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## Our 2006-2007 Board:

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May 9, 2007

Today's Program: Michael Briley, "The Search for Planets Around Other Stars"

### LEAD THE WAY

#### Focus on Rotarian Families

Last week, several of us attended the Evening of the Stars event at which several community volunteers were honored. As honorees accepted their awards, many shared heartwarming stories of their work with communities and individuals. The room was literally filled with a spirit of joy, enthusiasm, and inspiration. I was particularly drawn to the fact that several volunteers recounted a life of service that began at an early age. Through parental role modeling and family engagement in service activities, volunteerism became instilled in daily life. Looking back on my own childhood, I remember being taught as a 5 yr. old that a portion of my 25 cent per week allowance should be used for "charity." While the word no longer is in vogue, the memories of plunking my pennies into a special world globe bank to help send CARE packages around the world remain. When our neighbor, Rose, translated a letter from a recipient family in Italy, I knew that I had somehow helped make a difference for someone I didn't even know, and it made me very happy. Experiences like these were significant in helping to shape my thinking and actions relating to humanitarian service. As Rotarians, we have wonderful opportunities to engage in service with our families such as: Jr. Rotary, Boys and Girls Club Christmas package wrapping, hosting exchange students, participating in canned food drives, filling school backpacks with needed items, and delivering meals to the elderly. Dads Moms, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Grandparents, **Lead the Way** by sharing the joy of service above self! -- J. K.

### NEWS AT A GLANCE

- In the early days of the Space Race, thirteen women astronauts, later known as the Mercury 13, secretly trained for spaceflight. Several remaining members of this group will speak and address questions at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Friday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Reeve Union. The event is free.
- Vicky Schroeder, a member of the Oshkosh morning club started the "Take 5 Club." Through individual membership donations of \$25.00 per year, five children in our community receive clothes, shoes, boots, haircuts or whatever they need that helps them fit in with their peers at school. Each month donors receive photos of some of the recipients. Contact Vicky at 1513 Hayden Dr., Oshkosh, WI 54904 if you need info or would like to get involved.
- The GSE Team will arrive from Brazil on May 4. Three job shadows are needed on Tue. May 8. Thanks to the host families! Contact Marcus if you can help.
- As part of the National Day of Prayer, a gathering will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 12:15 p.m. at the City Hall flagpole area. Come and exercise your religious freedom. For more info, contact Mike Stratz.
- On Monday, May 7, there will be a celebration and focus on education and what it does for us. The event is at 4:30 p.m. at La Sure's. Contact Bob Hernke.
- Solar Olympics will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the Reeve Memorial Union Ballroom from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9. Twenty three high school teams will compete around the topic of renewable energy.
- The Human Race will be held on Saturday, May 5. Registration is at 8:15 a.m. The race starts at the Kiwanis Shelter in Menominee Park.
- Luis Yegres, our exchange student, is selling bracelets for \$10.00 (or more!) to support the Shelter Project in Africa. Nine hundred dollars (\$900.) builds a home that can house up to 10 people.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOMS!**

## MY ROTARIAN MOTHER



By Brooke Barthels, teacher  
Daughter of Lynn Barthels

**Most Valuable Life Lesson Learned From My Mom:** No matter how difficult life is, someone else is always worse off. Even if I only have a quarter in my pocket, I can still reach out and help someone.

**Best Mom and Me Memory/Experience:** At the beginning of a new school year, I got my own "special day" of shopping for new clothes and supplies with my mom.

**When I consider my mom's experience with Rotary, it makes me feel like...** my mom is the most caring person I know. She is continuously thinking about others.

**My mom inspires me to:** Make my dreams a reality. She continuously supports me, no matter what I do. She supports me not with money, but with her love.

**Most Hilarious Thing my Mom Ever Did:** While running out of the house after my sister, my mom jumped in her car and backed right into my sister's boyfriend's car. It was not funny then, but it is hilarious to think about now.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following person is a prospective member and has been approved by the Board. (Second publication)

Joni Geiger  
Director, Oshkosh Area Humane Society  
Proposed by: Eileen Connolly-Keesler  
Classification: Humane Society Director

## INVOCATION - CLUB SERVICE

May - Kate Thome

June - Tom Kloeckner

Thanks to Kate for presenting the invocation this month and for all those who have volunteered this year!

Are you a new member who wants to get involved in club service? Consider coordinating the Rotary Greeters in the upcoming year! Contact JoAnn Konkel.

## MY ROTARIAN MOTHER



By Alesia Behnke,  
University of Minnesota student,  
Daughter of Bonnie Behnke

**Most Valuable Life Lesson Learned From My Mom:** That family is not who your genes say they are. Family is a special bond between people that can't always be determined by genetic makeup...

**Best Mom and Me Memory/Experience:** One (recent) day while I was away at school, I had a call coming in on my phone and it was mom. I picked it up and was sort of having a bad day. All she said was, "Hey, listen to this!" And she put her phone up to the radio and it was one of our favorite songs. Then she came back on the phone and said, "Hey, I know you're busy but this is our song!" We both laughed and sang to each other on the phone. We're both a little random and quirky and any time that we can be together and share our quirkiness is the best time!

**When I consider my mom's experience with Rotary, it makes me feel like...** it's a part of my mom. Service above self is what my mom does. She lives, breathes and sleeps "service above self." Rotary has become a part of our lives, not just hers...it's our experience, and when I think of Rotary, I just smile. It has added so much zest to our family's life and given us a lot of good memories.

**My mom inspires me to:** Be a good person, a valuable asset to society, a light in people's lives and most of all she has inspired me to reach higher than sometimes I feel I can reach.

**Most hilarious thing my mom ever did:** She told my Uncle Lamar (6' 2" retired Army Colonel who is 100% Irish) she was going to kick his butt on Christmas. Let's just say my mom can't kick his butt. There are more details but they are not for here!

Please send material for the HUB to JoAnn Konkel at [jokonkel@aol.com](mailto:jokonkel@aol.com)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**May 9** - Michael Briley, UW-Oshkosh Professor of Physics, "The Search for Planets Around Other Stars"

**May 16** - Paula Schemmert, Downtown Rotary's Exchange Student, "Life in Germany"

**May 23** - No meeting, Roundtable only due to the Roosevelt School Cookout.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**May 11** - President/President Elect meeting, 8:00 a.m. at the Park Plaza Hotel.

**May 23** - Cookout at Roosevelt School. No meeting at Robbins. Roundtable only.

**May 23** - Rotary Board meeting at La Sure's Banquet Hall 4:00 p.m. All members welcome to attend.

**May 24** - New member orientation at Fratello's at 5:00 p.m. New and seasoned members welcome!

**June 27** - Changing of the Guard dinner, Best Western Bridgewood Resort and Hotel, Neenah. Details to follow.

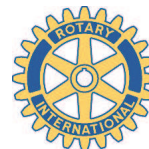
**August 15** - Fun night at Fowlers. Southwest members only. Details will follow at a later date.

## ROTARY GREETERS

**May 9** - Marcus Butts  
Amy Montgomery

**May 16** - Susan Matz  
Don Simons

**May 23** - Joan Stout  
Terrie Cummings



## THE FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?