



Today's Speaker – Ron Heilmann Oshkosh Schools Superintendent

News & Notes

News from last week:

- o Marcus got his first meeting off to a roaring start. He encouraged all members not to just **be in** Rotary, but to **a part of** Rotary. New members – see any board member, or your assigned mentor if you aren't sure where you'll best fit.
- o Tom Webber reported that we gave out 8,000 flags at the 4th of July parade; completely exhausting our supply. A big hand goes to everyone that helped lead the parade – literally!
- o Check your calendar to see if you can make the club boat trip on August 1. 43 people are already signed-up.
- o Next week Wednesday, all three Oshkosh clubs and plenty of interesting Rotarians from all over the world we meet at the EAA Nature Center at noon. Our speaker is retired Col. Gail Halvorsen; one of the many of the pilots that participated in the post WWII Berlin airlift. He is also known as the “candy bomber” for the program he initiated during the airlift where he and fellow aircrews dropped candy for the German children.

- o Learn more about Col. Halvorsen at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gail_Halvorsen, but be sure to come hear him personally; these WWII era veterans won't be around too many more years.
- o Doug Seefeld “handed over the keys to the treasury” to Kathy Hanson the first of the month. If you have any questions Treasurer-related, contact Kathy or email treasurer@oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org.
- o Roy Duxstad is hosting a happy hour for Southwest Rotarians at Fratello's on Mon., July 30 in Dennis Fletcher's memory. Meet at Fratello's from 5-6 PM.

Gooooooodbye Louis



Today is our last day to share time and stories with this year's exchange student. We've enjoyed getting to know you, Louis and hope your year in the U.S. has been a memorable experience.

2007 – 2008 Board

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Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs

Jul. 25	Meet at EAA
Aug. 1	Inductions
Aug. 8	Mark Manskwica, <i>A Business Traveler's Views on China, Chinese Culture and Our Future</i>

Rotary Events

Jul 24	SW Rotary Board Mtg. Delta Restaurant, 11:30 AM
Jul 30	Happy Hour at Fratello's in Memory of Dennis Fletcher. 5-6 PM
Aug. 1	SW Rotary Boat Outing Meet at Fratello's, 5:30 PM
Aug. 15	Fowler's Fun Night; member-only social at Paul Fowler's lakeside cottage

President's Minute



As I begin my year as the President of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary, I reflect back on my year as President

Elect and how excited I was that I had been chosen to preside over the largest most active club in Oshkosh. As I went through the year knowing that one day I will be overseeing the weekly meetings, running the board meetings, and being a spokesperson for 125 strong Rotarians, I became a bit nervous and a little apprehensive on how I can make sure that we don't miss a beat as a service club.

As these thoughts overwhelmed me, I remembered the words of one of my fellow Rotarians, "It runs itself." Wow! That really put my mind at ease and I know that with the support of all of the great community minded business leaders we have in our club, and their commitment to "Service Above Self" all I need to do is just make sure the ship is headed in the right direction and call out "steady as she goes" Thank you for the opportunity.

It's the Law

Wyszkowski's Second Law

Anything can be made to work if you fiddle with it long enough.

Sattinger's Law

It works better if you plug it in.

Schmidt's Law

If you mess with a thing long enough, it'll break.

Rotary International - The Beginning

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.

Excerpted from Rotary International's web: <http://www.rotary.org/aboutrotary/history/earlyyears.html>

Weekly Invocations

Upcoming Invocations:

July	Kate Thome
August	Kent Mosebach
September	Craig Burnett

Weekly Greeters

Jul 18	Wendy Thompson Karen Fredrick
Jul 25	Meet at EAA – no greeters
Aug 1	Tom Weber Don Simons
Aug 8	Tom Goddard Amy Montgomery



The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

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?