

# ROCHESTER LATINO ROTARY LA ROTARIANA

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## CONNECTING ROTARY AND FAMILIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Since its inception, the Rochester Latino Rotary Club has been a strong supporter of the Rochester Hispanic Youth Baseball League by providing funds to purchase uniforms and related equipment for a team.

The league has a long history of bringing together children to participate in a wholesome activity. The league's mission is to: Create a mechanism by which we can enhance the lives of our inner-city Hispanic youth and their families in the Rochester community through baseball rule tactics, sponsorship, volunteerism and parental involvement. Something that our Hispanic youth can call their own.

An award ceremony was attended by the players, their families, and the team's sponsors. Luisa Baars witnessed the members of the 4 to 6 year old team sponsored by the club (photo above) come forward to receive their trophy. The pride of both children and their families were evident by the many photos being taken and the broad smiles on the faces of the players.

The crowd gathered at Seneca Park was treated to a lunch consisting of Latinos favorite foods.

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## PHOTOS



Extreme left, RHYBL team member with uniform indicating the RLRC sponsored his team; Top. Meditation Garden planted by club in full bloom; Left, Dr. Edwin Vega, Chiropractor, explains spine problems



Left, Diana Irizarry explains Oratorical Contest to student at MHS; Above, winner of basket during Dance for Health event



# FOCUS ON ROTARY

Rotary is an organization of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in their communities and around the world.

Our differing occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable. It is ordinary people joining forces to do extraordinary things.

Our distinct point of view and approach gives us unique advantages:

- We see differently: Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.
- We think differently: We apply leadership and expertise to social issues—and find unique solutions.
- We act responsibly: Our passion and perseverance create lasting change.
- We make a difference at home and around the world: Our members can be found in your community and across the globe.

Our impact starts with our members—people who work tirelessly with their clubs to solve some of our communities' toughest challenges. Their efforts are supported by Rotary International, our member association, and The Rotary Foundation, which turns generous donations into grants that fund the work of our members and partners around the world. Rotary is led by our members—responsible leaders who help to carry forward our organization's mission and values in their elected roles.

We've been making history and bringing our world closer together for over 100 years. Since forming in 1905, we've taken on some of the world's toughest challenges and helped a wide range of international and service organizations—from the UN to Easter Seals—get started.

Responsible leadership means more than just doing good work—it means making the most out of every donation we receive. The Rochester Latino rotary Club has carried out international and local service projects that have impacted positively the health and literacy of countless individuals.

Joining Rotary and have the satisfaction of serving others without expecting anything in return.

Visit: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) for additional information on Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation

Visit: [www.rotary7120.org](http://www.rotary7120.org) for additional information about the District.

Visit: [www.latinorotary.com](http://www.latinorotary.com) to find out if the club is for you.

# Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School

The RLRC has been working closely with the EMHCS providing bilingual dictionaries to students, reading to kindergarten students and tutoring others on reading. The school that celebrated the fifteenth anniversary on September 27 has an enrollment predominantly of Latino and African American students from the City of Rochester as well as from neighboring suburbs. Its focus on dual language teaching during the first grades is producing students able to master both the English and Spanish languages at an early age.

The celebration highlighted the accomplishments of the students who started 15 years ago and are now attending college. Several of them were present to receive a certificate of achievement. The founders and the original director were honored as well. Julio Vázquez, founder, and Miriam Vázquez, first principal, both members of the RLRC, were among those honored.

Recently, a group of parents met at the school for a press conference to announce the lawsuit filed against the New York Department of Education for the inequality of funding of charter schools. For example, Rochester's charter schools students receive 68 cents on the dollars, resulting in \$6,633.00 less per pupil.

The lawsuit was organized by the Northeast Charter School Network on behalf of five upstate families with children in charter schools. One of those families' children in the lawsuit attends EMHSC.

## Focus on Membership

Diana Hernández, Membership Committee Chair, has been actively looking for ways to attract new members to the club. As part of the efforts started with the Rotary Day during the Dance for Health event, Diana has scheduled two networking events to be held on November 18 at 5:30 pm at Ibero's main office at 817 East Main Street in Rochester. The second one will be scheduled for the spring of 2015.

## Oratorical Contest

The Committee has been actively recruiting students to take part in the Oratorical Contest sponsored by Rotary District 7120. It has focused on Monroe High School given the large number of Latino students attending the school. The initial contact with students and parents took part during orientation day at the school.

As an incentive, there will be cash awards to the first three winners given by the club. Committee members have returned to the school to get staff support and to identify students that would likely participate in the contest. It is felt that Latino students could greatly benefit from writing a speech in a language that is not their primary language and, particularly, from delivering a speech in the English language.

## Is Rotarac in the Club's Future?

The club is very fortunate in having Greg Taylor as a member. He is very enthusiastic about starting a community-based Rotarac club sponsored by the RLRC.

Rotarac is a service club for 18-30 year olds who want to be part of a global community taking action for positive change. It provides hands-on service projects, fun networking and social activities, professional development opportunities and an international network of young leaders. Rotarac is sponsored by a Rotary club, but operates autonomously. There are 69 Rotary clubs in District 7120, 51 Interact clubs for High School programs, 5 college-sponsored Rotarac clubs functioning at SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Brockport, Hobart/ William Smith, Elmira College and Keuka College. There is no community-based Rotarac. Therefore, if a student drops out of college (40% do), he or she cannot continue to participate in the Rotarac club.

Greg proposed that RLRC sponsor a community-based Rotarac. He asked: Why not? He also asked to consider this: the aging Rotarian population is dwindling, bridges between youth service programs and Rotary are broken, and college advisors cannot sustain Rotarac membership. Only a community-based club can serve the masses after school.

### Why not? Why not now? Why not us?

It only takes \$50 one time and a few members' commitment to sponsor a community-based club. We are a community-based club; we think and act community; we can create a dynamic pipeline of future Rotarians.

## Club Meeting Information

October 1 at 7:30 am at PathStone, 400 East Avenue – Board Meeting

October 13 at 6:30 pm at 400 East Avenue – Edwin Rivera

October 14 at Noon, Monroe High School – Oratorical Contest Orientation

October 22 – at Noon at PathStone – Focus on Polio

## Mayor Lovely Warren

Unfortunately, the meeting scheduled for September 8 where Mayor Lovely Warren was going to be the speaker had to be cancelled. Two tragic events in the community prevented her to attend. The death of a police officer while on duty and the airplane crash that killed two prominent members of the community made it impossible for her to honor the commitment to speak at the club. She has graciously agreed to speak at the December 8 meeting. Keep tuned in for additional information.

## District –Wide Events

Advisory Council Meeting – October 18 – 8:00 AM – Peppermint Restaurant, Avon

PETS I – October 25 – Mount Morris School – 7:45 AM

Eastern Cities Dinner – October 27 - 5:30 pm – Convention Center

November 1 – Rotary Leadership Institute – Inn on the Lake, Canandaigua – 8:00 am Cost: \$75

Full Grant Management Seminar - Bath, October 4, Brighton, February 7, and Clifton Springs, March 7 – Mornings

Renewal Grant Management Seminar - October 25 (during PETS 1--PEs cannot attend this renewal) in Mt. Morris and April 11 in Spencerport (during the District Training Assembly).

**Note: If you did not attend a full seminar the previous year, you need to attend one this Rotary year.**

# Board of Directors

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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?