The weekly newsletter of the Oshkosh Rotary Club — A Proud Tradition of Service Leadership

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January 11, 2010:

Call to Order: Larry Schultz, President
Prayer & Pledge: Tom Karrels
Today's Program: Sustainability Efforts at UWO
Today's Speaker: Dr. Michael Lizotte

January 4, 2010:

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

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

Southwest Rotary- Barb Herzog; David Green.
Morning Rotary- None
Out of Town Visitors- None
Guests of Our Club- State Sen. Randy Hopper (R-18th Senate District)(ed. note: Senator Hopper complied with State Ethics laws and paid for his own lunch); Dr. Mike Briley (speaker); Daniela Ayala, exchange student.
Guests of Members- Bill Zierdt, guest of Alyson Zierdt.

Dan Schoenrock reported that, on this date in 1896, Utah was admitted to the Union as the 45th state; in 1951, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul during the Korean War; and in 1974, President Richard Nixon refused to hand over subpoenaed tape recordings and documents to the Senate Watergate Committee. Hall of Fame football coach Don Shula is 80 today. Sir Isaac Newton was born in 1643, and Louis Braille, who invented the Braille alphabet for use by the blind, was born in 1809. New Year's humor: tracing the evolution of a resolution: 2007: I will go to church every Sunday; 2008: I will go to church as often as possible; 2009: I will set aside time each day for prayer and meditation; 2010: I will try to catch the late night sermonette on TV.

50/50 RAFFLE; COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:

Lori Renning reported that the raffle is at $40, and that the next community blood drive will be held on January 25, 2010, from noon to 6 pm at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church.

ROTARY MINUTE:

John Nichols reminded us that, as Rotarians, we should be involved not only with our local club, but also with the wider Rotary. He suggested that we subscribe to any one of the many newsletters produced by RI for its members, directed to the variety of interests of members in the organization. Here, from John, is an introduction:

RI newsletters [http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Newsletters/MoreNewsletters/Pages/ridefault.aspx]

End Polio Now is a quarterly newsletter about polio eradication. The newsletter includes both the latest statistics and inspiring stories. Subscribe .

Every Rotarian, Every Year offers Annual Programs Fund updates, articles on how Rotarians are meeting their clubs' goals, and stories about how Annual Programs Fund contributions enhance people's lives. Sign up and see past issues . *cont'd next page*

Rotary Minute cont'd from previous page: The monthly ***Future Vision Pilot News*** connects you to new online Future Vision resources and information and reminds you of upcoming Future Vision pilot deadlines. Everyone is welcome to subscribe. Sign up .

Interactive helps you experience through photos and videos the fellowship of Rotarians and young adults involved in programs such as Rotaract , Interact , and Ambassadorial Scholarships . This e-newsletter is produced 11 times a year. Read past issues and sign up.

The bi-monthly ***International Service Update*** e-newsletter provides current information about World Community Service, Rotary Volunteers, and Rotary Community Corps, as well as disaster relief and recovery. Visit Service and Fellowship for details about these programs. Sign up for the e-newsletter. Download an *International Service Update* e-newsletter.

The ***Membership Minute*** is a short e-mail newsletter that provides membership development ideas, resources, and tools. Sign up and see past issues .

The New Generations monthly e-newsletter provides news and developments regarding Rotary's youth and young adult programs: Interact, Rotaract, and RYLA. To sign up , enter your e-mail address, then select one of the New Generations options from the list. Please note that there are three separate contact lists for this newsletter (Interact , Rotaract , and RYLA) but all will receive the same publication.

The ***Peace Net*** newsletter is a forum for the Rotary Centers community. Sign up .

The biweekly ***PR Tips*** offers innovative ideas for clubs and districts to promote Rotary in their communities. Sign up and see past issues .

Reconnections is the source for news about Rotary Foundation alumni. Sign up .

The ***Community Service Update*** is a quarterly electronic newsletter that provides Rotarians with news about effective service practices, project resources, and important service-related events. Sign up .

