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The weekly newsletter of the Oshkosh Rotary Club

A Proud Tradition of Service Leadership

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March 8, 2010:

Call to Order: Larry Schultz, President
Prayer & Pledge: Kathy Propp
Today's Program: What's New at the Paine Art Center & Gardens
Today's Speaker: Aaron Sherer



March 1, 2010:

Larry Schultz, President, opened the meeting – our first in our new location, City Center (the mall, not the hotel) Conference Room, with food and meeting services by Becket's - and welcomed all Rotarians and guests. Kim Molitor led the club in the opening prayer & pledge.

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

Southwest Rotary- Bill Thimke; Kim Johnson-Thiel.
Morning Rotary- None.
Out of Town Visitors- None.
Guests of Our Club- Wendy Hielsberg and Jason Henderson, speakers; Alyx Posorske, student guest; Daniela Ayala (exchange student).
Guests of Members- None.

Dan Schoenrock reported that on this date in 1845, President John Tyler signed a congressional resolution to annex the Republic of Texas; in 1867, Nebraska became the 27th state; in 1872, Congress authorized the creation of Yellowstone National Park; and in 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps. Notables celebrating a birthday this date include Harry Belafonte (83), Ron Howard (56) and Robert Conrad (75). Historic birthdays: Glenn Miller, in 1904; David Niven, in 1910; Donald "Deke" Slayton, in 1924; and Pete Rozelle, in 1926.

Today's humor: Jeff Foxworthy's comments on Wisconsin: You might live in Wisconsin if: you have worn shorts and a parka at the same time or your town has an equal number of bars and churches. You know you are a true Wisconsinite when: you know several people who have hit deer more than once; you often switch from "heat" to "A/C", and back again, in the same day; your whole family wears Packer green to church on Sunday; you can drive 65 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard, without flinching; you see people wearing camouflage at social events (including weddings and funerals); and driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: *Lori Renning, Fundraising Chair*

Lori informed us that she will be starting her leave of absence from the club in anticipation of the mid-May birth of Baby Girl Renning on April 1st. News on the spring Flower Sale will be available shortly, although many of the details of this fundraiser will need to be handled by members other than Lori, since it falls during her leave. This month's 50/50 Raffle stands at \$20. The next Community Blood Drive will occur on Monday, March 29th, noon to 6 pm, at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church.

DATE FOR CLUB VISIONING SESSION ANNOUNCED:

Club President-elect Teresa Van Aacken announced that a date has been selected for the club's Visioning Session: Thursday, March 25th, starting promptly at 5 pm with a light supper and concluding by 9 pm. The location will be our usual meeting room – at the City Center (mall, not hotel) Conference Room. Food will be provided by Becket's. Teresa thanked all of the Rotarians who had agreed to participate, and said that she and other Board members were encouraged to hear many of the members they called expressing enthusiasm for the visioning process. 36 members of the club agreed to participate, and are a good balance of new and older members, and past club leaders.

