

ROCHESTER LATINO ROTARY LA ROTARIANA

July, 2014



Lee Loomis and Elisa DeJesús were speakers at club meetings in July

CONNECTING ROTARY AND FAMILIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Dance for Health is a community event planned by the Rochester Latino Rotary Club to include the whole family. The event will take place on August 10 at the Maplewood YMCA on Driving Park in Rochester.

From 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Zumba and Yoga instructors will guide participants through the steps involved in this fun way of exercising. Instructors will adapt the dance so that children, youth, adults, and seniors can participate. In past years this event has attracted people of all ages.

The idea behind Dance to Health is to help individuals realize that exercise can be fun and can be adapted to all skill levels and ages. In an age where sedentary lifestyles have contributed to obesity, diabetes, heart diseases, and many other diseases, the club is providing this event free to the community to help getting people moving.

Join us and discover the pleasure of moving to lively music and relaxing with chair yoga.

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Red Wings Rotary Day
Saturday, August 16th at 7:05 pm
with post game fireworks. Come
see DG Scott throw the first ball!



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YOUTH EXCHANGES

Are you interested in learning a new language or meeting new people? Rotary Youth Exchange is the opportunity of a lifetime for the more than 8,000 students who participate each year. By sharing your own culture and embracing a new one, you help foster global understanding—and learn a great deal about yourself and your home country in the process.

WHAT IS A ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE?

Youth Exchange is a study-abroad opportunity for young people who spend anywhere from a few weeks to a full year as an international student hosted by local Rotary clubs.

IS AN EXCHANGE RIGHT FOR ME?

Exchanges are for people ages 15–19 who:

- Have demonstrated leadership in their school and community
- Are flexible and willing to try new things
- Are open to cultural differences
- Can serve as an ambassador for their own country

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Costs vary from country to country. Local Rotary clubs generously host students and provide room and board with a host family and a small monthly stipend. Participants are generally responsible for:

- Round-trip airfare
- Insurance
- Travel documents (such as passports and visas)
- Spending money, additional travel, and tour fees

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Contact your local Rotary club to see if it participates and to learn more about the types of programs offered, and specific application process required. Because the selection and orientation process can be lengthy, we suggest you apply 6–12 months before you plan to leave.

[Contact a Rotary club near you.](#)

CAN I HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?

Hosting an exchange student can be an incredibly rewarding experience for your family, providing an international experience without leaving home. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Elisa DeJesús was the main speaker at the July 23rd meeting. She began her presentation by talking briefly about Rotary International President 2014-15 Gary C.K. Huang, Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan. She informed that President Huang is urging club members to Light Up Rotary by hosting a Rotary Day, continue our fight against polio, and increase club membership. He said: “Light Up Rotary is more than our theme. It is how we make a difference every day, in every club, and every country we serve.”

She talked about the Rotary District 7120 Year 2013-2014 Giving to Rotary Foundation. The annual district goal was \$165,639. A total of \$188,000 was given, the highest level ever. A 100% of all clubs (69) participated including ours with \$23,000.

She also talked about why it is important to give to Rotary. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation make it possible for clubs to transform lives worldwide; there is an increased dependence upon District Designated Funds. In three years, fifty percent (50%) of what is raised is returned to our district to use for the clubs’ projects. Our club has benefited from the District Simplified Grants for scholarships to college-bound Latino students and, most recently, for school supplies for impoverished children.

In year 2013-2014 District 7120 had 34 clubs awarded District Simplified Grants totaling \$44,037; and \$78,400 in District Designated Funds are supporting ten Global Grants, eight of which have been approved and are being implemented and two are still in the consideration stage. For these ten grants, sixteen clubs have donated, or committed, a total of \$34,364 in cash donations. The total matching funds from The Rotary Foundation for these grants is \$95,682, and the total value of the ten grants is \$356,409 for the local district.

She also informed that as of the end of May 2014, the District 7120 Rotarians and clubs had donated \$44,137 for polio eradication and Governor Ellen donated \$20,000 of District Designated Fund to the cause. Polio eradication remains job number one priority for Rotary International, and we are doing our part. Our goal for this year is \$900. The goal for the Annual Funds is \$2300.

Become a sustaining member of the Rotary Foundation. Your Annual contribution of \$100 will further the work of Rotary around the world.



The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the RLRC was held on July 28th. After dinner, members were hard at work talking about budget, plans for the upcoming Dance to Health event, and numerous other topics of interest.

Of concern is the fact that several members who have expressed their interest in remaining as members of the club have not paid their dues in spite of numerous requests from the treasurer, Miriam Vázquez. Since the club must pay dues to the District and Rotary International based on the number of members reported as active, it is imperative that dues be paid on time.

It has been observed that many members do not wear the Rotary pin. It was decided that going forward, members who show up to the meetings and club events without the pin will be fined \$1.00. Don't be caught without the pin, your pocket will suffer!

A Foundation is born

Our dedicated, incomparable Miriam Vázquez has achieved in a very short time what has been a club dream for a long time. The Rochester Latino Rotary Foundation has been approved by the State of New York thanks to the work done by Miriam. Now, she is preparing the necessary documents to apply for tax-exempt status.

The Bylaws and the Conflict of Interest Policy have been developed. The Board officers have been elected as follows: Chairperson, Antonia Scott; Chairperson Elect, Charol Ríos; Secretary, Elisa DeJesús. Miriam Vázquez, as Club Treasurer will be ex-officio member of the Foundation board.

Club Meeting Information

August 6 at 7:30 am at PathStone, 400 East Avenue – DG Scott MacDonell

August 11 at 6:30 pm at Wegmans, East Avenue – Hiram Hernández

August 20 at Noon at PathStone – Yesenia Ramos in charge

August 25 at 6:30 pm at 66 Northwick – Board Meeting



Hiram Hernández Sr. is the co-founder and CEO of his company, First Capital Payments. First Capital Payments is a member service provider for Visa and MasterCard Associations, the first of its class in upstate NY.

Hiram is actively involved in the Rochester community serving on the Board of the Rochester Business Alliance, the Board of the MCC Foundation, is the current President of Rochester's Hispanic Business Association, a member of Nazareth College's School of Management Advisory Board, member Political Action Committee (RBA) and he is Vice President of the Eastside Baseball Little League.

Mr. Hernández is a native of Comerío, Puerto Rico and a Vietnam War veteran. His presentation on August 11th at a regular club meeting will be interesting and inspiring. Join us in welcoming Hiram as the guest speaker.

Board of Directors

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Vice President – Greg Taylor
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Rotary Four-Way Test

Of the things I think, say, and 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?