

SPOKES

The weekly newsletter of the Oshkosh Rotary Club

A Proud Tradition of Service Leadership

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January 25, 2010:

Call to Order: Larry Schultz, President
Prayer & Pledge: John Kerrigan
Today's Program: Highway 41 Reconstruction & Roundabouts
Today's Speaker: Randy Asman



January 18, 2010:

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

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

Southwest Rotary- None.
Morning Rotary- None.
Out of Town Visitors- None.
Guests of Our Club- Daniel Ferrere, student guest; Daniel Ferrere, sr.; Jean Ferrere; Daniela Ayala, exchange student.
Guests of Members- Mara Munroe, guest of Jeff Gilderson-Duwe; Steve Lirely, guest of Josh Anderson.

Dan Schoenrock reported that on this day in 1778, Capt. James Cook became the first European to reach the Hawaiian Islands, which he called the Sandwich Islands; Cary Grant was born Archibald Leach in Bristol, England, in 1904; and in 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 69 today; Kevin Costner is 55; and Danny Kaye would have been 97. Today's humor: the "Senility Prayer" - Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do and the eyesight to tell the difference. Amen.

HELP HAITI: CONTRIBUTE NOW TO OUR OSHKOSH ROTARY CLUB ENDOWMENT:

Cathy Zimmerman announced that members of our club can join together to purchase a "Shelter Box", a compact package of very practical aid items, starting with providing temporary living quarters for up to 10 people that will withstand the elements, water purification and other vital supplies appropriate to the particular disaster location, as well as a functioning stove (and a "smile package" including things like crayons and coloring books for children). The Shelter Box organization gave a program at Rotary in the past, and is a "first on the ground" organization at Haiti and other disaster sites, including the American Gulf Coast during Hurricane Katrina. The cost of this item is \$1,000, which a club our size can easily raise. Checks should be made out to the Oshkosh Rotary Club Endowment, marked "Haiti Fund", and mailed to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation; these contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. If there are funds raised over and above the cost of one shelter box, they will be sent to the organization. Other ways to help include individual giving to recognized charities like the American Red Cross or to a fund established by Rotary International for long term disaster relief.

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Ken Arneson is proud that the February 2nd issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, which focuses on long term care, features Evergreen Retirement Community as positive example of a long term care organization that is working to change the culture of nursing homes.
- Karen Schibline is pleased that both she and David Hayford have been selected as reader members of the *Oshkosh Northwestern* Editorial Board for the next three months.
- Peg Schiek was happy that she survived a snow skiing experience this weekend.
- Sherry Lynch celebrated a fantastic find in her grandmother's things – a 30 page history of her family back to 1600.
- Lori Renning reminded members that next Monday, January 25th, is the next Community Blood Drive, noon-6 pm at Algoma Blvd. United Methodist Church.

Good News/Happy Dollars/Announcements cont'd...

- Daniela announced that she has more Oaks candy bars for sale, as her trip to Washington DC with other Lourdes students rapidly approaches.
- President Larry Schultz announced that the agendas for the monthly Board meetings will be posted on the club website, and reminded us of the request Frank Tower made last week for Rotarians to be at South Park school this week Friday, January 22nd, at 1:45 to help with games and be with the kids during their "Celebration Assembly"; call Frank if you can help.

STUDENT GUEST, DANIEL FERRERE:

Rich Kern introduced Daniel and his parents, Daniel Ferrere, sr., and Jean Ferrere. Daniel is a senior at Oshkosh West, and will attend Duquesne University in Pittsburgh to pursue a degree in business. He was attracted to the school because of its strong internship partnerships with local businesses, as well as the fact that he has extended family in Pittsburgh. He will participate in the Army's ROTC program, from which he has a 4-year scholarship. Daniel was born in Fort Stewart, GA, where both of his parents were stationed, and lived in many different locations in the county, including California and Sun Prairie, WI. Oshkosh, at 6 years, is the city in which he has lived the longest. He participates in track, cross-country and soccer; is a member of the National Honor Society; was a delegate to Badger Boys' State, and is in the final stages of work for the Eagle Scout award. He's also been working at Culver's for the past two years.

January 18, 2010 – MEETING REVIEW:

Speaker: Michael Cooney
Title: "Pioneer Churches: a Remnant of the Immigrant Experience"

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe introduced Michael – who of course needs no introduction. Michael has been working with the Oshkosh Public Library to put his many photographs of local historical places online, on the library's website, www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Michael said that remembering the immigrant experience is important because it addresses questions: Who are we? Where did we come from? Where are we going? In the past, family stories and history were preserved in letters and other writings, such as the wonderful 30-page family history Sherry discovered this past weekend, a belated gift from her grandmother. Now, however, stories are exchanged or remembered in cyberspace, a far more ephemeral medium. "History is where the evidence leads us; heritage is what we choose to remember and celebrate." Michael has been photographing churches and churchyards around Wisconsin that reflect the Germans, Welsh, and Irish settlers who built them, and those who are keepers of that heritage into the modern era. In the course of his work, which is his avocation rather than his "employment", he has been adopted by the Welsh, tripped upon the grave marker of John Williams, an African-American former slave who became a valued part of a Welsh Wisconsin community, and found the marker for the grave of "the boy who could not tell a lie."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 25, 2010	Community Blood Drive, Algoma Blvd. United Methodist Church, 12-6 pm.
January 31, 2010	"Sunday Serenade", Water City Chamber Orchestra, 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 5 th Grader?", 4-6 pm, Lourdes High School.
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 1	Printing a Newspaper in Age of Technology	Melissa Kohn
Feb 8	Winnebago County Day Report Center	Sherry Lynch
Feb 15	OACF & Community Visioning Process	Gregg Underheim

4-Way Test:

Steve Schmudlach 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 Schmulach, **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?

