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The weekly newsletter of the Oshkosh Rotary Club

A Proud Tradition of Service Leadership

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December 21, 2009:

Call to Order: Larry Schultz, President
Prayer & Pledge: Steve Hintz
Today's Program: Oshkosh West H. S. Madrigal Singers



December 14, 2009:

Larry Schultz, President, opened the meeting and welcomed all Rotarians and guests.
Tom Harenburg led the club in the opening prayer & pledge.

VISITORS AND GUESTS: *Introduced by Dan Schoenrock, Sergeant-at-Arms*

Southwest Rotary- David Green; Gregg Garl; Barb Herzog; Bill Thimke; Karen Fredrick; Doug Seefeld.
Morning Rotary- None.
Out of Town Visitors- None.
Guests of Our Club- Rachel Jackson, student guest; Daniela Ayala, Rotary exchange student.
Guests of Members- Bill Zierdt, guest of Alyson Zierdt.

Dan Schoenrock reported that on this date in 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which had been seized from Syria in 1967; in 1819, Alabama became the 22nd state; and in 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole. Patty Duke is 63 today, and Nostradamus was born in 1503. Signs you've had too much holiday cheer: you hear someone say, "call a priest"; you have to hold on to the floor to keep from falling off; you tell everyone you have to go home – and the party's at your house.

MARKET REPORT:

Tom Harenburg informed us that the major indices recently worked their way to fresh session highs. Though the Dow has been lagging its counterparts by percentage gained this session, it recently came within just a couple of points of its 2009 high. However, its failure to hold steady near that mark had induced some more selling and caused the blue chip index to surrender some of its recent gain. Financials have trimmed their losses. Its move from negative territory to the neutral line has helped to perpetuate a more positive mood among broader market participants, who continue to bid stocks solidly higher in broad-based fashion. As such, advancing issues outnumber decliners in the S&P 500 by four-to-one. Treasuries have slowly picked up support this session. The benchmark 10-year Note is now up six ticks so that its yield has eased to 3.53%. Meanwhile, the 30-year Bond is up 16 ticks so that its yield now stands at 4.47%. The modest gains for Treasuries come amid a break in Treasury auctions and economic data. However, there is plenty of data on tap for later this week. Tuesday brings producer price data and industrial production figures, while Wednesday will be highlighted by the FOMC policy statement, housing starts, and consumer prices. Thursday brings weekly jobless claims figures. At midday, the Dow is up 37.64 (0.36%); the Nasdaq is up 20.99 (0.96%); the S&P 500 is up 8.30 (0.75%); and the 10-year Note is down 0.01.

On the local front, the US GAO ruled favorably on the protest of BAE/Navistar of the \$3.2 billion contract awarded by the Department of Defense to Oshkosh Corporation. The GAO said that the Army's evaluation was flawed, and that a re-evaluation should occur, and the contract should be terminated if it does not provide the best value to the government. Tom opined that Oshkosh is actually in a better position today to compete on points like price, deliverability, and its own financial condition. There may be a need to re-bid; if that occurs, Tom thinks that Oshkosh Corporation has a 75% likelihood of getting the contract again.

ROTARY MINUTE: - *Presented by John Nichols*

John Nichols shared the origin of the "Fourth Object of Rotary". It derives from June 1918, when active Rotarian Donald MacRae proposed that Rotary become an agent for the promotion of goodwill and peace among nations – the first time that this vision of Rotary was expressed publicly. In 1921, as chair of Rotary's Constitution and Bylaws Committee, MacRae has an opportunity to incorporate this vision into the Rotary constitution. He presented a resolution to the International Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, that amended

the constitution by adding the Fourth Object of Rotary. The Fourth Object became the engine that drives Rotary's international service; indeed, it has become the watchword of the Rotary Foundation. It reads: "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: *** Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 19, 2009 "Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols", Oshkosh Chamber Singers, 4 & 7:30 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church.
 Ongoing to 1/10/2010 "Nutcracker in the Castle", Paine annual event; for details, www.thepaine.org.
 December 31, 2009 "Midnight on the Water", Oshkosh Rotary Club's New Year's Eve gala; details, www.oshkoshrotary.org.

	FUTURE MEETINGS:	PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:
Dec 28 2009	Dick Campbell, "Klondike Gold Rush"	Jeff Jahnke
Jan 4 2010		David Jones
Jan 11 2010		Tom Karrels

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe led the club in song celebrating the birthdays this month of: Sue Panek, 12/1; Chris Wales-Magners, 12/4; John Kerrigan, 12/16; and John Vette, 12/19.

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Contributions are made to Friends of the Oshkosh Senior Center and the Oshkosh Food Bank.)

