

ROCHESTER LATINO ROTARY CLUB

January-March, 2021

LA ROTARIANA

Essential workers honored

COVID-19 has affected everyone for over one year since it was first detected in our country. Children have been forced to learn in a different way, parents have lost jobs, businesses have closed, and in many other ways we all have had to adapt to a new way of doing even the most routine tasks.

Through it all countless individuals considered essential workers have continued working and risking their lives so that others can be saved. To all these workers we owed our eternal gratitude, our debt to them can never be repaid.

Recognizing their valuable service to the community, the RLRC asked for and received nominations for recognition of Latino essential workers in our community. The club acknowledges there are many more than the few recognized here. Thus, to all of them we say thank you for all you do to keep us and the community safe.

The event took place by Zoom on . A certificate of appreciation was issued to everyone. Their names and contributions are listed on this issue.

As we contemplate a safer future for all with the efforts being done to vaccinate as many people as possible, we urge everyone to get the vaccine as soon as it is available to them. This is the patriotic thing to do, and it will be the way to a return to life as we used to know it.

During the ceremony, the following individuals were recognized: Ruth Febos, Santos Cruz, Evelyn Carujo, Carlos Alvarado, William Rodríguez, Juanita Rodríguez, Olivia Salemi, Abdiel DeJesús, José E. Lugo, Augusto Malik Mañón, Belencita Veras-Maldonado, Charol Ríos Isaac Maldonado, and Harry Díaz.

From nurses to firefighters to occupational therapists, and security guards, they not only saw the light but were brave enough to be the light, as Amanda Gorman so eloquently said.

We salute all these workers and the countless others around the nation and the world who have shown their love for humanity by doing their jobs in spite of the risks to their own health and the health of their loved ones.

There is always light, if only we're
brave enough to see it. If only
we're brave enough to be it.

~
Amanda Gorman



**A heart-felt THANK YOU to
all the workers called to
continue working during the
COVID-19 pandemic.**

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REMINDER

District 7120 District Training Assembly
(Virtual)

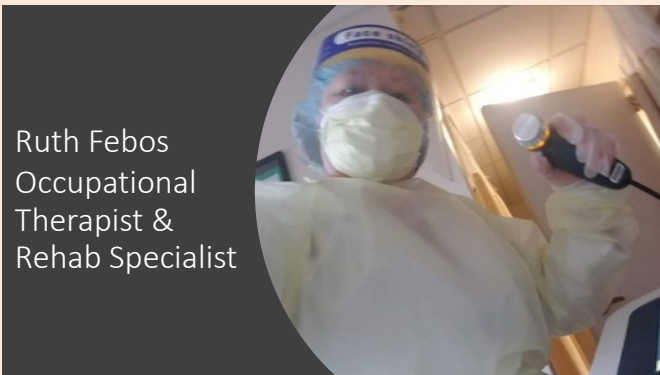
Saturday, April 10, 2021

9:00 am-1:00pm

Hosted by the following Rotary Clubs:
Rochester Latino, Roc City, Rochester
Northwest, Rochester Southwest

Please register as soon as possible.





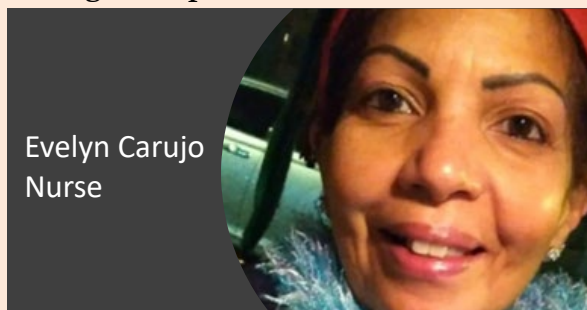
Ruth Febos
Occupational
Therapist &
Rehab Specialist

Ruth febo is an occupational therapist and rehabilitation specialist at different organizations. In her current work at the Episcopalian Senior Home, “Ruthy” has continued to help patients and their families with her unique sense of humor, empathy and dedication while co-workers and residents fight COVID, sometimes losing their battle to this nefarious disease.



Santos Cruz
Firefighter

Santos Cruz is a fire fighter in the Rochester fire department. Santos is a Fire Fighter at night, when we are safe sleeping in our beds, he’s out responding to emergencies and helping others even through this pandemic.



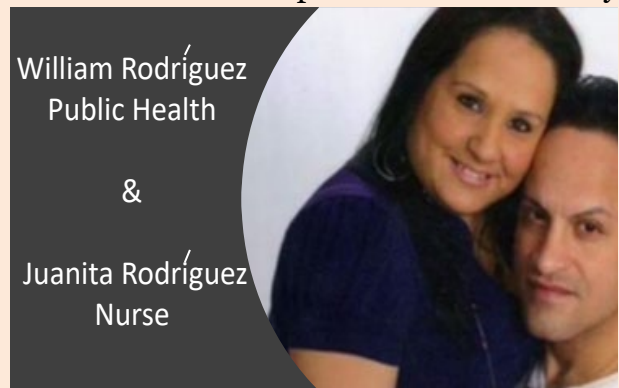
Evelyn Carujo
Nurse

Evelyn Carujo is a nurse at Rochester General Hospital. Evelyn was working the 5100 unit at Rochester General and has continued to work the unit that takes care of COVID patients. She is in the frontline battle fighting this horrible disease.



