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The weekly newsletter of the Oshkosh Rotary Club

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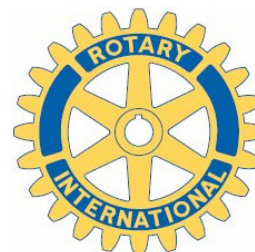
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## November 30, 2009:

**Call to Order:** Larry Schultz, President  
**Prayer & Pledge:** Brad Hunter  
**Today's Program:** 2010 Main Street Reconstruction Project  
**Today's Speaker:** Steve Gohde



**From the Editor:** *I will be taking off the next couple of weeks as I recover from my November 24<sup>th</sup> total hip replacement surgery. Thanks to Spokes committee members Teresa Van Aacken and David Jones for filling in for the next two weeks; with Bill as my chauffeur, I'm hoping to be back on the job at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.* — Alyson Zierdt

## November 23, 2009:

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

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

**Southwest Rotary-** Bill Thimke; Jim Stapel; Doug Seefeld; Kim Johnson-Thiel.  
**Morning Rotary-** None  
**Out of Town Visitors-** None  
**Guests of Our Club-** Rick Debe (speaker); Daniela Ayala (exchange student); Morgan Redemann, student guest.  
**Guests of Members-**

Dan Schoenrock reported that on this date: in 1889, the jukebox made its debut; in 1903, opera great Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Met, in "Rigoletto"; and in 1936, *Life* magazine made its debut. Today's birthdays: Miley Cyrus (17); Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle (64); and in 1859, Billy the Kid. Dan also shared one of the "things proven to change the course of Thanksgiving: When everyone goes around to say what they are thankful for, say, "I'm thankful I didn't get caught", and refuse to say anything more.

### FUNDRAISING REPORT: *Lori Renning, Fundraising Chair*

Lori Renning reported that the 50/50 raffle is up to \$120; drawing will be next week. The next Community Blood Drive is also next week, Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, noon until 6, Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church. Lori reminded us that the need for blood increases over the holidays, and encouraged us to give blood. OCM cards are still available, just \$10; email either Lori or Bill Bracken to be sure you have yours before they're gone.

"Midnight on the Water": Lori asked that we forward the emailed invitation we received last week to our contact lists – a relatively painless way to get the word out about this terrific (and value-priced, at \$60/person) way to spend New Year's Eve. Make your own reservations soon. Lori also has posters for distribution; pick them up at the registration table.

### MARKET REPORT:

Tom Harenburg informed us that, with oil prices up 2.7% to \$79.55/barrel, integrated oil companies like Exxon Mobil (XOM 75.82, +1.44) and Chevron (CVX 79.15, +2.38) have made their way to fresh multimonth highs. Oil well services and equipment outfits like Schlumberger (SLB 65.74, +2.40) and Transocean (RIB 86.48, +2.68) are also faring well. Treasuries are under modest pressure. The major indices continue to drift off of their session highs, but gains are still healthy. Meanwhile, the broader market continues to gradually move lower. Its descent has been steady for the past two hours. Though up a solid 0.8%, retailers are *(con't next page)*

(cont'd from prior page) lagging the broader market as Sears Holdings (SHLD 71.80, -0.84), Macy's (M 16.88, -0.23), and Abercrombie & Fitch (ANF 39.28, -0.45) fall into negative territory. Their slide comes ahead of Black Friday, which immediately follows the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and is typically one of the busiest days of the year for retailers.

Tom shared another "cowboy rule": *[with apologies to Tom, the editor missed the key sentence of the rule. Something about everyone in the West waving, and people not from there thinking that this is an odd practice, when in fact it is just being friendly.]*

## **GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

- Alyson Zierdt gave happy \$\$ because she is both happy and thankful that she will be receiving a total right hip replacement tomorrow morning.
- Keith Voelker, returning 5 weeks after his left hip was replaced to match the right one he had replaced last year, offered encouragement to Alyson, indicating that, at 5 weeks post-op, he barely needs a cane to walk – and is pain-free.
- Tom Willadsen showed uncharacteristic restraint in offering these 3 words on Northwestern's defeat of Wisconsin last weekend: "Go U/You Northwestern".
- Sherry Lynch gave happy \$\$ to celebrate her husband's hunting success last weekend in getting an 8-pt. buck.
- Ken Arneson celebrated the tournament win of a 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team, and also that the girls on the team came back to school with playing basketball, not boys, etc., uppermost in their minds.
- Dennis Kavanaugh was happy that he could volunteer for the Salvation Army at the Packer game.
- Mark Harris toasted the success of the Gill family's Indian food and culture event last weekend, which was well-attended by an overflow crowd and a very good time; he also announced that they would be serving some Indian dishes in the restaurant, and perhaps adding a few items from time to time to our club menu.
- Kim Molitor announced that Daniela would like to take a trip to Washington, D.C., organized by Lourdes High School, where she is a student, and also the trip that will be either to the East or West Coast, organized by Rotary's Exchange Program, and needs to raise funds so she can participate in them. Daniela is willing to earn the money by baby-sitting or doing other odd jobs for Rotarians; contact Kim if anyone can provide those work opportunities for Daniela.
- Daniela shared that last weekend, she went on Friday to the Holiday Folk Fair in Milwaukee, where she enjoyed all of the international food booths, and found an item that she had enjoyed on a visit to Germany; participated in a family dinner with her host family, the Van Aackens, on Saturday; and joined other exchange students as the guests of Tom Shepack at the Packer game in Green Bay on Sunday.

