

SPOKES

The weekly newsletter of the Oshkosh Rotary Club

A Proud Tradition of Service Leadership

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November 9, 2009:

Call to Order: Larry Schultz, President
Prayer & Pledge: Gordon Hintz
Today's Program: Sawdust City Slickers – barbershop quartet
Today's Speaker:



November 2, 2009:

Teresa Van Aacken, President-elect, opened the meeting and welcomed all Rotarians and guests. Mark Harris led the club in the opening prayer & pledge.

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

Southwest Rotary- Brad Baumann; Bill Thimke; Barb Herzog; Doug Seefeld.
Morning Rotary- Kathy Murphy.
Out of Town Visitors- None
Guests of Our Club- Zack Pawlesky (student guest); Daniela Ayala (exchange student); Jeremy Monnett (speaker); Beth Olson.
Guests of Members-

Dan Schoenrock reported that on this date in 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states; in 1948, President Harry S. Truman won re-election over Republican challenger Thomas Dewey; and in 1976, former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter defeated President Gerald Ford, becoming the first President from the Deep South since the Civil War. It's also the birthday of actress Stephanie Powers, who is 67. Bumper sticker humor: "Forget world peace. Visualize using your turn signal."

DANIELA'S FIRST AMERICAN HALLOWEEN:

Daniela shared with us that she and her host sister held a Halloween party, for which they decorated, hung spider webs, and made cookies. She said that she "ate a lot of junk food" this weekend, and watched yesterday's Packer game. In Mexico, Halloween is only celebrated by children. In Mexico, adults celebrate November 1st & 2nd as "Los Dias de los Muertos", the "days of the dead", visiting and decorating family graves, having a meal with family, and setting up a sort of altar, including "pan de muerto" (bread of the dead), so that when the deceased loved one returns on those days, there will be food and decorations for them. (She said no one actually believes that the dead drop in to eat the bread ... sounded similar to leaving cookies for Santa, although of course he really shows up.)

FUNDRAISING REPORT: *Lori Renning, Fundraising Chair*

50/50 Raffle: Lori Renning congratulated October winner, Mark Beecher, and reported that the November kitty is already up to \$60; drawing will be November 30th. The pizza cookoff benefit being sponsored by all of the Oshkosh service clubs, "Raising Dough for the Grand", will happen this weekend, Saturday, November 7th, 12-4 pm, Wagner Opera House, 502 N. Main St., \$10 admission. Look for an email soon with details about the New Year's Eve party. The next Blood Drive at Algoma Blvd. United Methodist Church will take place from noon-6 on Monday, November 30th.

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Michael Cooney gave happy \$\$ to honor Tom Willadsen's "ministry of levity". Michael explained that he is on Tom's list of emailed jokes, and thought they were sometimes an irritating interruption of work, but sees their value in a new light after enjoying them as "pieces of home" when logging in while traveling out West.
- Bill Thimke informed us that the newest soy cow is scheduled for pickup this Wednesday, and will be on its way to Lima shortly thereafter. He also shared with us a story of upcoming travel to Peru that involved ducks, guinea pigs, and a wheelchair – that's all we're saying.

- Kathy Murphy, President of Morning Rotary, invited members to come to an early evening social hour that their club is adding to their schedule of events. The first one will take place on Thursday, November 19th, 5:45 until 6:45 at Becket's. This will count as a Rotary makeup. Morning Rotary will continue to hold its usual meetings, but are trying this addition.
- Sue Panek introduced Beth Olson to talk about the "Empty Bowls" fundraising event, coming up at The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave. on Sunday, November 8th, to benefit the Hunger Task Force. Area artists donate bowls, and area restaurants donate soup and bread. Adult tickets for the meal and bowl are \$30, and for the meal only, \$15 for adults, \$12 for children. Serving is from 4 until 7; a silent auction of art pieces will run from 4-6:30 pm, and a live auction of chairs painted by local artists will take place at 6 pm.

November 2, 2009 – MEETING REVIEW:

Speaker: Jeremy Monnett
 Title: "Light the Bridges of Oshkosh"

Karen Schibline introduced Jeremy Monnett, of Sonex, Inc., speaking as a representative of Progress Oshkosh about the "Light the Bridges" effort.

Jeremy said that Progress Oshkosh is a group formed six years ago, whose purpose is to identify and advance projects to benefit the Oshkosh community. Jeremy indicated that the group works largely "behind the scenes". "Light the Bridges of Oshkosh" is one of the projects of its "Pride of Place" subcommittee, which is tasked with making Oshkosh a more beautiful place. Most of the funds involved are private.

The "Light the Bridges" project is aimed at overall safety, tourism, and beautification. The fundraising goal is \$50,000 per bridge, and the money will go to purchase LED fixtures and have them installed on the bridge sides, bringing some visual excitement and beauty to an otherwise utilitarian fixture. They "sip" energy – the cost for the electricity used is \$238/year. The LED fixtures are fully programmable, e.g. red, white, and blue displays for 4th of July. Jeremy particularly acknowledged the volunteer hours given to the project by Witzke Electric. The fixtures are UL rated for a 25-year life span.

To date, the committee has raised \$50,000, and spent it to light the Main Street bridge. (The Wisconsin Street bridge is done, but Jeremy says through no credit to them – it was part of the reconstruction). The lights are on from 6-11 pm, coming on later in the summer months. Jackson St. is next, then Oshkosh Avenue – to be done as soon as the funds are raised.

Jeremy said that the way we can help with this project is by donating money to the "Light the Bridges Fund" at the Oshkosh Area Community foundation. He concluded, "I know budgets are tight – but if we stop investing in our community, then we're already dead."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| November 6, 2009 | Spa Afternoon 2009, 1:30-4:30 @ Fox Valley Plastic Surgery & Renaissance Medispa to benefit Clarity Care's "Help at Home" program. |
| November 7, 2009 | "Raising Dough for the Grand" Pizza Cookoff, 12-4, Wagner Opera House, 502 N. Main – All Service Club fundraiser for Grand. |
| November 7, 2009 | Gallery Walk, 6-10 p.m. |
| November 8, 2009 | "Empty Bowls" fundraiser for the Hunger Task Force, 4-7 pm at The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave. |
| November 9, 2009 | Oshkosh Chamber Annual Meeting & Recognition Night, Oshkosh Convention Center, |
| 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 19, 2009 | Morning Rotary evening social, 5:45-6:45, Becket's. |

	FUTURE MEETINGS:	PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:
Nov 16	Camp Invention – Science Inquiry Project at OASD	Rich Kern
Nov 23	Polio Plus	Mike Audit
Nov 30		Brad Hunter

4-Way Test:

Teresa Van Aacken 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**
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 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)

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?

