

The Hub of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary

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Today

*Tom Still, Wisconsin Technology Council
Stem Cell Research*

Rotary News & Notes

News from last week:

- o Mark your calendars, buy your tickets and sign-up for advertising for this year's WineFeast on April 19. Cellar Select tables are selling out rapidly – if you want one, sign up now.
- o Advertising submissions are due March 7 – that's the end of **this week** – see Barb Schlieve if you'd like to advertise. If you want to continue your submission from last year, you need'nt do anything at all, it'll be re-run for you automatically.
- o WineFeast is still looking for live auction items.
- o The WineFeast committee plans to display large posters with photos of Rotary service projects. If you have any photos, please forward them by email to Kris Villars. Our photo pro, Melody Wollangk, suggested that they be "300 dots per inch" resolution for best quality printing results.
- o Brian Hochstein is still looking for a few more greeters for March and April. See Brian to sign-up.

Our 2008 - 2009

Exchange Student

Our exchange student for the next school year has been announced. Carlos Farnando Rivero Padilla (Carlitos) is 16 years old, and hails from Santa Crus, Bolivia.

He's the son of a certified public accountant father who's a Rotarian in the Santa Cruz Rotary Club and an executive secretary mother. He has three brothers, aged 22, 17 and 13. Start dusting off your Spanish skills to prepare to welcome Carlitos in about five month's time.

Rotary District 6270

New Web Site

The PR director for our Rotary District announced, and asked that members of all clubs in the district be informed of the new, content-rich district Web site.

You can find the site at www.rotary6270.org. Points of special note include the ability to post club-specific project announcements and the option to sign up online for the upcoming District Conference.

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

Mar. 12	Avenue of Service Updates
Mar. 19	Steve Hansen, Red Cross CEO
Mar. 26	Bill Hattendorf – U.S. Bank Championship golf tournament in Milwaukee

Recurring Events

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

Apr. 19	District Assembly http://www.rotary6270.org/district_events_assembly.html
Apr. 19	WineFeast
May 16 - 18	District Conference http://www.rotary6270.org/conference.html

PolioPlus Partners Special SW Rotary Fund Drive

Our February 20 speaker from Rotary District 6270 spoke to us about the current need and a unique one-time opportunity to fund Rotary's global polio eradication process through the PolioPlus Partners program.

The speaker told us about the opportunity the Rotary Foundation gained via the Gates Foundation's \$100 million challenge grant last fall and asked our club, as he's asking all District 6270 clubs, to consider adding special funding now.

As a result of the presentation, Roy Duxstad put together a small group of Southwest Rotarians who initially pledged up to \$8,000 in matching funds against other club member donations, with the proviso that the club also donate a like match from club retained earnings.

Roy took this proposal to the club board at its February meeting. The board authorized Roy to approach the entire club with the fundraising proposal specifying a club retained earnings-sourced match up to \$8,000.

The board also authorized asking the club permission to pre-pay individual member pledges to the RI Foundation and allowing members to pay the pledges back to the club over 1 year.

He Said / She Said

"You have to be more than forty eight inches tall to go on this ride."

Anon.

Between the time of the board meeting and last week's club meeting, the "small group" matching funds had increased to \$10,000.

During the 2/27/08 club meeting, Roy described the way the fundraising program could work:

1. Individual members would make, or pledge a contribution
2. The "small group" funds would match that contribution dollar-for-dollar up to a cumulative \$10,000.
3. The club would donate dollar-for-dollar to match the individual members' contributions up to a cumulative \$8,000.
4. The RI Foundation would match the sum of 1-3 above at a rate of 50 cents on the dollar.
5. The Gates Foundation would match the sum of 1-4 above dollar-for-dollar.

The net result would be a 9-fold multiple of each individual member dollar contributed. Member contributions would also count toward Paul Harris Fellowship.

Kim Johnson-Thiel motioned from the floor that the club match individual member contributions from retained earnings up to a cumulative total of \$8,000. Seconded by ____.

An amending motion made/seconded (D. Green / J. Lorfeld) and passed on voice vote to raise the match to \$10,000. The original, thus amended motion then passed on a voice vote.

Motion/second (D. Seefeld / J. Chitwood) to allow the club to pay the individual member pledges (excluding the "small group") to the RI Foundation right away and collect the pledge from members with quarterly billing over the next year. Passed on voice vote.

The Great News

\$6,200 in individual member pledges has *already* been made!

A big thanks goes to all the donors, and especially to Roy for putting the whole package together. As a team, we have the opportunity to cause a contribution to polio eradication of \$90,000!

Weekly Invocations

Upcoming Invocations:

March	Tom Goddard
April	Dick Ames
May	Craig Ubbelohde
June	Tom Kloeckner

Weekly Greeters

Feb 27 Cecil Streeter
Robert Runge

Mar 5 Brian Hochstein
Gretchen Marin

Mar 12 Steve Poeschl
Karen Fredrick

New Member Proposals

The following individuals have been approved by the club Board of Directors:

Dale Czech (2nd pub.)
Owner: Sport Clips Haircuts
Classification: Barbershop Owner
Proposed by: Nicole Allie

Stacie Czech (2nd pub.)
Owner: Sport Clips Haircuts
Classification: Barbershop Owner
Proposed by: Nicole Allie

The Hub – Info Please!

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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?