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Bev Harrington was happy that her 16-year-old granddaughter was one of three selected at Middleton High School to go to Badger Girls' State, following in the footsteps of Bev's two sons, who each went to Badger Boys' State.
- Cathy Zimmerman was delighted to report that, as the result of the article on the club's purchase of 3 ShelterBoxes for Haiti, prepared by Michael Cooney and Karen Schibline and printed by the *Northwestern* a week ago, she received a call from the Mother Superior for the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. The Sisters would like to contribute to the ShelterBox cause – and the Mother Superior will be at our meeting next week to present their check for \$20,000. They have sisters working in the Dominican Republic, and wanted to do something for Haiti – but lacked the infrastructure that we have through RI to make it happen.
- Lori Renning gave a plug for the upcoming show, featuring herself, former mayor Frank Tower, current mayor Paul Esslinger and others from the community stepping out of their everyday roles to sing and dance for the benefit of the Grand Opera House and Kiwanis. The performance will take place next week Saturday, March 13th, at Alberta Kimball Auditorium; for a list of who's appearing and other info, go to www.grandoperahouse.org
- Sue Panek put \$\$ on the table because Cathy Zimmerman's worries that our club might have trouble raising the funds for the ShelterBoxes appears to have been unfounded, and because she had a good two years working at Yellowstone some years back, and was glad it was made a national park in 1872.
- Jeff Jahnke put his son on the "long list" for seats for Lambeau Field, and himself on the "short list"; he just found out that he is now the proud owner of 4 "club seat" season tickets (his son, on the other hand, is still # 37 thousand something, but he's only 5, and has time to wait).
- Sherry Lynch is celebrating with friends whose daughter, studying in Concepcion, Chile, has been learned to be safe, after the weekend's earthquake.
- Kris Larson, owner of Becket's and soon to be a club member, contributed \$1 for each member present today, to let us know how happy he and his staff are to have us meeting at the City Center Conference Room; he asked that we let him know about any changes we want made to anything in the arrangements or the food.
- Steve Schudlach announced that 3 candidates had expressed interest in the open Director's position (term to expire June 30, 2011), and that he and the rest of the Nominating Committee – Tom Willadsen, Deb Wirtz, Karlene Grabner and Sue Panek – would be meeting shortly to recommend a candidate to the Board. (Per club bylaws, vacancies on the Board are filled by appointment by the president, after receiving the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.) Steve also announced that he'd had some conversation over the weekend with one of the Southwest members involved with last weekend's 3rd annual "Battle on Bago" ice fishing tournament – and preliminary results indicate that the event made over \$70,000. Congrats to the Oshkosh Southwest Club on a successful event "For Kids & Conservation".
- President Larry Schultz announced that our old Rotary badges are available for the taking, if you want a keepsake. The Club has already investigated whether another club might want the empty badges, and has found no takers. Those not picked up after a decent interval will be pitched.

INFO ON ADDITIONAL PARKING OPTION & REST ROOMS FOR WEEKLY MEETINGS

Soon-to-be new member Kris Larson, the owner of Becket's, informed us that the parking lot adjacent to the Fox River is another parking option for weekly meetings. This lot is accessed as if you were going to the old location at the hotel, but instead of turning into the hotel's lot, keep straight and park near the mall entrance. You will enter into the Atrium; then proceed straight ahead through the Atrium and continue down the hall to the meeting room. There are rest rooms located at the southwest corner of the Atrium, or directly across from the meeting room through the complex of offices there – somewhat convoluted series of turns inside office complex, however.

REPORT FROM DANIELA AYALA ON LAST WEEKEND'S RI NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH EXCHANGE NETWORK CONFERENCE:

Teresa Van Aacken introduced Daniela Ayala, our youth exchange student this year, to tell us about her experiences this past weekend in Chicago at the RI North American Youth Exchange Network Conference. Exchange students from a number of Districts, including 6270, put on a variety show for an audience that included RI President John Kenny. Teresa noted that contributions were sought from the audience that night for the ShelterBoxes for Haiti, and that enough was raised to purchase 3 of them. Daniela said that participating in the show was good, but that all of the songs were in English – and that she didn't know every word that she was singing. She had a serendipitous encounter with Sylvia Sanchez, the wife of a Rotarian named Bob Sanchez. Bob and Sylvia hosted Daniela's cousin when he was an exchange student, and was instrumental in getting Daniela here as a Rotary exchange student. She also went with the group to the Shedd Aquarium and the RI main office, and had her picture taken with RI President Kenny. All in all, she pronounced it a very good weekend.

STUDENT GUEST ALYX POSORSKE:

Alyx is a senior at Lourdes. She has lived in Oshkosh all her life, and is a kindergarten-up product of the Oshkosh Unified Catholic School system. At Lourdes, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA for all 4 years. Some of her courses involved dual credit with UWOC, which she enjoyed; she said that she likes the challenge of the courses. She is a 12 season athlete, participating in volleyball, basketball and softball. Since Lourdes is a small school, she felt it gives her and other students the opportunity to participate in a good variety of activities. For all four years, she has been involved in choir, the musicals (gave a plug to the school's "The Secret Garden" musical, running March 25-27th), and madrigals. She is also involved in chemistry club and is co-president this year of Key Club, and is also involved in the campus ministry and is the student coordinator of the Lourdes semi-annual blood drive. She has two brothers, one younger, one in college, and shared with us that her dad has ALS. Alyx and her family have organized a large "Team Posorske" for the annual ALS Walk in Appleton. She has been accepted to five colleges, but hasn't yet made her choice. She doesn't feel that she knows her definite career path, but is looking at studying for physical therapy or pre-med.

