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The weekly newsletter of the Oshkosh Rotary Club

A Proud Tradition of Service Leadership

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February 15, 2010:

Call to Order: Larry Schultz, President
Prayer & Pledge: Gregg Underheim
Today's Program: Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and the Community Visioning Process
Today's Speaker: Eileen Connolly-Keesler



February 8, 2010:

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

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

Southwest Rotary- Cecil Streeter
Morning Rotary- None
Out of Town Visitors- None
Guests of Our Club- Bob Wolf (prospective member); Terri Gerner (speaker); Michael Bayanos (student guest); Daniela Ayala (exchange student).
Guests of Members- Mike Skoglund, guest of Jeff Jahnke.

Dan Schoenrock reported that on this date in history, some very good things happened, and some not so good. Mary, Queen of Scots, was executed in 1587; the Confederate States of America were formed in 1861; in 1910, William Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America (Happy 100th); in 1924, the first execution in the US to make use of gas took place in Nevada State Prison; the first NFL draft was held in 1935; in 1963, the Kennedy administration prohibited travel to Cuba and made financial and commercial transactions with that country illegal for US citizens; in 1968, 3 college students died after a confrontation with highway patrol in Orangeburg, SC during a civil rights protest at an all-white bowling alley; and in 1971, the Nasdaq made its debut. Composer John Williams is 78 today; Ted Koppel is 70; Nick Nolte is 69; author John Grisham is 55; and Robert Klein is 68. Historical birthday babies who share today's date: 20,000 Leagues under the Sea author Jules Verne; WWII Sweater Girl and actress Lana Turner; and *Rebel without a Cause* actor James Dean.

Today's humor: The police driver got out of his car as the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down the window. "I've been waiting for you all day," the officer said. The kid replied, "Yeah, well, I got here as fast as I could". When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

MARKET REPORT:

The S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite have managed to push into positive territory, but the Dow Jones Industrial Average has been held up at the neutral line. Still, it is well above its morning low, which came with a 0.8% loss. Stocks started this session on weak footing, but the S&P 500 was able to secure technical support near the 1059 mark and make an upward move. Action has been choppy since, but the stock market is still in positive territory. Resistance at the 1071 mark has capped gains, however. Commodities continue to look strong as the CRB Commodity Index advances to a 1.4% gain. A 1.0% rise in oil prices to \$71.90 per barrel and a 1.5% rise in gold prices to \$1067.90 per ounce have helped. Despite gold's gain, gold stocks are relatively weak this session. This session's action remains rather quiet as the major indices trade in mixed fashion. The pause comes as many participants attempt to regroup from last week's volatility, which saw the Dow make a triple-digit drop and triple-digit rebound during Friday alone. Headlines have also been few and far between this session. Their absence has also left participants with little interest in trade. Around noon, the Dow was down 7.70 (0.08%); the Nasdaq was up 6.87 (0.32%); S&P 500 up 2.10 (0.20%); and the 10-yr bond was up 0.48.

Tom reminded us that Oshkosh Corporation should hear this week on the Army's decision on the appeal filed over its multi-billion dollar contract. And Tom's parting shot: Coca Cola stocks fizzled.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe led the club in song to celebrate the birthdays this month of Ron Hansche (2/1); Alyson Zierdt (2/10); and Karlene Grabner (2/16).

ROTARY MINUTE:

John Nichols ceded this week's Rotary Minute to Josh Anderson, recently recognized with the Cliff Docterman award by the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, to which organization he now belongs. In their most recent newsletter, a reprint of an article from 1920 made note of two February anniversaries: that of Rotary International, then celebrating its 15th, and the Boy Scouting movement, celebrating its 10th. The article noted the similarity between the organizations in the shared objective of being a vehicle for service. The Boy Scouts were urging that, during their anniversary week, its members "do a good turn daily". They asked Rotary to be their ally in this effort, observing that the "altruism present among Americans during the recent war (WWI)" seemed to be lost in a rising trend towards selfishness. Josh asked us, in recognition of the 100th anniversary this month of the Boy Scouts, that each of us pledge to "do a good turn daily" – as good and appropriate an idea now as it was in 1920.

