

The Hub of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary



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Today

Steve Hansen, Red Cross CEO

Rotary News & Notes

News from last week:

- Our Relay for Life has come up with some incredible ideas for this year's Relay. First, mark June 27 on your calendars; the date of this year's event.

The event will be held at the Oshkosh West High School track, and our club will be represented by Team Marcus and Team Doug. Each of the two teams will be working to raise funds and the "winner" will have the pleasure of a walk 'round the track in, well, non-standard business dress, so-to-speak.

More announcements will detail the event further throughout this spring. If you have questions, contact Ken Friedman.

- WineFeast is just around the corner – a month and a day away.
 - The committee is looking for wine corks. If you've been hoarding those corks for a trivet you've never made, you now have a good use for them.
 - The auction subcommittee is still in need of auction items. Please consider

donating items that will spur visitors to "bid high."

- Following up on our recent talk about Wisconsin stem cell research, Don Simons told us that all of the patent challenges that were being made against the Wisconsin-based stem cell patents were rejected.
- If you've not filled out a speaker survey, please do so. The Club Service and speaker chairs need your opinions and suggestions in order to guide them in speaker selection.

Other News & Notes

- Bob Hernke reminds us that this year's *Old Men With Sticks* hockey fundraiser for Osh. Youth Hockey will be the evening of 4/5 at the YMCA.

PolioPlus Partners

Southwest Rotary

Special Fund Drive

The special Polio funding donation drive is still under way. Remember that each member pledge (up to a cumulative \$10,000) will be matched by *both* the club and a group of SW Rotarians dollar-for-dollar, so \$10,000 from members will turn into \$30,000.

RI's match and the Gates Foundation match will turn that into \$90,000!

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Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs

Mar. 26	Bill Hattendorf – U.S. Bank Championship golf tournament in Milwaukee
Apr. 2	Glen Curran - Battle on 'Bago, Walleyes for Ever and Kid's Wish for Fish

Recurring Events

4 th Tue	Club Board Meeting 11:30 – 1:00, Delta Restaurant NOTE: This month's board meeting was one week early – March 18.
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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

President's Minute



Happy Days are here again...its March time for a seasonal change, Spring is here and we are all waiting for

the fever to kick in.

Ahh.....Spring fever when we think of doing things outside, when we think of love, when we start cleaning out some of the old and making room for the new, when we look at our selves and say summertime is right around the corner and it will be swim suit season again, am I ready??

In our Rotary world we always have "the fever" and are always ready to step up to the challenge....to help someone in need, to help someone read, to give till it hurts, to give the everything including our shirts.

We have been asked to help complete the eradication of Polio worldwide, and our club is really stepping up hoping to raise \$30,000 that will be matched by RI and the

Gates Foundation. With that matching grant program we should reach a total gift of \$90,000 which is OUTSTANDING!!! and hopefully this will have an impact that will get us to the next and final level of ridding this disease from our world once and for all.

So as we reach these changes in the season and changes in our lives, and changes in Rotary. You can look in the mirror as a proud Rotarian and say yes I do look good and I am ready for the next season or challenge in my life.

Thanks for all you do.

Poverty Follow-Up

Tom Hallquist passed along the following after Bill Thimke's talk last week about the hands-on approach to the Soy Cow project in Peru:

There is a five part series in the Christian Science Monitor on overcoming barriers in helping the poorest 1 billion folks living in poverty world wide. The series is titled the "An End to Poverty", and can be found online at:

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0310/p09s01-coop.html>

The series deals with many of the issues that Bill describes in his effort to reduce intergenerational poverty in a dysfunctional country. With corrupt governments, a hands on approach is needed. We all owe a great deal of thanks to Bill for providing the "hands" for the hands on approach.

Thanks Bill!!

Weekly Invocations
Upcoming Invocations:

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

Weekly Greeters

Mar 12	Steve Poeschl Karen Fredrick
Mar 19	Doug Seefeld Laura Leroy
Mar 26	Amy Montgomery Gretchen Marin
Apr 2	Don Simons Barb Key

New Member Proposal

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

Sandy Fonticchio (1st pub.)
Classification: Registered Nurse
Employer: Aurora Med. Group
Proposed by: Vicki Beltran

The Hub – Info Please!

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He Said / She Said

The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible.

Sir Arthur C. Clarke



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?