

ROCHESTER LATINO ROTARY CLUB

LA ROTARIANA

July - August, 2018

Service Projects

On August 24 members of the RLRC joined members of the Rochester Northwest Rotary Club to help organize the warehouse at the Ibero American Action League. Ibero was at the forefront of the efforts to help families from Puerto Rico who were displaced by Hurricane María. One of those efforts was collecting household items, clothing, and other articles to help the displaced family start their lives in Rochester.

The community responded generously by donating the needed articles. This created the need to organize the warehouse to facilitate distribution to the families and individuals applying for help. Thus, Rotarians responded willingly to help in this effort. A great thank you to all the Rotarians who gave up their time and energy to complete the task!

DG Mike Slovak visit

On August 1st DG Mike Slovak accompanied by immediate past AG Paul Minor visited the club. On his visit, Slovak outlined his goals for the year as follows:

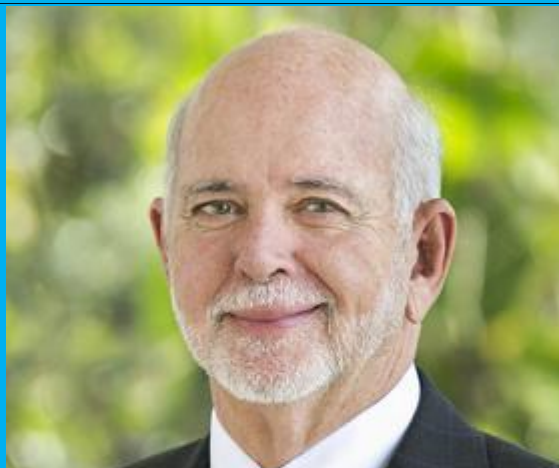
Increase Member Global Perspective, Increase Member Foundation Giving, Increase Club Support, Increase Personal & Professional Development & Training Opportunities, Improve & Increase Communication, and Increase Club Strategic Plan Development.

A vision statement reads as follows: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

Clubs are encouraged to have a local as well as a global perspective on serving the local community and others around the world.

Members are encouraged to consider becoming an Every Rotarian, Every Year by donating \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. Members can split their donation between the annual fund share and polio. If donating via Rotary Direct, the minimum amount per month is \$10.00.

Support to clubs includes: Monthly Q&A Sessions for Club Presidents, Seminars and Workshops, Survey Development and Management Service, Communication and Training Tools (GoToMeeting, GoToWebinar), Reduce Member Travel & Save Time.



Barry Rassin, RI President 2018-19

He earned an **MBA** in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida, and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System and continues as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education

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RI President, continued

Council, and the Employer's Confederation. In July 2018, The Bahamas Government recognized Barry as an Officer of The Order of Distinction. A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran. Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

His theme for 2018-19, *Be the Inspiration*, asks Rotarians to inspire change in the world and in each other. "I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration to help Rotary move from reaction to action — to take a hard look at the environmental issues that affect health and welfare around the world and do what we can to help."

Interact Clubs

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Find out how serious leadership can be seriously fun.

What are the benefits?

Connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:

- Take action to make a difference in your school and community
- Discover new cultures and promote international understanding
- Become a leader in your school and community
- Have fun and make new friends from around the world

What's involved?

Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Rotary club sponsors mentor and guide Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.

Interact Facts

- 20,372 Interact clubs
- 468,556 Interactors
- 159 countries with Interact clubs

Rochester Latino Rotary Club responds

Aida Veras has undertaken the responsibility of creating an Interact Club at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School. In order to accomplish this, she will attend parent's information day at the school to provide information about the club and sign up interested students.

She has initiated conversations with staff to identify a person who will be liaison between the Interact Club and the RLRC.

Oratorical Contest

Every year Rotary District 7120 sponsors an oratorical contest for junior high school students. All clubs in the District are invited to participate by sponsoring students to take part in the contest. Participating students are invited to prepare and deliver a 5-7 minutes long speech based on the Four Way Test. AS Rotarians know this test states: Of the things I think, say or do – 1) Is it the TRUTH?; 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?; 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?; and 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The 10 students who make it to the finalist round will deliver their speech to Rotarians from all over the District. The top four finalists can opt for one of the many scholarships offered by local colleges and universities. In the past, three of our students have made it to the top positions. We will try again by encouraging members of the soon to be a reality Interact Club to participate. Sabrina Nudo could help prepare students since she is a member of Toast Masters.

As Paul Harris put it, "Rotary is a microcosm of a world at peace, a model which nations will do well to follow." To me, Rotary is not only a model but an inspiration. It shows us what is possible, inspires us to reach for it, and gives us a path to act — and to Be the Inspiration to our world.

Barry Rassin

Photos



Left: DG Mike Slovak and RLRC President Jazmin Ruiz pose with book signed by Slovak. The club asks speakers to sign a book that is donated to the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School.

Right: RLRC President Ruiz rings the bell to start her first meeting as president while Past President Julio Vázquez observes.



Top: Incoming president Jazmin Ruiz and Service Projects chair Charol Ríos received a cup with the club logo and sunflower from Miriam Vázquez. Right: Luisa Baars presented a plaque to outgoing president Miriam for her outstanding job as club president 2017-18.



Change over picnic

On a rainy day in July, Jazmin Ruiz officially took the reins of the RLRC. She is a young, energetic person who has been involved with the local community since her arrival in Rochester. She has a PhD degree and is a toxicologist at Xerox. The picnic was moved from the usual location (Hilda Echer's home) to Miriam's house because the weather did not cooperate and it was no longer possible to be outside. Nevertheless, we all had a great time, enjoyed fine food, and board members received cups and flowers from outgoing president Miriam. Many thanks Miriam for your great leadership of the club!

Change of venue

The RLRC has a new home. The club is very grateful to the Irondequoit Library that has welcomed it to its wonderful facilities located at 1280 Titus Avenue. The meetings take place at 5:30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month and the third Monday of the month. If interested in knowing more about Rotary in general and the Latino Club in particular, just drop in on those dates. You can visit latinorotary.com to get more information about the meetings and upcoming events.

The website has information about past events, annual report, service projects, and its connection to the Rotary world. Read the newsletter to find out how the club has helped the local and international Latino communities. In its 9 plus years of existence, the club has provided assistance to Mexico, Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua via grants from the Rotary Foundation as well as the Foundation of the Rochester Latino Rotary Club.

Locally, the club has focused on literacy projects (grants from Rotary District 7120 have helped provide scholarships for college-bound Latino students and school supplies for elementary school students); food for food pantries; toys for pre-school students; books for the community; Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for deserving families; sponsorship of little league baseball teams; a community garden; planting of apple trees; and many other projects.

Club Board of Directors

President – Jazmin Ruiz
 Immediate Past President – Miriam Vázquez
 President Elect – Magaly Rosario
 Treasurer – Idalia Chang, Miriam Vázquez
 Secretaries – Aida Veras
 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 – Orlando Rivera
 Tera Rivera
 Bulletin Editor - Luisa Baars
 Program Chair – Jazmin Ruiz
 Fund Raising – Jazmin Ruiz
 Sergeant-At-Arms - To rotate among directors

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.