Carlos Alvarado
Police Officer

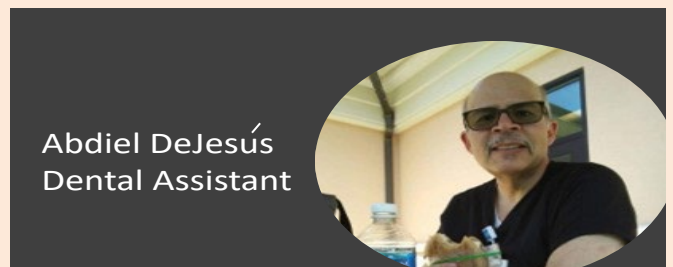
Carlos I. Alvarado is a police officer at the Rochester Police Department. Carlos has been in the police department for 21 years. The pandemic crisis has not stopped him. He has continued to serve and protect the community.



William Rodríguez
Public Health
&
Juanita Rodríguez
Nurse

William M. Rodríguez works in the emergency department at NYS Department of Health. William provides endless hours of health services on site in the Clinton Avenue area. COVID has not stopped him from providing for others in our community.

Juanita Rodríguez is a community health registered nurse. Juanita has not let this pandemic stopped her from taking care of her patients. She continues to offer the best possible care for them and many others. She is definitely in the frontline of this war.



Abdiel DeJesús
Dental Assistant

Abdiel Dejesús is a dental assistant and during the covid-19 pandemic he has continued his long career commitment to serving dental care patients and also had the opportunity to serve dialysis care patients. His commitment to serve them did not change because of the pandemic challenges but it grew even stronger.



Olivia Salemi
Nurse

Olivia Salemi is a nurse at Highland Hospital. Olivia puts herself at risk every day as she works with patients and staff. she is able to walk alongside other persons during their moments of vulnerability which requires a special type of selflessness and strength not just for one day, but every time she steps into her scrubs in the war against COVID. During this unprecedented period of time, marked with angst and anxiety, she is able to hold her head up high and do her job diligently.



Belencita Veras
Maldonado
Direct Support at
Group Home
&
Isaac Maldonado
Site Supervisor/GM at
Essential Business

Another couple that has put the needs of others above self during the pandemic.

Belencita Veras- Maldonado is a direct support professional at a group home for development disable seniors of the Ibero American Action League. She has continued to care for the senior residents throughout these difficult times. She provides them comfort, compassion, love and protection as always.

Isaac Maldonado is a site supervisor and general manager at Delta Sonic. Isaac and his staff at the Main Street Delta Sonic, an essential business, has remain in the frontline working many hours, and going beyond the call of duty leading his staff and serving his customers since the pandemic started, never closing down or taking a break.



José Lugo
Campus
Safety Officer

José E. Lugo is a shift supervisor in the security guard department at Nazareth College. José has continued working during the pandemic to insure the safety of students and personnel at Nazareth College, as well as insuring the safety of the college property. José works long hours, and many times he does double shifts to make it possible for his coworkers to tend to their families needs.



Harry Díaz
Certified Nursing
Assistant

Harry Díaz is a certified nursing assistant at Monroe Community Hospital. During this pandemic crisis Harry demonstrated his unselfish commitment to care for the residents at Monroe Community Hospital. Even when he had completed his work shift he gladly worked an additional shift needed to cover the impact of COVID-19 in the workforce. He is known for his positive outlook towards his work.



Augusto Malik Mañón
Firefighter

Augusto Malik Mañón is a firefighter in the City of Rochester. He has a serving heart and has served his community over the past 3 years as a Rochester Fire Fighter. All through this pandemic he has continued to serve putting the needs of others above his own.



Charol Ríos
Social Worker

Charol Ríos is a social worker at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School. Charol has been serving students and their families way beyond the call of duty to help families during the pandemic providing social emotional support for students, families and staff, technology assistance, and delivering materials and technology to the student's homes. She is always positive. Always willing to serve!!!

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?

Club Board of Directors

- President – Elisa DeJesús
- Immediate Past President – Migdalia Concepción
- President Elect – Aida Veras
- Treasurer – Idalia Chang, Miriam Vázquez
- Secretaries – Jazmin Ruiz
Luisa Baars
- Club Service Co-Chairs - Aida Veras
Charol Ríos-Davis
- International Service Chair – Luisa Baars
- Membership Chair – Orlando Rivera
- Foundation Chair – Julio Vázquez
- Literacy Co-Chairs –Miriam Vázquez
Julio Vázquez
- Club Webmaster – Jazmin Ruiz, Orlando Rivera
- Bulletin Co-Editors - Luisa Baars – Norma Heyn
- Program Chair – Elisa DeJesús
- Fund Raising – Jazmin Ruiz
- Sergeant-At-Arms - To rotate among directors

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.

Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.

Paul Lewis Boese