The ***Vocational Service Update*** is a quarterly electronic newsletter that provides Rotarians with news and resources related to vocational service. Sign up .

Rotary: Navigating the Global Network is intended for civic and humanitarian organizations around the world. Articles highlight Rotary's local and international work. Sign up .

Rotary Training Talk keeps Rotarians informed about the latest news in RI training, including RI mailings, RI Board decisions that affect training, and training tips. Sign up and see past issues.

Rotary World is an eight-page, full-color newspaper published for Rotary club, district, and international leaders. Download and read more about *Rotary World* .

The ***Rotary Youth Exchange Newsletter*** is distributed monthly and contains information and updates on current Youth Exchange events and resources. It's intended for all Youth Exchange officers and interested Rotarians. Subscribe by sending a message to youthexchange@rotary.org .

Visions provides information about the benefits of charitable estate and financial planning. (Note: *Visions* is intended for a U.S. audience.) Sign up and see past issues .

Weekly Update provides the latest Rotary news. It can be used for club and district newsletters and Web sites. Sign up .

MIDNIGHT ON THE WATER:

Rotarians, guests, and people who just love to dance joined together under the Blue Moon (next one on New Year's Eve in 2028) at the Oshkosh Convention Center to dine, dance, and generally have a good time – including celebrating Carla Altepeter's 50th birthday – at the New Year's Eve gala. A bit of money was raised for the Oshkosh Food Pantry through the sale of wines, some of which would be $60+ surprises, and coffee (some with more surprises inside, like gift certificates and savings bonds). The evening included hors d'oeuvres; dinner with both pork and beef tenderloin; dessert and dancing featuring the *Swingin' Jumpcats*, who were every bit as good as folks who attended last year had said; a simulcast of the Times Square Ball Drop; midnight champagne toast; after-midnight snacks and souvenir gift bags.

Event chair Lori Renning thanked presenting sponsor *The Oshkosh Northwestern,* and in-kind sponsors Blue Door Consulting and Valley Graphics. Gold sponsors of the evening were Anesthesia Services of the Fox Valley; Associated Bank; CitizensFirst Credit Union; Davis & Kuelthau; Marshall & Ilsley Bank; Mercy Medical Center; and Tony & Lori Renning. Silver sponsors: Carl M. Hennig; Choice Bank; First Business Bank Northeast; Ralph & Dena Gunderson; Ada & Bill Thimke; and Wisconsin Public Service. In-kiind sponsors: Blue Door Consulting; Valley Graphics; House of Flowers; General Beverage; Jim & Geri Grine; JC Penney; Lara's Tortilla Flats; McKnight & Carlson; Oshkosh Rotary Club and Reinhart Foods. She also acknowledged those Rotarians who came and helped set up the morning of the event or with registration that evening: John Schatz; Paul Ansfield; Karen Schibline; Teresa Van Aacken; and a couple of others missed by your editor, with apologies; McKnight & Carlson for the donation of wine sold to benefit the Oshkosh Food Bank and the Thimkes for the coffee sold for the same.

And we *all* need to thank Lori – she did an outstanding job on this event. Photos, taken that night by the *Oshkosh Northwestern*, can be viewed at:
http://www.thenorthwestern.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=U0&Dato=20100101&Kategori=OSH01&Lopenr=1010810&Ref=PH.
More photos, (taken by Michael Cooney??) are on the club's website, www.oshkoshrotary.org, click on "photo album".

