

SPOKES

The weekly newsletter of the Oshkosh Rotary Club

A Proud Tradition of Service Leadership

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January 4, 2010:

Call to Order: Larry Schultz, President
Prayer & Pledge: David Jones
Today's Program: "What Are Stars Made Of"?, Dr. Michael Briley



December 28, 2009:

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

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

Southwest Rotary- Jim Stapel; Bill Thimke.
Morning Rotary- None
Out of Town Visitors- None
Guests of Our Club- Bev Harrington, Appleton club member transferring to our club; Welcome, Bev!
Guests of Members- Bob Campbell; Catherine Case; Marilynn Campbell; Susan Campbell; Cathy Sisson; Bill Sisson; and Megan Sisson, guests of Dick Campbell; Bill Zierdt, guest of Alyson Zierdt.

Dan Schoenrock reported that on this date in 1846, Iowa became the 29th state admitted to the Union. Birthdays: Actor Martin Milner is 78; Denzel Washington is 55. Today's chuckle: 97% of Americans say, "Oh, s__t" before going into the ditch on a slippery road. The other 3% are from Minnesota and Wisconsin; they say, "Hold my beer and watch this!"

DECEMBER 50/50 RAFFLE:

The December kitty of \$170 was shared with "frequent buyer (a ticket every week)" Dave Sennholz. Congrats, Dave!

MARKET REPORT:

Tom Harenburg told us that today, action remains mixed in the broader market, with the telecom gaining ground, currently up 0.5%. Financials have fallen to a 0.1% loss. The sector had been up roughly 0.4% in early action, but has since been undercut by bank stocks. Weakness among both diversified banks and regional lenders has the KBW Bank Index down 0.5%. As of 12 pm EST, action remains listless as the S&P 500 moves sideways along the neutral line. There haven't been any major news items to provide participants with direction this session. Stocks had shown a positive response to strong overseas gains and a dip by the dollar in early trade, but those factors have since faded as a factor for trade. Without any lasting catalysts, stocks have generally been left to trade in their own volition. The major indices remain in positive territory, but their gains are also rather unimpressive. Commodities continue to show strength as the CRB Commodity Index climbs to a 0.8% gain. Oil, which is a leader among commodities, was last priced 1.0% higher at \$78.80 per barrel. Despite that, energy stocks are up just 0.1% at the moment. Current performance: the Dow is up 13.52 (0.13%); Nasdaq up 5.04 (0.22%); S&P 500 up 0.82 (0.07%); and the 10-year bond is up 0.0590.

Tom's humorous thought for the end of the year: Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it rolls.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 31, 2009 "Midnight on the Water", New Year's Eve Gala sponsored by our club, 7pm, Oshkosh Convention Center.
Thru January 10, 2010 "Nutcracker in the Castle", at The Paine; www.thepaine.org.
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.

	FUTURE MEETINGS:	PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:
Jan 11	Sustainability Efforts at UWO	Tom Karrels
Jan 18	Pioneer Churches (Michael Cooney)	Dennis Kavanaugh
Jan 25	Hwy 41 Construction & Roundabouts	John Kerrigan

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Larry Schultz reported that his son and wife are expecting their 3rd child, which will bring the number of his grandchildren to 5.
- Mike Audit celebrating moving into his new home a week ago, and that, on Christmas Eve, he and his girlfriend Kristin became formally engaged.
- Lori Renning announced that **help is needed this week at 8 a.m. on Thursday, December 31st, at the Oshkosh Convention Center to set up the room for the New Year's Eve party**, and that a short stint of **help is needed for ½ hour before the start of the event to assist with registrations and final details**. Let Lori know if you will help. Lori expressed thanks to Rotarians who helped through their businesses with the event: Oshkosh Northwestern, Blue Door Consulting, Valley Graphics – and read a list of sponsors that was too lengthy for this reporter to catch.

DECEMBER 28, 2010 – MEETING REVIEW:

Speaker: Dick Campbell
Title: The Klondike Gold Rush

Dick Campbell gave another of his excellent historical presentations, this time about the Klondike Gold Rush in the Yukon Territory of Canada in the late 1890's. We heard about the one million people, from all over the world, who tried to get to the Klondike; the 100,000 who gathered together the 2,000 lbs of goods required to sustain themselves for a year that was required by the US Government as a condition for being allowed to travel across Alaska to get there; the 30,000 who actually made it; and the 4,000 who became rich. The sea route that was the "easiest" was also the longest and most expensive, and the sea/land route taken by most was grueling beyond belief. This was seen as the "last frontier" for many, and the appeal was explained as being not so much the gold as finding the gold. Dick told us about the White trail, where 3,000 horses died in the first two months resulting in a temporary closure of the route, and the Chilkoot Pass Trail, where a 500' climb must be made on foot, and most made 30 to 40 trips to get their 2,000 lbs. of gear up and over. The stamperders had to build their own makeshift boats – without knowing how – to get across Lake Bennett, facing canyons and rapids. Dawson City went, in a short time, from a mud flat to the largest city beyond Vancouver with over 30,000 population. The Klondike Gold Rush ended abruptly when gold was discovered at Nome – reputed to be laying on the beaches for the taking (a slight exaggeration). Dick's presentation was accompanied by evocative photographs of the event and the remarkable people who were involved in it.

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 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?