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- *Ed. note: The title of Frank Tower's new position at Hoffmaster did not appear last week because of the editor's slow ears during the announcement. Frank is Hoffmaster's new Network Enterprise Manager.*
- Lori Renning announced that the February 50/50 Raffle is up to \$90, and reminded members that February is a short month – get your red hot raffle tickets now.
- Bill Calhoun was dropping money all over the place on account of recent accomplishments by Mercy Medical Center. First, a new lab for cardiac catheterizations was opened about 2 weeks ago. Next, the medical ranking organization "Health Grades" named Mercy, for the 4th year in a row, the #1 orthopedic services provider in the US. The ranking is based on clinical outcomes and low complication rates. Then, after a prompt by Sue Panek, Bill acknowledged their ad during the Super Bowl, part of a new branding initiative that will also place spots for Mercy Medical Center during the Olympics and Oscars.
- Lori Renning (with some help from Brogan) put \$7 on the table – one for each day of her family's recent holiday to Cabo San Lucas. (Yes, they are all showing off attractive tans.)
- Joe Ferlo added \$1 to the day's proceeds in admiration for Brogan – who has figured out how to get a word in edgewise while his mom is talking.
- Lurton Blassingame celebrated the win of Tom Willadsen's son, Peter, in the recent Webster Stanley Spelling Bee, which also coaxed a contribution from the proud father.
- Dave Sennholz is happy to be back at the club, released by his doctor after being "under the weather" for the past month – which included 5 days at Mercy Medical Center, where he proclaimed his care to be "five star".
- Michael Cooney announced that the 2010 Directories are here, and that a .pdf file of the same will be sent to members later today. If you want to recycle your last year's binder, bring it to next week's meeting. *HUGE thanks to Michael for once again preparing the directories.*
- Michael also reported that the efforts to raise funds to purchase a ShelterBox have so far produced around \$2,400; the Oshkosh Rotary Club Endowment Fund trustees have voted to add the additional funds needed to reach \$3,000, so that we can purchase 3 ShelterBoxes. If you still want to send money to support this project, Michael encourages you to do so. He also mentioned a recent *Time* magazine article about ShelterBox, which has a link for a very cool video of the ShelterBoxes being delivered and used in Haiti, www.time.com/haiti_tents.
- Sue Panek announced that the United Way Day of Caring will take place on April 9th: 7:30 am until noon. Setup and other help is needed the day of the event; in addition to the registration forms she brought to today's meeting, Sue said that the form will be emailed shortly to all club members.
- Lori Renning announced that several of us who purchased coffee or wine at the New Year's Eve event should check to see whether we were among the lucky winners – she is still holding several unclaimed bonds and/or other lucky surprises donated for the event.
- Tom Harenburg passed around a genuine Super Bowl ring and women's matching necklace piece, and explained that the company has acquired them in a circuitous way. The Packers had a team member with financial problems, and Tom's business became sort of "go between" in the team's efforts to resolve them. The team member went to one Super Bowl, and Tom said they then ended up "being sort of a pawn shop". The ring and its companion usually live in the safe at the bank, but Tom thought that we'd enjoy seeing one "live".
- President Larry Schultz announced that – if weather permits – the regular monthly meeting of the Board will take place this Wednesday, February 10th, at 7:30 am at Lara's Tortilla Flats. *Note: as previously announced, the agenda for the Board meeting is now available on the club website, www.oshkoshrotary.org, under the topic, "Club Administration".*

February 8, 2010 – MEETING REVIEW:

Speaker: Terri J. Gerner
Title: Winnebago County Day Report Center

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe introduced Terri Gerner. Terri has 25 years' experience as a counselor, administrator and social worker working in the mental health area. Terri is presently a social worker/AODA counselor for the Winnebago Day Report Center, a private organization started in April 2008 by Family Services of Northeastern Wisconsin. It serves as an alternative to incarceration for non-violent adult offenders. The program involves offender assessment and case management; day reporting and community monitoring; and rehabilitation skill building and support services. Last year, the Center served around 300 cases. Services are provided initially upon order of the court during the pendency of a legal proceeding. The Center will continue to provide services after the case ends if the individual wants to continue to receive them. From Terri's perspective, the Center helps individuals stabilize their lives, and helps them clean up their lives. Some of the services may involve drug and alcohol abuse counseling, or helping an individual navigate the paperwork necessary to receive other community services, or helping someone take necessary steps toward achieving a GED. The Center is seeking to set up an "Emergency Assistance Fund" to assist with elementary crisis needs, like shelter when an individual's criminal record keeps them out of Fr. Carr's, or medical co-pays for antibiotics to treat an illness or infection, or transportation to get them to the offices of various agencies providing community services. The Center's goal for this fund was \$800; Terri said that they had asked our club for \$300. *President Larry Schultz said that the club's Board had addressed this request and approved \$100, which is in process.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 18, 2010	Oshkosh Chamber's Economic Outlook Breakfast, contact Karen Boehm at Chamber for info.
March, 2010	"Rooms of Blooms", Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays at the Paine; see www.thepaine.org for details.
March 20, 2010	"Season Finale: Reflections & Dances", Water City Chamber Orchestra, 7:30 pm, UWO Music Hall.
March 20, 2010	"Is Oshkosh Smarter than a 5 th Grader?", Oshkosh Area United Way fundraiser, 4-6 pm, at Lourdes High School.
April 9, 2010	Oshkosh Area United Way "Day of Caring", 7:30 am to noon.
April 29, 2010	"Power of the Purse" Luncheon of The Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, 11:45am-1pm at EAA, guest speaker: Erin Brockovich; for tickets or sponsorships, contact Karlene Grabner.
May 14-16, 2010	Rotary District 6270 Conference, Green Bay, details at www.catchtherotaryball.org
June 20-23, 2010	Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Quebec, CA, details at the RI website, link from ours.

	FUTURE MEETINGS:	PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:
Feb 22	The Theory of Everything: The Built Environment & Human Behavior	Kathy Markofski
March 1	Rotary District Conference – "Everything You Wanted to Know but were Afraid to Ask"	Kim Molitor
March 8	What's New at The Paine Art Center & Gardens	Paul Narveson

4-Way Test:

Josh Anderson 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 Schudlach, **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?

