

# The Hub of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary

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**Today**

**Jim Chitwood**

**Veteran Member Classification Talk & District Update**

## Rotary News & Notes

News from last week:

- WineFeast is just around the corner – just two and a half weeks away!
  - Jeff Schneider is now recruiting volunteers to help with the event. Sign up sheets were distributed with specific tasks and time frames. If you sign up for clean up, remember that Winefeast is on Saturday this year, so clean up will take place on Sunday
  - The auction committee is still looking for some good bottles of wine – higher quality helps bring in high bids.
  - Barb Schlieve has Winefeast general admission tickets for sale.
  - Cellar Select has about 7 tables left; sales have been good. Contact Bonnie Behnke or any of the Winefeast committee members for more information.

## Changing of the Guard

Save the date – Marcus's send off will happen in style the evening of Wed., June 25 at the refurbished, historic, lakeside The Waters event facility (former American Legion.)

## PolioPlus Partners Southwest Rotary Special Fund Drive

We hit and eclipsed our goal! Member pledges have reached \$10,317 as of last Wednesday.

Adding the matches from the small group of club members, the match from the club's retained earnings, RI's match, and that of the Gates Foundation, the total impact of our donations totals \$90,951!

## District Assembly

Rotary District 6270 will have its Spring Assembly Saturday, April 19, from 8:00 to noon. Topics include:

- Keynote presentation on the 2008-09 Rotary theme, **Make Dreams Real**
- Interact programs
- Business Ethics & The Rotary Four-Way Test
- Youth Protection Training & Certification

A number of Southwest Rotarians will be carpooling. See Marcus if you'd like to join the convoy.

## District Conference

Don't forget about this year's high-quality conference. See the district's Web page (at right) for more information.

## 2007 – 2008 Board

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

Apr. 9	Veteran member "Re-classification talks"
Apr. 16	Katie Krueger: Give with Gratitude: Lessons in Service from A Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Senegal"
Apr. 23	John Casper: Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Update

### Recurring Events

4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Club Board Meeting 11:30 – 1:00, Delta Restaurant
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### Other Rotary Events

Apr. 19	District Assembly <a href="http://www.rotary6270.org/district_events_assembly.html">http://www.rotary6270.org/district_events_assembly.html</a>
Apr. 19	WineFeast
May 16 - 18	District Conference <a href="http://www.rotary6270.org/conference.html">http://www.rotary6270.org/conference.html</a>

## News From RI

### *Somalia Recertified Polio-Free*

In a triumph over violence, poverty, and poor infrastructure, Somalia has once again become polio-free. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) announced on March 25 that the West African nation hasn't reported a case of polio since a year ago. Although it eradicated the disease in 2002, Somalia became reinfected in 2005 by poliovirus originating in Nigeria, resulting in an outbreak of 228 cases.

“Somalia beat polio in the midst of more widespread conflict and poverty than that affecting Afghanistan and Pakistan,” says Dr. Maritel Costales, a UNICEF senior health adviser in New York, who cited the challenges of overcoming widespread insecurity and large population movements in a country with no central government. “But Somalia shows that when communities are engaged, children everywhere can be reached.”

Afghanistan and Pakistan, which together accounted for 5 percent of all polio cases in 2007, could be the first of the four remaining endemic

countries — the other two are India and Nigeria — to end polio.

Consistent financial commitment continues to be crucial to polio eradication. Rotary International, the top private-sector contributor and volunteer arm of the GPEI, has contributed US\$9.2 million for polio eradication in Somalia and \$700 million worldwide since 1985. The global effort faces a shortage of \$525 million for 2008-09, funding urgently needed to fight the disease in the remaining endemic countries and protect children in high-risk polio-free areas.

***Excerpted from a 3-31-08 RI press release. See the rest of the press release:***

[http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080328\\_news\\_somalia\\_polio.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080328_news_somalia_polio.aspx)

### *Afghanistan Presses Ahead to End Polio*

Afghanistan's relentless effort to finish polio has succeeded in cornering the virus in the country's southern region, according to a World Health Organization report in February. The region is part of a larger zone of virus transmission that includes southern Pakistan.

Afghanistan's March national immunization days reached about 6.9 million children. However, fighting between the Taliban and Afghan security forces prevented immunization of all children targeted by the effort.

***Excerpted from a 3-26-08 RI press release. See the rest of the press release:***

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/Afghanistanpressesaheadtoendpolio.aspx>

## Weekly Invocations

Upcoming Invocations:

April	Dick Ames
May	Craig Ubbelohde
June	Tom Kloeckner

## Weekly Greeters

Apr 2	Don Simons Barb Key
Apr 9	Mike Lyster Brad Bauman David Green
Apr 16	Nicole Allie Bonnine Behnke
Apr 23	Bob Beckstrom Scott Greuel
Apr 30	Susan Matz Santy Fontecchio

## Hub Thanks!

Thanks go out to Nancy Leipzig who filled-in on Hub note-taking duties last week.

## The Hub – Info Please!

[hub@oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org](mailto:hub@oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org)

### *He Said / She Said*

*Charm: the quality in others that makes us more satisfied with ourselves.*

**Henri-Frédéric Amiel**



### *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?