



# The Hub

## Oshkosh Rotary Southwest

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### Our 2003-2004 Board:

<b>President</b>	Kent Mosebach	<b>International Service</b>	Carla Craig & Tom Shepeck
<b>President-Elect</b>	Rick Vanderloop	<b>Vocational Service</b>	Bonnie Behnke & Marcus Butts
<b>Past President</b>	James Chitwood	<b>Community Service</b>	Craig Burnett & Marlin Greenfield
<b>Secretary</b>	Gerald Krueger	<b>Club Service</b>	Amy Montgomery & Don Simons
<b>Treasurer</b>	Doug Seefeld	<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Mark Stockli
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<b>Membership Chair</b>	Kate Thome	<b>RI President</b>	Jonathan B. Majiyagbe

## January 7, 2004

### Today's Program

John Shier, Nurse - Inspirational & motivational wellness speaker

#### Rotary Awareness Month

Today, Rotary is well known throughout the world for its dedication to service and international goodwill. Changing the world through service, however, was hardly uppermost in the mind of Paul P. Harris when he founded the organization in 1905. Harris, a lawyer in Chicago, Illinois, USA, had been raised in a rural village in Vermont. He envisioned a new kind of club for professionals that would kindle the fellowship and friendly spirit he had known in his youth.

On the evening of 23 February 1905, Harris invited three friends to a meeting. Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer, Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor, and Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer, gathered with Harris in Loehr's business office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. They discussed Harris' idea that business leaders should meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and to enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. The club met weekly; membership was limited to one representative from each business and profession. Though the men didn't use the term Rotary that night, that gathering is commonly regarded as the first Rotary club meeting.

As they continued to convene, members began rotating their meetings among their places of business, hence the name Rotary. After enlisting a fifth member, printer Harry Ruggles, the group was formally organized as the Rotary Club of Chicago. The original club emblem, a wagon wheel design, was the precursor of the familiar cogwheel emblem now used by Rotarians worldwide.

By the end of 1905, the club's roster showed a membership of 30 with Schiele as president and

Ruggles as treasurer. Paul Harris declined office in the new club and didn't become its president until two years later. Club membership grew, making it difficult to gather in offices, so the members shifted their meetings to hotels and restaurants, where many Rotary club meetings are held today.

These early "Rotarians" realized that fellowship and mutual self-interest were not enough to keep a club of busy professionals meeting each week. Reaching out to improve the lives of the less fortunate proved to be an even more powerful motivation. The Rotary commitment to service began in 1907 when the Rotary Club of Chicago constructed that city's first public lavatory. With this inaugural project, Rotary became the world's first service-club organization.

Rotary's popularity began to spread throughout the USA. The second Rotary club was chartered in 1908 in San Francisco, California, with a third club formed in Oakland, California. Others soon followed in Seattle, Washington; Los Angeles, California; and New York, New York. When the National Association of Rotary Clubs held its first convention in 1910, Harris was elected president.

At the following year's convention, speakers used the phrases "Service, Not Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best," which became the organization's mottoes. "Service, Not Self," was later changed to "Service Above Self" and has since been adopted as Rotary's primary motto.

## Ballot for 2004-2005 Officers

**International** – Shepeck-continues another year, Ken Friedman – 2 year term

**Community** – Greenfield continues another year, Barbara Langkau – 2 year term

**Vocational** – Marcus Butts continues another year, C.J. Diedrich – 2 year term

**Club Service** – Don Simons continues appointment to Board, Kris Villars – 2 year term

**Sergeant at Arms** – Karen Fredrick – 1 year term

**Secretary** – Gerald Krueger – 1 year term

**Treasurer** – Doug Seefeld – 1 year term

**President** – Rick Vanderloop

**President-Elect** – Bonnie Behnke

## Vocational Service

The Jr. Rotarians, from Carl Traeger have been busy with fund raisers to purchase microwaves for the lunch room. With our pizza sales we have enough money to buy the microwaves, but we are looking for some assistance on carts for the microwaves. We are going to have 3 microwaves and we need to have 3 carts with wheels to make it easy for set up each lunch hour. If anyone has an old microwave cart somewhere in the garage or basement that can be donated to the Jr. Rotary club that would be great.

## Quick note from our Pals-Roosevelt

We have been asked by our PAL school if we have anyone that can address the children in regards to bullying or being bullied. Apparently they are having more issues related to this subject and would like to have someone to talk to the kids about it.

Roosevelt is also looking for mentors for some of their kids. It would definitely be a commitment during the school year. You would have lunch with the child once a week and help them learn more about themselves and others.

Also, Roosevelt, our PAL is in need of Jr. Achievement volunteers. You can pick the grade you wish to teach in, it's a 45 min commitment for 5 weeks total and JA provides ALL the materials, you basically can follow their book and have no additional time in preparation. It is a very rewarding opportunity. Any Rotarians willing to give a 3/4 hr commitment for 5 weeks please let Bonnie Behnke or Marcus Butts know. If you can spare the time to devote to this very worthwhile project, please let Bonnie Bennie or Marcus Butts know by email or phone no later than 1/7/04. Thank you!! You won't be disappointed!!

## Proposed Members

**Sarah Wojtech**, Chiropractor, Hendrickson Pain Relief Center. Classification - Chiropractic Care - proposed by Gerry Hendrickson (1st Publishing)  
**Jessica Harrison**, CPA, Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP. Classification - Accounting - proposed by Dave Omachinski (1st Publishing)  
**Meredith Scheuermann**, Branch Manager, US Bank. Classification - Banking - proposed by Amy Dumke-Goudreau (1st Publishing)

## Future Programs

**January 14** - Kathy Mutschlerr, CEO Girl Scouts of Fox River Area

**January 21** - Environmental Awards, John Holdorf

**January 28** - Eileen Connolly-Keesler and Dave Omachinski - Foundation Talk

## Upcoming Events

**January 28** – The three Rotary Clubs of Oshkosh invite you to join other new members for Extreme Rotary for 90 minutes of Rotary facts and fun. Come to the Pioneer Inn and Marina at 5:00 – 6:30 P.M.

**February 1, 2004** - Super bowl Party 2:00 – 10:00 P.M. This function is being held at the Sunnyview Expo. The proceeds will be going to the Big Brothers / Big Sisters Program and Habitat for Humanity.

Please don't forget to support the upcoming Super bowl Party by becoming a sponsor. Once again, the sponsorship levels are:  
\$1000 - Franchise  
\$500 - Coach  
\$250 - Quarterback  
\$50 - Rookie

**March 26** – Wine Feast at City Center. Chairman Paul Gaier. Volunteers are needed.

## 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?