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A Proud Tradition of Service Leadership

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November 16, 2009:

Call to Order: Larry Schultz, President
Prayer & Pledge: Rich Kern
Today's Program: Camp Invention – Science Inquiry Project at OASD
Today's Speaker: Kim Kramer



November 9, 2009:

Larry Schultz, President, opened the meeting and welcomed all Rotarians and guests. Gordon Hintz 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- Speaker/singer(s): Roger LaPoint; Don DeRozier; Todd Oxley; Lynn "Ole" Anderson; Zack Pawloski (student guest) and his parents, Charles and Cheryl, and his grandmother, Aleene.
Guests of Members-

Dan Schoenrock reported that on this date: in 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues and Jewish-owned stores in Germany and Austria on "Kristallnacht", the "night of broken glass", and in 1989, the Berlin Wall came down as Communist East Germany threw open its borders. Birthdays of the rich and famous (or infamous): Spiro Agnew; Carl Sagan; Mary Travers; Tom Fogerty (CCR); and Lou Ferrigno.

Today's humor: A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast under his clothing. On the first day of a new term, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in school. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he took the desk stapler and stapled the tie to his chest. He had no trouble with discipline that term.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: *Lori Renning, Fundraising Chair*

Lori Renning reported that the 50/50 raffle is up to \$75; the drawing will be on November 30th. On that same date, the next blood drive will be held at Algoma United Methodist Church from noon until 6 pm. The OCM cards – still an incredible bargain – are going fast, and will be for sale following the meeting at the registration table.

ROTARY MINUTE: *Presented by John Nichols*

Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah drew the international spotlight to his Maasai village in 2002, when tribal elders presented a herd of 14 cows to the people of the United States as a symbolic gesture of compassion and healing after hearing his firsthand account of the terrorist attack on New York City on Sept. 11, 2001.

The village's heartfelt act was reported worldwide and eventually prompted Naiyomah to collaborate with author Carmen Agra Deedy on a children's book, "14 Cows for America," released in the United States in August. The entire experience also inspired him to refocus his professional plans. Instead of going to medical school, Naiyomah will embark on a career as a peacemaker when he begins postgraduate work at the Rotary Center for International Studies at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, in early 2010. As a Rotary World Peace Fellow, Naiyomah will study the theories, techniques, and skills of effective peace-building and conflict resolution. (*cont'd on next page*)

This year, Naiyomah spent the week of 9/11 visiting his home village of Enoosaen, where his people continue to nurture the gift herd as a living symbol of peace. On Sept. 25, Naiyomah will be in Washington, D.C., to address the National Press Club at 3 p.m. in the Zenger Room. On Sept. 26, he will attend the U.S. Library of Congress National Book Festival on the National Mall.

As an incoming Rotary World Peace Fellow, Naiyomah says it is time for citizens who are concerned about the prevalence of war and conflict to take action.

“The Rotary World Peace Fellowship accords me the opportunity to study the nature of conflicts in our world today,” said Naiyomah, citing as an example the post-election violence in his homeland in 2008. “This showed me the vulnerability that exists for any section of the world to erupt into violence if peace is not deliberately and consciously promoted. Peace is a work – not a hope. We have to actively and creatively sow it.”

Launched in 2002, the Rotary Centers program is a master’s level program aimed at equipping the next generation of leaders with skills needed to reduce the threat of war and violence. The Peace Fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process in which applicants must demonstrate a commitment to peace through their personal, academic and professional achievements. The Rotary Centers are located at leading universities in England, Japan, Australia, Argentina, and the United States. The Rotary Center at the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok offers an intensive, three-month course aimed at mid-level professionals in governments, NGOs, and international industry.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe announced the following Rotarian November birthdays: Paul Ansfield, 11/1; Dan Schoenrock and Rich Kern, 11/9; Michael Cooney, 11/10; Josh Anderson, 11/17; Sherry Lynch, 11/19; David Brantingham and Gordon Hintz, 11/29; Joe Ferlo, Kathy Propp and John Schatz, 11/30. We got a boost in harmony on the birthday song from our barbershopper guests.

DIRECTORY CHANGES? HERE’S WHAT TO DO:

Michael Cooney announced that he will be gone for the next month, but that production of the Club Directory is in progress. Take a look at your 2009 Club Directory entry; if you have changes to it, get an email to Michael ASAP, and/or get the changes to Lisa O’Halloran, who is assisting in the process.

CLUB LEADERSHIP – STILL TIME TO STEP UP:

Steve Schmudlach, chair of the Nominating Committee, indicated that the committee – Steve, Deb Wirtz, and Tom Willadsen – is still looking for members willing to serve in a leadership role in the Club, prior to the announcement of the slate, which will, according to our Club Bylaws, occur at next week’s meeting. If you’re interested, but just haven’t gotten around to telling anyone about it, contact Steve, Deb or Tom ASAP.

“TASTE OF INDIA” DINNER AT CITY CENTER:

A representative of City Center announced at the meeting that the hotel will hold this event at 6:30 pm on November 21st; the cost will be \$25/person. If you enjoy East Indian cuisine, or think you’d like to try it, this is the event for you.

