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The weekly newsletter of the Oshkosh Rotary Club

A Proud Tradition of Service Leadership

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November 23, 2009:

Call to Order: Larry Schultz, President
Prayer & Pledge: Mike Audit
Today's Program: Polio Plus
Today's Speaker: Rick Debe



November 16, 2009:

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

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

Southwest Rotary- Gregg Garl; Bill Thimke; Barb Herzog.
Morning Rotary- None
Out of Town Visitors- None
Guests of Our Club- Kim Loeper (speaker); Morgan Redemann (student guest); Daniela Ayala (exchange student).
Guests of Members- Aleene Kyle, guest of Cheryl Pawlosky; Liz (Larry Schultz's daughter) and Ben Radke (& twin babies), guests of Larry Schultz.

Dan Schoenrock reported that on this day in 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state; in 1959, the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway; and in 1593, the Spanish explorer Pizarro sprung a trap on Atahualpa, Emperor of the Incas, which led to the conquest of the Incan Empire and the beginning of European colonization of South America (you knew this stuff once, didn't you?). Today's bumper sticker: "Better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot".

MARKET REPORT:

Tom Harenburg has returned from the West, and reported that cyclical stocks continue to be the best performers this session. That has helped the energy sector ascend to a 2.7% gain and the materials sector makes its way 2.5% higher. They are the best two performing sectors this session. Investor taste for riskier assets has driven small-caps sharply higher. In turn, the Russell 2000 is up 2.7%. NABI Biopharma (NABI 4.46, ++0.90) is a primary leader in the group, but it is gaining additional support in conjunction with news that it has announced with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK 41.92, +0.48) a global option and licensing agreement for a nicotine candidate vaccine. As of 11:30 EST, stocks had been drifting along sideways for the past couple of hours, but recently moved a leg lower as the U.S. dollar pared losses. The Dollar Index is still down 0.3%, though. Fed Chair Bernanke, in a recent speech at the Economic Club of New York, said that he believes the flow of credit remains constrained, economic activity weak, and unemployment much too high. In fact, he indicated that the best thing about the labor market right now is that it may be getting worse more slowly. Still, Bernanke goes on to indicate that the stabilization of financial markets and the gradual restoration of confidence are in turn helping to provide a necessary foundation for economic recovery, though it is less certain how the economy will evolve in 2010 and beyond. Shortly before noon CST, the Dow was up 129.39 (1.26%) at 10,399.86; the Nasdaq up 29.84 (1.38%) at 2,197.72; the S&P 500 up 16.34 (1.49%) at 1,109.82; and the 10-year bond down 0.08 at 3.35. And another "cowboy rule": "The Opener" refers to the first day of deer hunting, a religious holiday (but Tom's "Opener" is 9/1, when bird season opens).

FUNDRAISING REPORT: *Lori Renning, Fundraising Chair*

Lori Renning told us that the raffle is up to \$110, and the drawing will be 11/30. 11/30 will also be the next Community Blood Drive, at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 12-6 pm (incomparable egg-salad sandwiches). Invitations for the New Year's Eve Bash will come to us tomorrow via email; Lori thanked Rotarians Lisa O'Halloran and *The Oshkosh Northwestern*, Brenda Haines and Blue Door Consulting, and Southwest member Lori Davis and Valley Graphics for their help with the promotion of the event.

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Ed Williams gave a happy \$ to celebrate John Kerrigan's appearance in a recent item in the *LaCrosse Tribune* recognizing him as an "illustrious alumni" of LaCrosse Aquinas High School; another \$ for Aquinas alum Bill Bracken; another when Bill Holicky said he'd gone there, too, and one for himself because he graduated from LaCrosse Central H.S., not Aquinas.
- Tom Willadsen was happy that Northwestern ended Iowa's perfect season last weekend.
- Tom Harenburg gave the "moose sighting report" from out West: one cow, two calves. They had 14" of snow the day before returning to Oshkosh, beautiful, and got to see a migration of a herd of 200 elk coming down from the mountains to escape the snow.
- Leonard Reinke celebrated his 67th wedding anniversary.
- Sherry Lynch requested that all snowbirds get their leave of absence requests to her before the December 9th Board meeting, so the Board can act on the requests in a timely way.
- Sue Panek reminded members that this is "Dine Out Oshkosh Week", to benefit the United Way.
- Bill Bracken announced that there are only 40 OCM (formerly OCAT) cards left; get yours now for those stocking stuffers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Steve Schmudlach, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate that will be up for election at the Club's Annual Meeting on December 14th:

