



Today
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Rotary News & Notes

News from the week before last:

- o Marcus gave a big thanks to Gail and Dennis Schwab for hosting a spectacular Christmas party for us, and special thanks to Wendy Hielsberg for her work in organizing the party.
- o Thanks also went out to Scott Woldt for letting the hordes descend on his house, scissors in hand, to wrap gifts for the Hope Center party. Bonnie tells us that a new wrapping record was set – gifts for 90 children were wrapped in an hour and fifteen minutes. The Jr. Rotary and Interact members were a big part of that accomplishment.
- o Nancy Leipzig is coordinating this year's gift drive for the residents of Winnebago Mental Health. These gifts are used year-round – donation sign-up's are on your lunch tables.
- o The Bowling FunRaiser committee reminds us that the event is January 17 at the Electric Lounge (formerly Eagles Club) lanes. This has become a big fundraiser for us, so work to recruit people to bowl. Every pin each bowler misses is another dollar for our causes..

Super Bowl Raffle Results

It turns out that Southwest Rotary had a bright spotlight turned on us in the district with the recent ticket sale completion and raffle drawing:

- o Our club sold 714 tickets, third highest in the district.
- o Our club sold the winning tickets to both the Super Bowl trip and the Pro Bowl trip. The lucky winners are:

Super Bowl - Dave Senholtz
Pro Bowl - Larry Krueger
- o Last, but certainly not least, the net return to Southwest Rotary to use for our charitable works is \$4,998. Thanks to each and every Rotarian who participated.

The Newest Packer Fan



Serene sports her new Christmas gifts from the club.

2007 – 2008 Board

President:	Marcus Butts
Pres. Elect:	Craig Burnett
Past Pres.:	Wendy Hielsberg
Secretary:	Gerald Krueger
Treasurer:	Kathy Hanson
Foundation:	David Omachinski
Membership:	John Holdorf
Sgt-at-Arms:	Doug Seefeld

Club Service Chairs

Kate Thome & JoAnn Konkel

Community Service Chairs

Nancy Leipzig & Amy Montgomery

International Service Chairs

Bill Thimke & Tom Shepeck

Vocational Service Chairs

Karen Fredrick & Nicole Allie

Dist. 6270

Dist. Gov.: Ted Gurzynski

Zone-B A.D.G.: James Chitwood

R.I. President: Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs

Jan. 9	Drummers from Maui
Jan. 16	Inductions & Classification Talks
Jan. 23	Environmental Awards

Recurring Events

4 th Tue	Club Board Meeting 11:30 – 1:00, Delta Restaurant
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Other Rotary Events

Jan. 17	Bowling FunRaiser
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Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to the following January-born Rotarians:

Duane Helwig
 Randy Schmiedel
 Thomas Goddard
 Art Dumke
 Elissa Lines
 Katherine Hanson
 John Schuster
 John Holdorf
 John Lorfeld
 Bonnie Behnke
 James Chitwood
 Richard Schultz
 Tiffany Martin
 John Westphal

New Board Members

On December 19, the club elected the following new board members. Their terms start July 1 with term length in years shown in parentheses.

Pres. Elect: Nancy Leipzig (1)
Secretary: Gerald Krueger (2)
Sgt. at Arms: Roy Duxstad (1)
Club Service: Ken Friedman (2)
Comm. Svc.: Michael Scott (2)
Internat. Svc.: Laura LeRoy (2)
Voc. Svc.: Glenn Nelson (2)

He Said / She Said

“You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it.”

Robin Williams

Message From RI Pres. Wilf Wilkenson

Since 1988, when polio eradication efforts began, Rotary International has been a spearheading partner in the fight to end the disease. Longtime Rotarians know the history well. There have been triumphs and setbacks. There have been times of rapid advances and times when progress has seemed slow. There have been times when the end seemed very near. But never has it been nearer than it is right now.

Before the campaign to eliminate polio, about 1,000 children a day – 350,000 a year – were paralyzed by this terrible disease. These children were left to a life of struggle and disability, and often of social stigma. Today, only four countries are still polio-endemic, and annual cases of polio paralysis are down to about 1,000 a year.

We've come so far, yet the nature of the wild poliovirus means that if we slacken our efforts for even a moment, we'll soon see our hard work reversed. We have only two options: to press on with determination and faith until we succeed, or to lose everything we've invested and everything we've gained.

The generosity of Rotarians in responding to the call for help has been astounding. We've raised more than US\$600 million to support polio eradication in 122 countries. We've saved the lives of thousands of children through the polio vaccine and the vitamin supplements distributed with it, and we've saved countless more from the often desperate realities of postpolio paralysis.

Now we're in the final stretch of this long and difficult, but exhilarating, race. It's literally a question of choice – to win or lose, succeed or fail. Our partners around the world have recognized how critical this juncture is, and many have stepped in with added support, financial and practical. The recently announced grant of \$100 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is a resounding vote of confidence in polio eradication efforts. Their financial support will be invaluable in the months ahead, and their trust in Rotary is an honor to us all.

Many of you have already given so much to the battle against polio. Each of you is forever a part of history – part of Rotary's legacy and its gift to the world's children. Today, we call on all Rotarians – but especially on new Rotarians who have not been a part of campaigns in the past – to do what they can, to help in any way they can, to finish this fight once and for all.

Weekly Invocations

Upcoming Invocations:

January	Kate Thome
February	David Green
March	Tom Goddard

The Hub – Info Please!

If you have club business you'd like to have highlighted in the Hub, please get it to Craig Burnett:

hub@oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org

New Member Proposal

The following individual has been approved by the club Board of Directors:

Tracey Jenks (2nd publication)
 Classification: Big Brothers / Sisters Exec. Dir
 Proposed by: Marcus Butts



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?