier welcomes a guest to the Easter Dinner and Elba Williamson's photo.

Elba Willimson

Elba was inducted to the Rochester Latino Rotary Club after being a contributor to the club's activities even when still residing in Michigan. She has been highly active organizing the Women's tea. She is currently the President Elect Nominee for the club. Below, is her biography.

I am the tenth child of 12 siblings. Born in Arroyo Puerto Rico. I have a son, a daughter and two granddaughters. I love to write poems, children's books, and children's songs. I have a B.A (Bachelor of Art). I have a Master Degree in Educational counseling. I have been certified in both NY and Michigan state as a counselor for grades K-12. I have a minor in psychology and sociology. I have worked as a social worker, foreign language teacher, English teacher and counselor. I love children. My goal is to have influence any way I can in the lives of children. I am happily married to my husband, Steve. I live by the words of wisdom: "Do unto others as you want others to do unto you". "Life is a gift, not to be wasted".

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.

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. -Nelson Mandela

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Gifts from our dedicated donors allow us to accomplish amazing things through The Rotary Foundation. In 2022-23, we have already helped fund 413 district grants, 654 global grants, and 259 disaster response grants. Each of these grants is an example of Rotary members working with communities to address their ongoing challenges or find solutions to emerging ones.