- Alyson Zierdt gave happy \$\$ to celebrate her new right hip, 3 weeks old tomorrow, and for all the help (including chauffeuring services) she's getting from husband, Bill.
- John Kerrigan honored club members who have been very involved in supporting the Water City Orchestra, which had a great concert last weekend, particularly mentioning Jim Grine and his wife, Gerri, Frank Tower, Gary Yakes, and Dick Campbell.
- Karen Schibline celebrated her daughter's semester end band leading activities, as she now moves on to student teaching on the hopeful path to graduation and employment.
- Daniela had another packed weekend, with a Christmas party with her host family and her friend from Guatemala, sushi at Koreana with Byran Bartow (she told us she "loves sushi"), and then a trip to Leon's. She had with her holiday magnets that she is selling for \$2 apiece, part of her efforts to raise money so she can go on the upcoming Lourdes trip to Washington DC; Rotary members bought all 10 during the meeting, but she will bring more next week.
- Dick Campbell recognized John Kerrigan's activities in support of the Oshkosh Symphony/Water City Orchestra, and also presented the club with a check for \$50, his honorarium for giving one of his historical presentations, to go to our Rotary Foundation.
- Kathy Propp gave happy \$\$ on account of the excellent Water City concert last weekend, and also to plug this coming Sunday's performance of the "9 Lessons & Carols" by the Oshkosh Chamber Singers, performances at 4 and 7:30 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church. She has tickets to sell.
- Bill Thimke is back from Peru, and will give a presentation on the visit at an upcoming meeting. The delivery of the pediatric wheelchair, with the assist of Tom Shepeck, went off well. Bill described its presentation at a Christmas party hosted by Rotary for 200 kids and 100 moms – for only \$275 – and the touching interaction between Tom Shepeck and the little girl, who has CP, who received the chair – and the joy of both the girl and her mother, who had been carrying her child everywhere prior to this gift. Bill called it a true "Christmas moment."
- Lori gave the fundraising report. She thanked Teresa Van Aacken for covering the gift wrapping last weekend, despite some communication mixup, and said this weekend is being covered by another service club. The raffle is at \$60. Only 20 OCM cards remain – get 'em before they're gone. She also reminded us that the reservation deadline for New Year's Eve is December 20th; reservations are coming in at a good pace.
- Joe Ferlo gave us an update on progress being made at the Grand. First of all, he shared with us that Juliette Sterken's goal of installing a hearing loop in the Grand will be realized because of an anonymous donor strongly suspected by Joe to be a member of our club. When Juliette spoke to us last week, she said that she and her husband were willing to contribute \$7,000 of the total \$15,000 cost of this addition; after our meeting, Joe received a call from the Oshkosh Foundation indicating that an anonymous donor was contributing the needed \$8,000 to complete the funds. He expressed the thanks of the Grand. He also told us that remarkable things are happening inside the Grand. Seven trusses are being raised to their original positions, very slowly, and Joe reports you can actually see the dry-rot being revealed from below. Good news is that the roof deck is staying intact during this delicate process.
- Wilbur Scoville announced that he and his wife are leaving for AZ this week, and that, continuing a Bob Fick tradition, everyone can throw a \$ on the table for the Oshkosh Public Library on this occasion.
- President Larry Schultz said that Leona Stapel was to be awarded her 3rd Paul Harris fellowship today; other arrangements will be made. He took a hand count of members who expect to bring a guest to next week's holiday meeting, and announced that there will be NO MORNING ROTARY for the next 3 weeks.
- Sue Panek encouraged all members to contact their federal legislators to ask for their support of Oshkosh Corporation in the current dispute over the awarding of their \$3.2 billion DOD contract.

December 14, 2009 – MEETING REVIEW:

ELECTION OF 2010-2011 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

Deb Wirtz, for the Nominating Committee, introduced a motion to approve the following slate: President, to take office 7/1/11, Lisa O'Halloran; President, to take office 7/1/12, Bill Bracken; Secretary, Sherry Lynch; Treasurer, Jim Stahl; Sergeant-at-Arms, Dan Schoenrock; Directors, for three year terms commencing 7/1/10 and ending 6/30/13, Dan Posanski; Keith Voelker; Alyson Zierdt. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously on voice vote.

Continuing on the Board for 2010-2011 will also be the following: Teresa Van Aacken, who commences her term as President on 7/1/10; Larry Schultz, assuming the role of Past President; Directors, for terms ending 6/30/11, Bill Bracken; Paul Narveson; and John Schatz; Directors, for terms ending 6/30/12, Jeff Gilderson-Duwe; Petra Roter; and Karen Schibline.

Congratulations to all of these Rotarians, newly elected and continuing.