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Bill Zierdt gave happy $$ to mark the end of his "transportation contract", driving Alyson to Rotary meetings, with her anticipated medical release to return to driving later this week – although he said that he will miss us.
- Tom Willadsen celebrated the conclusion of his 10th year of perfect Rotary attendance, and also his "pilgrimage to the scary old guys' table", filling the slot vacated by Wilbur's seasonal relocation to the Southwest.
- Sue Andrews is happy that she sold her house, and also glad to be back after a stretch of travel keeping her away from meetings.
- Barb Herzog thanked the club for the warm welcome provided to Oshkosh East student Rachel Jackson over the past couple of weeks, and is also here to promote a fundraiser for SOAR, the arts enrichment program for kids: this Saturday evening, silent auction at 5:15, dinner at 6, program with some talented musicians at 7, at Becket's.
- Lori was happy to see Ada Thimke and Karlene Grabner, back from their respective leaves; happy about her weekend in Indiana for a family wedding and delayed Christmas, happy that the New Year's eve event went well, and happy that it is over.
- Karen Schibline complimented Lori on the great event New Year's Eve, enjoyed by Karen and her husband.
- Sue Panek announced that teams of 4 are being formed now for a $250 entry fee (and challenged the club to form a team) for the, "Is Oshkosh Smarter than a 5th Grader?" event at Lourdes, 4 to 6 pm followed by a pizza party, March 20, 2010.
- Lisa O'Halloran invited us to take part in the online selection of the "Top 100" acts from among those candidates for the coming season at the Grand, http://php.wisinfo.com/mktg/grandopera_osh/landing.php.
- Daniela shared her North American Christmas/holiday experience with us: to host family's relatives on Christmas Eve, good food, good presents including pajamas, a Packers Christmas ornament, and more missed by your editor, and to church; Christmas Day, more good food, more presents including boots and ear warmers; she made apple and pumpkin pies for those festivities. Then she went to Chicago with the Van Aackens, her host family, for a visit to the Museum of Science & Industry, where her favorite thing was the IMAX presentation (what! Not the coal mine??); then to a hotel with a waterpark in Gurnee, which she found very funny – snow outside, and a beach inside; then on New Year's Eve, to the movie Avatar with friends.
- President Larry Schultz announced that a short standup board meeting would immediately follow today's meeting, followed by a short meeting with hotel representatives for board members.

January 4, 2010 – MEETING REVIEW:

Speaker: Dr. Michael Briley
Title: "What Stars are Made of (and What That Tells Us)"

Lisa O'Halloran introduced Dr. Briley, a professor of physics and astronomy at UWO. Dr Briley recently brought a significant grant to the University for the research study, "On the Origin of Abundance Inhomogeneities in Globular Star Clusters". We learned that the star Bellatrix is closer than the star Betelgeuse, and why; that stars appearing blue to us are hotter than those appearing red; that size also matters (really, he said that); and that star clusters are easier to work with to determine star composition than individual stars. We also learned that the key to determining the composition of stars is light, spread out over its colors, each of which represents an element; the absence of yellow, for example, indicates that there is no sulphur present in the star. Professor Briley's lively presentation prompted a testimonial from former student Josh Anderson – that students in Dr. Briley's class enjoyed this type of presentation 3 times a week for 14 weeks, and that class with him was "fun" – and odds are good that no one falls asleep in his class. (What's the cost to audit, again??)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thru January 10, 2010	"Nutcracker in the Castle", at The Paine; www.thepaine.org.
January 25, 2010	Community Blood Drive, 12-6 pm, Algoma Blvd. United Methodist Church.
January 31, 2010	"Sunday Serenade", Water City Chamber Orchestra concert, 2:30 pm, First Congregational Church.
February 5, 2010	"Patchwork – the Little House Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder", 9:30 am & 12:30 pm, Alberta Kimball Auditorium.
March 20, 2010	Is Oshkosh Smarter than a 5th Grader?, 4-6pm, Lourdes High School.

	FUTURE MEETINGS:	PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:
Jan 18	Wisconsin's Pioneer Churches (Michael Cooney)	Dennis Kavanaugh
Jan 25	Hwy 41 Construction & Roundabouts	John Kerrigan
Feb 1		Melissa Kohn

4-Way Test:

Lisa O'Halloran 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*

join the **celebration!**

SERVICE Above Self

Four Avenues of Service

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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

Rotary **song**

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
From East to West
(S)he profits most
Who serves the best
R-O-T-A-R-Y
That spells Rotary

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 Schmudlach, **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.RotaryeClubOne.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?