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Marvel Superhero Actress Holds Fast to Maya Roots

María Mercedes Coroy, a Guatemalan actress who plays Princess Fen in "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever." - Credit...Daniele Volpe for The New York Times

The day after filming her final scene in Los Angeles, María Mercedes Coroy, rather than hanging out in Hollywood, headed home to Santa María de Jesús, a Kaqchikel Maya town of about 22,000 at the base of a volcano in Guatemala. By nightfall, she was curled up in bed in her family's bright pink cinder block house with vegetables growing in the backyard. "I felt like my bed was hugging me," said Ms. Coroy, 28, one of nine siblings in a family of farmers and vendors. By Julia Lieblich · Published April 8, 2023

At the April Board meeting, our club decided to help with any club DDF (District Designated Funds) in a Global Grant Project led by the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club. The project involves a Laboratory Technician Training Program in the area of Sacatepéquez, Guatemala. The Mission Impact organization is building a facility there to offer this vocational training to women in **the town of Santa María de Jesus**, and surrounding areas. Lab technicians are critical in towns where health monitoring is almost non-existent.



Rotary District 6440 Plan for a Friendship Exchange

Happie Datt, Ellen Young, Dessie Panomitros and Marianna Zeidler attended the District 6440 Leadership Training event held on April 29th. In the International Service area, Happie is coordinating a Rotary Friendship Exchange with a District in India. Friendship exchanges are not only a matter of opening one's home and let some foreign folks spend the night in. The experience is all about learning from each other's cultures, customs, vocations and lifestyles. Hosting and visiting involves a deeper understanding and openness to diversity.

Club Installation Dinner

Club President Elect, Dr. Robert Steinberg invites all club members and guests to join him at the Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove, on Thursday, June 22 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM for the Installation of President and Officers of the Club for the Rotary Year 2023-2024.

D6440 Installation Dinner

The Rotary year starts on July 1st every year and runs until June 30th. Rotary Leadership changes at all levels; from a new Rotary International President, R. Gordon R. McInalli, to a new District Governor, Mary Bak, to a new Club President, who in our case will be Dr. Robert Steinberg. The D6440 Installation event will be held on Wednesday, June 28th at The Glen Club, 2901 W. Lake Ave | Glenview | Cost is \$65 per person. RSVP at rotary6440.org.

Who was Jack Blane?

A Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Wheeling, Jack Blane was instrumental in the connection made with The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support End Polio Now. Upon his death in 2018, he bequeathed his points to match First Time Paul Harris Fellows.

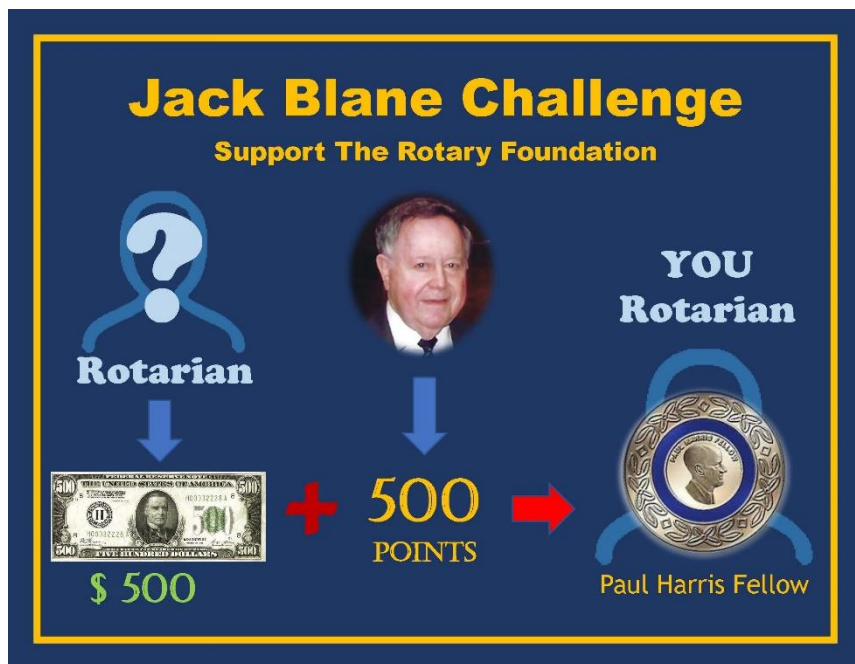
District 6440 Chairs

Our club has a couple of members that are among our D6440 Leadership.

PE Dr. Robert Steinberg is D6440 International Service Chair. He promotes, coordinates and shares all international service activities that our Rotary District supports and tries to keep abreast of other clubs' participation in Global Grant Projects. He can also provide information on Rotary Friendship Exchanges, Hands-On Project Trips and more ... !

Marianna Zeidler is D6440 Annual Fund

Communications, RI Convention Promotion, and District Directory Chair. Ask her about how the Rotary Foundation can match the funds you raise for a project. The Rotary International Convention is being held this year in Melbourne, Australia. Next year, it will take place in Singapore, and in 2025, we will meet in Calgary, Canada. Start planning, and let's go and meet our Rotary Global Family!!!



Plan for the next 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore | May 25 – 29, 2024



Rotary International
Presidential Theme for
2023-2024



Some D6440 Rotarians and friends of Rotary are now on the way to Australia. **Doris Lim** and **Marianna Zeidler** are already gearing up for the **2024 R.I. Convention in Singapore**, to take place May 25-29, 2024. Registration for that event opens already next May 27th at midnight; and early birds enjoy a week long chance to sign up for a discounted rate. Apart from participating in International Service Projects, Rotary International Conventions do bring the "international" nature of our organization. Rotarians from all over the globe gather and share not only their culture, but their projects, their ways, their language, and approaches to service. Rotary is not only about a club; there are Rotary Action Groups, Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Friendship Exchanges, Rotary Initiatives and Global Organizations that share the vision and collaborate with Rotary Programs.