## **SLATE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS FOR 2010-2011:**

Steve Schudlach, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the following slate of officers and directors for election at the Annual Meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>:

President, to take office on July 1, 2011: Lisa O'Halloran; President, to take office on July 1, 2012, Bill Bracken; Secretary: Sherry Lynch; Treasurer: Jim Stahl; Sergeant-at-Arms: Dan Schoenrock; Directors, 3-year terms ending on 6/30/13: Dan Posanski; Keith Voelker; & Alyson Zierdt.

The remainder of the Board and officers, who are continuing in their positions and/or move into a new position without further election on July 1, 2010:

President: Teresa Van Aacken; President-elect: Lisa O'Halloran; Directors, 1-year terms ending on 6/30/11: Paul Narveson; John Schatz; Bill Bracken (continues to function as a director until assuming President-elect position on 7/1/11); Directors, 2-year terms ending on 6/30/12: Jeff Gilderson-Duwe; Karen Schibline; Petra Roter.

Steve also announced that Mike Audit has agreed to be on next year's slate, as a director.

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Larry Schultz received an email from Southwest Rotary, confirming that they will be holding their regular meetings on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. He also shared with us a thank-you note, received from the newest Rotary club in our District, the Fox Cities Morning Club, for the projector bought for them by our club, together with Oshkosh Morning Rotary.

## **STUDENT GUEST: MORGAN REDEMANN:**

John Vette introduced this week's student guest, Morgan Redemann. Morgan is a senior at Oshkosh West. She is involved in multiple activities, including musical events, council president, editor-in-chief of *The Oshkosh West Index*, school newspaper, and twirling, which Morgan described as a mix of art and sport in which she has been involved for 15 years. Wearing her journalist hat, she expressed a concern that she felt should be known to, and shared by, the community about the \$5 million deficit being experienced by OASD, and in particular, its effects on students. Student programs including sports and advanced placement academic classes may be lost, and

(cont'd from prior page) Oshkosh parents may end up sending their children to other school districts. She is concerned that her younger sister, who will be a freshman next fall, have the same opportunities she has been afforded.

Morgan wants to continue to be a well-balanced student when she is in college, and hopes to be admitted to Purdue, where she will follow a course of studies in bioengineering, particularly biomolecular studies. She said that her inspiration in that academic direction is her dad Paul, who suffers from guillain-barre syndrome. She said it could be the result of his exposure to Agent Orange in Viet Nam, where he was a helicopter pilot, or from being in the mountains of Colorado, or genetic predisposition. She looks forward to study abroad, and continuing her love of music, dance and twirling along with her serious course of study.

## November 23, 2009 – MEETING REVIEW:

Speaker: Rick Debe  
Title: Polio Plus – the Last Hurdle

Cathy Zimmerman introduced Rick, who is the Polio Plus Chair for our Rotary District. He is also Assistant District Governor, and a member of the Mukwonago club. He is with Farmers Insurance.

Rick said that many in the US believe that polio is already gone, but that in 4 countries, it still exists: Pakistan; Afghanistan; India; and Nigeria. He knew that we had recently viewed "The Final Inch", the excellent HBO documentary on the Rotary effort to complete the eradication of the disease. His comments, and a short video, focused on efforts in India, and in particular, a section of the country known as Uddar Praddesh, which has a high incidence of polio and wretched sanitation that compounds the problem of immunization so that children can sometimes require as many as 18 doses before the vaccine is effective.

He complimented our club on its ongoing support of Polio Plus, but urged us to keep going, as the worldwide eradication effort is in its last stretches, and money is required to get the vaccine produced and transported/delivered to residents in remote locations.

Kathy Propp then announced that we are within \$531 of our goal as a club. She thanked the 54 club members who have already committed to or paid their \$33-over-3-years share of the \$1,000/year club obligation, and said that she and Cathy Zimmerman would be following up with those who have not yet responded. See Kathy for the response form, if you've misplaced yours.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.  
December 31, 2009 "Midnight on the Water" New Year's Eve gala, sponsored by *The Oshkosh Northwestern* & Oshkosh Rotary Club, Oshkosh Convention Center

	<b>FUTURE MEETINGS:</b>	<b>PRAYER &amp; PLEDGE/GREETER:</b>
<b>Dec 7</b>		Gregg Underheim
<b>Dec 14</b>	Annual Meeting – Election of 2010/11 officers/directors	Tom Harenburg
<b>Dec 21</b>	Oshkosh West H.S. Madrigal Singers	Steve Hintz

## 4-Way Test:

Kim Molitor 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 <b>s o n g</b></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**  
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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 Schmuldach, **Past President**

**Club Directors:**

Directors serve three-year terms. The Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.Rotary6270.com) or visit [www.RotaryClubOne.org](http://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?

