

ROCHESTER LATINO ROTARY CLUB

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November - December, 2018

Service Projects

Literacy: Julio Vázquez reported that dictionaries were distributed to fourth graders at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School. Remaining dictionaries were given to eight graders who were not at EMHCS when they were in the fourth grade. Present at the distribution event were Julio Vázquez, Idalia Chang, Sabrina Nudo, Luisa Baars, and Charol Ríos. Norma Heym offered to bring several books for the book shelf at the Clinton Clinic.

Community Services: Once again the club donated bags of beans in support of a food collection program by the City of Rochester. The items will be donated to deserving families in the city. In addition, club members helped prepared the food baskets.

Several club members participated in a project consisting of preparing bags with hygiene items for women. Over one hundred bags were prepared and distributed to the First Genesis Missionary Baptist Church and the Heart and Soul Church. The remaining bags will be donated to the Sojourner House at PathStone and RAIHM.

Club members and relatives cooked and served a dinner for participants in the Gilda's Club, a program for cancer survivors. The dinner featured typical Puerto Rican food. Those who participated came back for seconds and expressed their appreciation for the meal, commenting that it was very tasty.

Masquerade Ball

The club is celebrating its tenth anniversary with a dinner and masquerade ball on April 27th at the Diplomat Banquet Center at 6:30 pm. This is also the main fund raising event of the club. Members are encouraged to sell tickets, obtain donated items for the raffle and silent auction as well as ads for the program book.

As in previous years, several individuals will be recognized for their service to the community.

Let us celebrate the 10 years of service to the local and international communities!



Norma Heym (center) became the newest club member in November. A retired teacher, Norma is also very artistic. She is one of the snow birds who spend winter in Florida. Welcome Norma!

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Oratorical Contest

The RLRC is sponsoring students to enter the Oratorical Contest to be held in 21019. This event that is hold every year by Rotary District 7120 allows junior high school students to enter the contest and present a 5-7 minutes speech based on the Four Way Test. Those students who occupy the first three positions in the final run of the event have the opportunity to earn one of the scholarships offered by area colleges and universities.

In the past, three of the students sponsored by the RLRC were among the 4 top positions. Even if students do not fall among the top positions, the process is worthwhile. We have seen how students preparing for the contest develop from shy ones to being able to speak in front of an audience. They develop self confidence and poise.

Students at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School will be asked to participate. Miriam Vázquez and Sabrina Nudo will coach the students.

Why should I donate to the Rotary Foundation?

Arnold R. Grahl, writing for Rotary International, lists five reasons for giving to TRF as follows:
Accountability: Our accountability and transparency have earned [The Rotary Foundation](#) 11 straight years of four-star ratings — the highest possible — from independent evaluator [Charity Navigator](#). Ninety-two percent of Foundation funds are spent directly on programs. No high administrative costs dilute your gift.

Impact: We partner with other organizations to increase our impact and make your donations work even harder. When you give to PolioPlus, for example, you have the satisfaction of knowing that every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication is matched by \$2 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Thanks to this partnership, all donations to end polio (up to \$50 million per year) are tripled, providing critical funding toward creating a polio-free world.

A record of success: Rotary unites leaders who have the skills and resources to tackle some of the world's most difficult problems and deliver sustainable, long-lasting results. For decades, Rotary has been a leader in the battle against [polio](#) and has caused cases to plummet from 350,000 in 1988 to only a handful this year. Rotary members have also achieved notable results in other areas, like eradicating Guinea worm disease in Ghana.

Global reach: Our 1.2 million members span the globe, uniting people who have a common desire to serve others. From teaching children to read in Ecuador to a microcredit program in Indonesia, Rotary members identify local problems and use Rotary's vast network and the resources of The Rotary Foundation to take action in their communities.

Bringing about peace: Each year, the Rotary Peace Centers train some of the world's most dedicated professionals to resolve conflicts and promote national and international cooperation. Rotary Peace Fellows study in a two-year master's degree program or a three-month professional certificate program at Rotary's partner universities. Rotary members themselves also address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

In addition, when members, clubs, districts contribute to TRF; funds come back to the districts which allow clubs to obtain grants from the district for a myriad of projects to help the local communities. Besides, clubs join forces to submit global grant proposals to TRF to fund larger projects. The RLRC has received numerous grants to fund local and international projects. So, this November 27, open your wallets and give to this worthy organization!

Photos



The cooks and servers pose after serving the dinner at Gilda's Club in December. Dinner included fried plantains (tostones), rice with pigeon peas, soup, bread and butter, and delicious flan for dessert. Rotarians and their family members were enthusiastic cooks and



President Jazmin Ruiz was recognized as one of the recipients of the 24th annual Rochester Business Journal [Forty Under 40 awards](#). The honorees are professionals younger than 40 who demonstrate leadership in the workplace and in the community. Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, publisher of the Rochester Business Journal said that these individuals build successful careers and find time to volunteer and give back to the community. She added that "All share a commitment to making Rochester a better place to live. We at the Rochester Business Journal applaud them for all they do and look forward to their future accomplishments."

Jazmin works as a toxicologist at Xerox Corporation. She is an energetic, enthusiastic young woman who is a member of community boards, Rotary, and participates actively on numerous projects to serve the community, particularly those that benefit women. Congratulations Jazmin for a well deserved award!



Left, Idalia Chang, Orlando Rivera and Raquel Quiñonez posed after helping pack Thanksgiving baskets for deserving families, a project of the City of Rochester. Right, Jazmin Ruiz stacking cans for the baskets and above after receiving 40 under 40 Award from the Rochester Business Journal.

Future Events

January 4-8: Wim and Luisa Baars will host DGE Miguel Angel Cruz and wife Judith Pérez from Argentina as part of the Milt Matthweus Hospitality Program

January 7: RLRC will host a Three Kings Day party to meet DGE Miguel and wife Judith at Wim and Luisa Baars' Residence at 6:30 PM

March 13 – 14: Multi District PETS will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Syracuse, New York. This is open to Presidents Elect and Assistant Governors

April 6: 2019 District Training Assembly, at Wayne Central High School, 730 AM to 12:45 PM

April 27: RLRC 10th Anniversary, Diplomat Banquet Center, 630 PM. Dinner and Masquerade Ball.

Club Board of Directors

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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.