



Among those present at the change-over picnic were (from left to right, first row): Julio Vázquez, Miriam Vázquez, Aida Veras, Elisa DeJesús, and Abdiel DeJesús. (Second row): Natalie Vázquez, Sheila Vázquez, Orlando Rivera, and Migdalia Concepción.

Volunteer recognized

Natalie Vázquez has volunteered on many of the club's service projects, including the cleaning and planting of the Father Tracy Garden at St. Michael Church. For this reason, she was recognized at the change-over picnic with a plant.



Charol Ríos gave Natalie a plant

Change over picnic

On July 7 at the Henrietta Veterans Park, the Steven Pavillion, located at 595 Calkins Rd., Rochester, NY, the RLRC had its change-over picnic to install the new Board of Directors for the Rotary year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Aida Veras is the new president, and the third sibling of the Vázquez family to occupy that position in the club.

They are a great asset to the club! A cousin of them, Idalia Chang is the club treasurer.

The immediate past president, Elisa DeJesús is a founder member of the club who just finished her second term as president.

Luisa Baars, a founder member, past president is the secretary and is in charge of the newsletter together with Norma Heyn.

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Board of Directors, Cont. from p1

President Elect and Service Projects Chair Charol Ríos, is a long-term club member who she has been the co-chair of the Service Projects Committee for many years.

Treasurer of the Foundation of the Rochester Latino Rotary Club is Miriam Vázquez, a long-term member, past president, and past club treasurer.

The Rotary Foundation Chair is Julio Vázquez, past club president, a position he has held for several years. He has provided leadership to this position by holding several raffles to collect money for the Foundation. He is also the **Club Foundation Chair**.

Fundraising Committee Chair is Migdalia Concepción, past president, who became club president soon after joining the club.

Orlando Rivera is the chair of the Website and Marketing, a past president who developed the club website and Facebook page.

Other Committee Chairs to be appointed by Aida Veras.

Sad farewell to Jazmin

It is with a sad heart that the club said farewell to Jazmin Ruiz, past president, past secretary, past chair of the Fundraising Committee, and volunteer extraordinaire.

Jazmin moved from Houston to Rochester, NY in 2016, arriving like a storm. She was a Toxicologist at Xerox. Jazmin holds a doctorate degree in Environmental Toxicology and a master's degree in public health.

Immediately, she looked for organizations in line with her community service interests where she could volunteer. She has volunteered at the YWCA, Xerox Science Consultant Program, the City of Rochester's Pillars of Hope, Grupo Cultural Latinos in Rochester and the Rochester Latino Rotary Club.

Explaining where she is from is not a simple answer because she comes from a military family. She was born in Germany, grew up in Texas, and her family is from Colón, Panamá.

In 2020, Jazmin moved to Buffalo to become a Regulatory Affairs Manager at Honeywell. This is a role where she can bring together her interests in toxicology, public health, and business.

In 2020, she married Jeffrey Reed. Now, Jazmin is starting a new phase in her professional life. She is moving to Washington, D.C. to be a Scientist Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps where 85% of her time will be dedicated to working as a scientist for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the remaining 15% of her time dedicated to serving on the front lines during national and global public health emergencies. Best of luck to you!

Fr. Tracy Garden

Once more the garden in honor of the late Father Laurence Tracy at St. Michael Church in Rochester was cleaned and prepared for the upcoming fall and winter seasons. Club members were joined by member of the Friends of St. Michael's to do the cleanup and planting. Over the years, the plants have become established and adding mulch and new plants have become easier. The photos below show the workers and the finished project.



Leadership

Throughout history, many people have emerged as great leaders who have inspired individuals, and even whole nations, to accomplish great tasks. Following, are inspiring quotes from some of these leaders:

- A leader... is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind.

— *Nelson Mandela*

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- If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader.
— *Dolly Parton*
- A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader. A great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves.
— *Eleanor Roosevelt*
- A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be.
— *Rosalynn Carter*
- Ultimately a genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.
— *Martin Luther King Jr.*
- Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without strategy.
— *Norman Schwarzkopf, United States Army general*
- Leadership is about empathy. It is about having the ability to relate to and connect with people for the purpose of inspiring and empowering their lives.
— *Oprah Winfrey*

Funds provide uniforms

Rotary District 7120 returned \$544.00 to the club as a result of the pandemic. These funds were put to good use by the club by providing school uniforms to students at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School. This school is located on the northeast area of Rochester. It serves students from the City of Rochester, many of whom come from families in need of assistance. With this money the club was able to purchase uniform polo shirts for families in need.

In total, fifty-four uniform polo shirts were purchased for 54 children. The club is grateful for having received these funds since its fund-raising events had to be canceled due to the pandemic. Our thanks are also extended to Charol Ríos who was in charge of selecting the beneficiaries, purchasing, and delivering the uniforms.

School supplies for students at charter school

Charol Ríos, social worker at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School, was the leader of a project to provide school supplies to students at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School. Club members donated some funds which allowed for the purchase of the following supplies: Notebooks, hand sanitizer, hygiene products and sensory tools intended to promote regulation, improve focus, and increase participation and engagement. In addition to the supplies, students were able to receive a lesson on health and safety. We were able to impact 175 students with this project.

The club has adopted this school for literacy efforts such as bilingual dictionaries for students in the 4th and 8th grades, books for kindergarten students, and a computer lab, among others.

Club membership

Aida Veras is extremely interested in growing the club membership during her year as club President. She has urged members to bring a guest to the October 6th meeting that will be held at 5:00 PM at the Irondequoit Library on Titus Avenue.

It is the responsibility of every member to keep looking for potential members among their relatives, colleagues, neighbors, and former participants and beneficiaries of the club's projects, among others.

Meet Rotary's new President



Shekhar and Rashi Mehta at their home in Kolkata. Rashi painted the picture of Mother and Child, behind her.

President Shekhar Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, has been a Rotarian since 1985. He trained as an accountant and founded a real estate development company.

He is a director of the Indian arm of Operation Eyesight Universal, a Canada-based nonprofit focused on preventing avoidable blindness.

He helped establish more than fifteen eye hospitals, in several Indian states, that together perform nearly 50,000 surgeries each year. And he started Saving Little Hearts, a project that has facilitated more than 2,500 heart surgeries for children from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and some African countries. Now, it is an Indian-wide program.

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At the International Assembly this year, Shekhar talked about how he and some fellow Rotarians decided to start a local version of ShelterBox, a Rotarian-founded organization based in the UK. "We named it Shelter Kit and put 52 items of daily need in a large trunk," he told the incoming district governors. "Over the last 15 years, in every major disaster in India, Indian Rotarians have volunteered to bring Shelter Kits to areas struck by disasters." The program already has served about 75,000 people. Shekhar also served on the ShelterBox board of trustees. And he is also the architect of the TEACH program, which aims to do nothing less than end illiteracy in India and has reached thousands of schools.

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?



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

RI President Shekhar Mehta is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that "caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own."

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and 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.

"Everyone Plants Seeds... Leaders Make Them Grow."

– Yohancé Salimu