President: To be announced next week; this person will become Club President as of 7/1/2012.
Secretary: Sherry Lynch.
Treasurer: Jim Stahl.
Sergeant-at-Arms: Dan Schoenrock.
Directors – 3 year term ending 6/30/2013: Dan Posanski; Keith Voelker; Alyson Zierdt.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

President Larry Schultz reported that the Club has a new PALS school, South Park Middle School. The Board is following through on a suggestion from District Governor Bill Wresch that the Club sponsor a 500-word essay contest for South Park students, on the subject of the Rotary Four-Way Test. Cash prizes from \$25 to \$100 will be awarded, and the winning students will be asked to come and read their winning entries to the Club at a meeting. Frank Tower, who is the chair of the PALS committee, will be in contact with South Park to make the necessary arrangements.

Larry also shared with us a full-page ad that caught his eye in a recent *New York Times*, for Rotary's Polio Plus project.

November 16, 2009 – MEETING REVIEW:

Speaker: Kim Loeper
Title: Camp Invention – Science Inquiry Project at OASD

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe introduced Kim Loeper, a science teacher at Oshkosh East and the current director of "Oshkosh Camp Invention". The camp is an educational outreach program of the National Inventors' Hall of Fame Foundation, developed in a charter school sponsored by the Foundation and both "teacher-tested" and "kid-tested" to make sure that the activities are both curriculum-based and fun. The focus is on STEM careers – in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The program in Oshkosh occurs during the last week in June, at Oakwood School, for kids in Grades 1 through 6. They rotate among 5 thematic modules, taught by certified teachers from OASD, building on what was learned the preceding day. Kids work at their own pace through modules like "Viking Treasure Trek", "Land Sled X-treme, and "I Can Invent: Fantasy Inventions". Students bring in old appliances or parts, take them apart, and put them together again to make something entirely new. An "Inventor Showcase" happens at the end of the week at which the kids get to show off what they've made. *(cont'd on next page)*

(cont'd from previous page) The cost per student to attend Camp Invention is \$210. OASD and the adults involved with the camp believe that children in need should also have the chance to experience it, and have raised funds to award scholarships. Oshkosh Downtown Rotary contributed \$500 last year, which provided scholarships for 5 children, for which Kim expressed thanks.

We viewed a video of the kids and some of their creations.

In addition to funds, the camp could use contributions of old appliances for them to take apart, and items like cardboard boxes and plastic bottles, to be used to make parts.

If you have anything to donate, contact Kim (who was recently married and last name is now "Loeper"), Kimberly.Kramer@oshkosh.k12.wi.us. (If it bounces – try her new name, Kimberly.Loeper@oshkosh.k12.wi.us.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 15-21, 2009	1 st 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.
November 20-22,2009	"Nutcracker in the Castle", Paine holiday fantasy, opening weekend; runs until Jan.10, 2010.
November 30, 2009	Community Blood Drive, 12-6 pm, Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church.
December 13, 2009	"An English Holiday Festival", Water City Chamber Orchestra, 3 pm, Alberta Kimball Auditorium.
December 19, 2009	"A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols", Oshkosh Chamber Singers, 4 & 7:30 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church.

	FUTURE MEETINGS:	PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:
Nov 30	2010 Main St. Reconstruction Project	Brad Hunter
Dec 7		Gregg Underheim
Dec 14	Annual Meeting – Election of 2010/11 officers/directors	Tom Harenburg

4-Way Test:

Larry Schultz 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

Rotary International

John Kenny, **President**
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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 Schudlach, **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?