UPCOMING MEETING: DICK CABELL ON "THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH" 12/28/09:

You won't want to miss our meeting on December 28th, when Dick Campbell will share the story of one of the most exciting chapters in the history of North America, which took place more than 2,000 miles from civilization. The time was the late 1890's and the event was the Klondike Gold Rush in the Yukon Territory of Canada. No gold rush could match the Klondike Rush of 1896-1899, in the almost insane drive of people to conquer distance and weather conditions to reach the rich deposits of placer gold in the frozen, barren area of the Klondike River. At no other time or place in recorded history did so many people **voluntarily** subject themselves to so much agony, misery, death and glory. If you have visiting family members, this would be an entertaining and painlessly educational program to share with them, no matter what age. This program will be a great wrapup to the year, counting down to our "Midnight on the Water" New Year's Eve Gala.

4-Way Test:

Karen Fredrick led the club in the Four-Way Test to conclude the meeting.

*Message from the editor: Like my predecessor, I am shorthand-challenged. I apologize for any errors when reporting announcements, good news, happy dollars, etc. It would be helpful, and reduce my reporting errors, if you would email or provide me a hand-written copy of the information that you would like to see in **Spokes**. Thanks for your cooperation. – Alyson Zierdt*

Four Avenues of Service

The term "Four Avenues of Service" refers to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service.

Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, many Rotarians use this concept to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

Club Service involves all of the necessary activities Rotarians perform to make their club function successfully. Things like taking attendance, keeping records and raising money come under this Avenue of Service.


Vocational Service describes the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club, as well as the responsibility of the club to undertake projects related to such areas as career planning, vocational training, and the promotion of high ethical standards in the workplace.

Community Service pertains to those activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, the disabled, and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life. When we are volunteer readers at Lincoln School, when the club pays to send grade school students to the symphony, when we raise money for the Literacy Council we walk this Avenue of Service.

The Fourth Avenue of Service, International Service, describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. International service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands. Our most obvious international service is our connection with the orphanage in La Molina, Peru. Half the money from our table goes toward the eradication of polio through RI's Polio Plus effort. So even here in Oshkosh we are working internationally through the connection of Rotary.

When a Rotarian understands and travels down the Four Avenues of Service, the Object of Rotary takes on an even greater meaning.

From the District newsletter October 2006

 <p>Rotary s o n g</p>	<p>R-O-T-A-R-Y That spells Rotary! R-O-T-A-R-Y Is known on land and sea! From North to South</p>	<p>From East to West (S)he profits most Who serves the best R-O-T-A-R-Y That spells Rotary</p>
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2009-2010 Leadership

Rotary International

John Kenny, **President**
Learn more at www.rotary.org

District 6270 Officers

William Wresch, **District Governor**
Paul Decker, **District Governor-Elect**
Nancy Rhodes, **District Governor-Nominee**

**Oshkosh Rotary Board:
Club Officers:**

Larry Schultz, **President**
Teresa Van Aacken, **President-Elect**
Lisa O'Halloran, **President-Nominee**
Sherry Lynch, **Secretary**
James Stahl, **Treasurer**
Dan Schoenrock, **Sergeant at Arms**
Steve Schmuldach, **Past President**

Club Directors:

Directors serve three-year terms. The Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.

- Steve Arndt (2010)
- Casey Zaniewski (2010)
- Alyson Zierdt (2010)
- Paul Narveson (2011)
- John Schatz (2011)
- Bill Bracken (2011)
- Jeff Gilderson-Duwe (2012)
- Petra Roter (2012)
- Karen Schibline (2012)

Key Contacts

Alyson Zierdt, **Spokes editor**
Lori Renning, **Fundraising director**
W. Robert Bruce, **Pianist**

Four Areas of Service (Directors)

- Club Service**
To be determined.
- Community Service**
To be determined.
- Vocational Service**
To be determined.
- International Service**
To be determined.

**Oshkosh Rotary Club
Past District Governors**

- Cathy Zimmerman (2003-2004)
- John Kerrigan (1999-2000)
- A. John Wiley (1994-1995)
- Charles F. Nolan (1972-1973)
- Frederick L. Caudle (1965-1966)
- George Nevitt (1952-1953)
- Jasper Lockart (1933-1934)

meeting **make-up** schedule

To view all District 6270 club schedules, visit www.Rotary6270.com or visit www.RotaryClubOne.org to make up a meeting at any time.

Monday	7:15 a.m.	Appleton Breakfast	Riverview Country Club
Monday	Noon	Fond du Lac	Holiday Inn
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Berlin	Berlin Family Restaurant
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Appleton	Paper Valley Hotel
Wednesday	Noon	Oshkosh Southwest	Robbins
Wednesday	Noon	Menasha	Waverly Beach
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Fond du Lac Morning	Ramada Hotel
Thursday	Noon	Neenah	Valley Inn
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Oshkosh Morning	City Center Hotel
Friday	Noon	Appleton West	Holiday Inn

Rotary 4-Way Test

- 1** Is it the TRUTH?
- 2** Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3** Will it build GOOD WILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4** Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