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Wilber Scoville gave happy \$\$ to celebrate the 82nd birthday of his wife, Virginia.
- Michael Cooney was happy about the support he received in his video business from Rotarians Dan Schoenrock, who let him use his office for needed scenes, and Charlie Nickerson, who let him use a whole hospital.
- Joe Ferlo gave a happy \$ because it was the first time he’d heard harmony that worked during the birthday song; another one for the upcoming performance, November 12th, by the Big Top Chautauqua group at Alberta Kimball auditorium, past of the Grand’s “season in exile”, and yet another in thanks to all of the Rotarians who supported and worked at the “Raising dough for the Grand” pizza cookoff last weekend. 11 local pizza vendors participated. Overall winner was West End; Red’s for best vegetarian; and Glass Nickel for most original topping for its cheeseburger pizza.
- Chris Wales-Magners was happy that Clarity Care’s Spa Day fundraiser last week was a success, well-supported by Rotarians; Kim Molitor and Teresa Van Aacken received particular mention, along with their companies, as well as a long list of those who contributed to the event.
- Jeff Gilderson-Duwe announced that local historian Adrian Martin will be reading from his book, *Operation Plum: the Ill-fated 27th Bombardment Group and the Fight for the Western Pacific* at 7 p.m. on November 19th, under the Dome at the Library.
- Dick Campbell presented a check for \$35 to the Oshkosh Rotary Club Endowment, passing along an honorarium he received for a presentation he made recently to the Montello Rotary Club. Dick indicated that he has a number of presentations on various historical events (Lewis & Clark expedition; Shackelton’s Antarctic expedition; and his newest, the Klondike Gold Rush, which our Club will hear on December 28th), is willing to speak to groups, and will give any honoraria he receives to the Club’s Endowment Fund. *(con’t next page)*

- Lori Renning celebrated that she was watching a prospective new member (realtor Cheryl Pawlosky) fill out an application.
- Jeff Jahnke celebrated Northwestern's win over Iowa because it meant that Tom Willadsen owes happy \$\$, and that the weather would still allow him to play golf this afternoon.
- Gregg Underheim was happy that he broke 90 when he golfed in yesterday's beautiful weather.
- Teresa Van Aacken shared with us that Daniela had a great time with the Rotary exchange students, but has a fever, so can't be here to tell us about it herself.
- Sue Panek announced that the "1st Annual Dine Out for Oshkosh" event, to raise funds for the United Way, will take place November 15-21; participants include Robbins, Primo, Mike's Place, Brooklyn Grill, Culver's, Lasure's, Lara's Tortilla Flats, and Cousins.
- Larry Schultz reported that last week in Belgium, he enjoyed Belgian beer, Belgian waffles, and Belgian chocolate. Presumably not simultaneously. He also reminded Board and Red Badge members that there is a Board meeting this week Wednesday, November 11th, 7:30-9a.m. at Lara's Tortilla Flats.

STUDENT GUEST ZACK PAWLOSKI:

Zack is a senior at Lourdes. He is active in theater and musical activities, and in the campus ministry. He works as a barista at Basic Books, and is involved in the youth ministry at New Life Community Church. He has decided that he will become a minister, and feels that he is starting on that path now, despite his youth. He indicated that he had been blessed in his parents, teachers and mentors, and expressed appreciation to the Club members for their leadership roles in the community, and for the opportunity to speak to the Club.

November 9, 2009 – MEETING REVIEW:

Speakers/singers: Winnebagoland Barbershoppers

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe introduced Lynn "Ole" Anderson, who was joined in song by his Winnebagoland Barbershoppers chorus colleagues Don Derozier, Todd Oxley and Roger La Point.

Ole spoke for the group, reviewing a very active year of activities, including Singouts for Valentine's Day gifts and at area churches, performances at venues as diverse as EAA and the Honey Producers' convention, and work with local schools to pass their love of barbershop singing to another generation. The group sent a 43-member Oshkosh Youth Alliance chorus to San Antonio, where they took 2nd place in national competition. The group's annual concert is always the last Saturday in March at Alberta Kimball auditorium.

The aim of the group's fundraising activities is to help kids who have hearing problems, which they have done, to the tune of over \$60,000. (*ed. note: inadvertent pun, sorry*).

New members are welcome; if you think you might enjoy singing with the group, an invitation was extended to all to show up on a Tuesday, from 7-9 pm, at the basement of Peace Lutheran Church, 8th St. entrance.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 12, 2009 "Season of Lights" holiday parade, 6:30 pm, parade marshal, recently retired Parks Director Tom Stephany.
 November 12, 2009 Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua "Wild Woods & Waters", 7:30 pm, Alberta Kimball Auditorium.
 November 15-21, 2009 1st Annual Dine Out for Oshkosh, various locations, benefit for Oshkosh Area United Way.
 November 19, 2009 Morning Rotary evening social, 5:45-6:45, Becket's.
 November 19, 2009 Adrian Martin reading & book signing, Oshkosh Public Library 7 pm.

	FUTURE MEETINGS:	PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:
Nov 23	Polio Plus	Mike Audit
Nov 30	2010 Main St. Reconstruction Project	Brad Hunter
Dec 7		

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.

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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

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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)

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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?

