



The Hub

Oshkosh Rotary Southwest

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July 16, 2003

Today's Program
Warren Toussaint, Retired US Coast Guard

RI Presidents message

Through our theme for the year, he is asking Rotarians to Lend a Hand, not only to increase our membership but also to retain members. Other areas he would like to emphasize are to encourage us to Lend a Hand and address health concerns and promote literacy and education.

Literacy Month

July has been designated as Literacy month by Rotary International. The purpose is to promote greater awareness among all Rotarians of the importance of literacy to the overall well-being of every individual in a community, as well as the direct relationship on a community's literacy level to its standard of living.

The objectives are to increase understanding of the standard of living for each individual as well as the community at large. To further promote awareness of functional literacy as the right of each individual to have the reading and writing skills necessary to participate fully and with dignity in all aspects of Community life. To continue to identify and develop resources that will support community literacy efforts.

One of the programs that Southwest Rotary has in place that addresses this issue is the: **ROTA-Reader Book Bag Program**. The club provides a book bag to each first grade class in the district. The Rota-Reader bag is filled with books, a puppet, reading activities, surveys for parents and additional information on other reading materials suggested for first grades. This program promotes interest in reading at home with a

parent or older sibling. The bag is rotated weekly so that each child may take the bag home. This program is coordinated by the reading coordinator for the school district. The club budgets for yearly maintenance on bags and books.

Future Programs:

Board Meeting – July 17 - Tomorrow

The regular meeting of the board will be at the Pioneer Inn and Marina starting at 7:30 A.M. Members are welcome to attend and these are considered a make up meeting.

July 23 - Mary Hiles and Bob Heise are involved with the production of Fountain of Life, commemorating the life of one of Oshkosh's famous persons. Helen Farnsworth Mears was a world class sculptor from Oshkosh. Her work is exhibited today in major museums around the world. There will be a musical about her life performed in fall as part of our sesqui-centennial. Bob and Mary will talk to us about Helen's history and life, the production, and will read a scene of the upcoming musical. (This speaker was arranged by Don Simons)

July 30 – Networking

Waterfest July 24

Bill Wresch - Chairman

S W Rotary sponsors the Gin Blossoms, Benjy Davis Project & Johnny Radd at Waterfest. Set up starts at 4:30 and closes at 11:00. We need 50 people to help make this a success. The club needs your help in the following areas: serving food and beverages, collect money, and cook food. Sign up for the times that you would be able to assist. You do not need to stay the entire evening an hour or two will be helpful. When signing up designate the times you will be available. Waterfest is located behind the Convention Center on Main & Ceape. Spouses and friends are welcome to come help work. The workers get in free. The money raised by this project goes for our club projects for the year.

EAA Brat Fry – July 31

Tom Shepeck - Chairman

The 19th Annual Flying Rotarians Meeting, but the 23rd EAA picnic for Oshkosh Southwest, will be held at the EAA Nature Center behind the museum. This meeting has been arranged for the visiting Rotarians from around the world to be able to have a make up meeting while traveling. The Flying Rotarians are the sponsors and the Oshkosh Clubs are the hosts of the event.

Food will be served from 11:45 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. consisting of brats, hamburgers, corn, cole slaw, fresh veggies, beverages and more. The cost is \$11.00 a person, payable at the registration desk or sign up on the sheet at your table to be billed. You must sign in at the registration desk at the event. There is ample parking by the shelter. Schedule a little extra time and come participate in this event. This is an opportunity to meet Rotary members from around the world and build friendships.

As in all events some help is needed from our membership: posting signs around the city and on the EAA grounds, several to help cook, 4 to help clean up, and 4 at the registration desk, 2 to dispense drinks, and 2 to help with corn. Please sign up on the sheets that are on the table.

Members Fun Night - August 5

Wayne Traska - Chairman

For many years Paul Fowler has offered his Lake Winnebago "retreat" as the location for "Members Only Fun Night." Join us for volleyball, campfire, horseshoes, cards, food, refreshments, conversation and the beautiful view of our great lake. The committee will arrange for the side dishes, soda and beer. You need to bring the meat you would like to cook. The grills are started at 6:00 P.M. Reserve this date on your calendars today. Sign up sheets are on your table.

Back to School Fair - August 12

Bonnie Behnke and Marcus Butts – Chairmen

The School Fair will be held at West High School. We are looking for volunteers to help families through the fair. We have 1 1/2 hour shifts starting from 1:00-8:00P.M. Any one interested in helping can let Bonnie

know. We are again looking for funds from the club members. To Sponsor a backpack you need to pledge \$15 on the sheets at the tables. This will help to supply needy children in the community with school supplies.

We will be working all day Monday Aug 11th as well. We will be setting up the fair and could use extra help then too. There are sign up sheets for both volunteering as well as sponsorship on the tables. Any help would GREATLY be appreciated. Thank you!

Boat Outing – August 21

Gerald Hendrickson – Chairman

Join the 15th Annual Flotilla with the captains of our Rotary club. If you own a boat and are willing to captain it for this event contact Jerry.

Golf Outing - September 5

Thank you

The Club would like to thank Bob Bohlman for arranging the club's participation in the Fourth of July parade this year. 6600 flags were given out along the route. Thank you also to all the Rotarians and family members that participated in this event.

Rotary International Foundation

Roy Duxstad - Chairman

The Foundation drawing is continuing this year. To enter the drawing you pledge \$26.00 per quarter to the Rotary International Foundation. Increments of \$100.00 per year can be made to let you become a sustaining Paul Harris Member.

Proposed Member

If you have a person that you would like to propose as a member contact Jack Klein for the proper paper work.

The Four Way Test

By Herbert I. Taylor – Chicago – 1932

Of the things we think, say or do:

First: Is it the truth?

Second: Is it fair to all concerned?

Third: Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Fourth: Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Information for the HUB

Directors and chairman of committees we would like to have more information in the HUB about what is happening in your areas.

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