March 1, 2010 – MEETING REVIEW:

Speakers: Wendy Hielsberg & Jason Henderson.
Title: "What You Always Wanted to Know about Rotary District Conference But Were Afraid to Ask".

Alyson Zierdt introduced Wendy and Jason, fellow Rotarians from the Oshkosh Southwest club, the host club for this year's District Conference May 14th-16th in Green Bay. Wendy is the executive director of the Oshkosh Visitors & Convention Bureau and Jason is a financial advisor with his company, Orchard Financial.

Jason spoke after Wendy, but his message was valuable, and summarized why each of us should attend the District Conference. He said that, attending the conference as a brand new member, he found it to be an invaluable chance to learn something about the wide scope of Rotary and what it really does, in other communities and around the world, and to hear speakers beyond your own community. He said that you get something out of it, and can then bring that back to your club and community.

Wendy has been integrally involved with this year's Rotary District Conference, and gave us an idea of what will occur. Friday is about fellowship, with a golf outing or tours of Lambeau Field. The Welcome Reception is from 5 to 6, in the House of Friendship back at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center. Dinner, a Flag Ceremony (which Jason, at his first District Conference last year, reported as being very impressive, flags of the countries of RI), and keynote speaker former Packer and media personality Larry McCarren round off the day, with hospitality suites sponsored by several clubs continuing for the rest of the evening.

Saturday the substance of the conference takes place. A general session will be followed by breakouts on a variety of topics, including Recruiting Members in their 30's; Rotary Water Projects; Meet the Swedish Group Study Exchange Team; Guatemala Medical Team; Simple Fundraising Projects; and our own Brenda Haines on "Social Networking – Personal and in the Workplace." There will also be a series of presentations on club projects, including: Waukesha's Bluesfest; Oshkosh Southwest's (and Oshkosh Rotary Club's) Soy Cows in Peru; Oconomowoc's Brewfest; Fond du Lac Morning's Birthday Books; and our club's presentation on our unique approach to scholarships, exclusively for "New Start" students and technical college programs.

The keynote speaker at Saturday's lunch is John Schier, "that guy nurse", on "To Live a Long Time and Die Healthy". Saturday evening features a dinner, with keynote speech by Tom Thorfinnson, RI Director and Vice-President-Elect, on "The Future of Rotary". The Governor's Ball follows dinner.

Sunday morning consists of an interfaith church service and closing session, with activities concluded by 10:30 am.

A great rate has been negotiated of \$119 for registration and all meals. Individual day registration rates are available; see the website, www.catchtherotaryball.org for details and other details. A great rate has also been negotiated for the hotel - \$99/night.

President Larry Schultz announced that our board has determined that the club will pay the registration and meal costs for any member who wishes to attend the District Conference.

4-Way Test:

John Kerrigan led the club in the Four-Way Test to conclude the meeting.

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

If you have a change or update to the contact info printed for you in the 2010 Rotary Directory, please get it to the *Spokes* editor (Alyson Zierdt) at: alyson.zierdt@gmail.com, so it can get published and your fellow Rotarians can find you when they need you.

This week's updates: Jim Grine, email change: james.grine@gmail.com; Gregg Underheim, email change: Gregg.Underheim@mail.house.gov; Frank Tower, business phone and email change: (920) 235-9356; frank.tower@hoffmaster.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 6, 2010	"Rooms of Blooms" opens, continues Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays in March at the Paine; see www.thepaine.org for details.
March 13, 2010	"Oshkosh Springs into Song", 8 p.m. Alberta Kimball Auditorium, fundraiser for The Grand Opera House and Mid-morning Kiwanis' teacher scholarship program; details at www.grandoperahouse.org .
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.
March 25, 2010	Oshkosh Rotary Club Visioning Session, 5-9 pm, City Center Conference Room.
March 29, 2010	Community Blood Drive, 12-6 pm, Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church.
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.
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:
March 8	What's New at The Paine Art Center & Gardens	Kathy Propp
March 15	"In the Beginning There Were 4: American Helicopter History" – Bill Zierdt	John Nichols
March 22	"Legislative Update" – Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh)	Charlie Nickerson



*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 South Park 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 are our connections with the orphanage in La Molina, Peru, and the school building project in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. 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)
- (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?

