

# The Hub of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary

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## Today- Katie Krueger

*Give with Gratitude: Lessons in Service From a Rotary  
Ambassadorial Scholar in Senegal*

## Rotary News & Notes

News from last week:

- Former SW Rotarian Peter Hassler passed away last week. Please keep his family in your thoughts.
- Marcus thanked Gail & Dennis Schwab for including the Rotary membership plug on **every** page on their newspaper insert two weekends ago.
- WineFeast is just around the corner – just two and a half weeks away!
  - Jeff Schneider still needs many volunteers, especially for Sunday clean-up. Check the sign-up sheets to be sure you're on the right day, and if you're not there at all, please consider volunteering.
  - Barb Schlieve has Winefeast general admission tickets for sale.
  - Kris and John gave a big thanks to all involved with WineFeast. As usual, it's a Herculean effort, and could never happen without the legions of motivated volunteers that step up each year.
- Our Relay for Life fundraisin' Jr. Rotarians are running a brat fry 5/17-18 at Festival Foods to

raise funds for the Relay. They need volunteers – please consider spending some time.

- Morning Rotary's *Conquer the Concrete* youth whiffle-ball tournament fundraiser will be this Saturday, 4/19. It may be last minute, but it's certain that they'd welcome another team or some volunteer assistance. Hop on board and work up an thirst before WineFeast.

## Other News & Notes

- Downtown Rotarian Michael Cooney is spearheading a county-wide photography event on June 14. If you have a digital camera and would like to play a part in the capture of *A Day in the Life of Winnebago County*, consider grabbing a great photo that weekend. Registration details will be forthcoming, or you can contact Michael through Downtown Rotary.

## 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.)

## 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. 23	Polio in Oshkosh & PolioPlus Partners Update
Apr. 30	Fish Stories: Battle on 'Bago Wrap-Up

### 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

### *Key Indian State Turns The Tide Against Polio*

Last year, Uttar Pradesh not only accounted for nearly 40 percent of India's 864 polio cases but more than a quarter of those worldwide.

If current trends continue, however, India's most populous state will no longer qualify as the "poliovirus capital of the world," as some health experts have called it.

Eighty percent of Uttar Pradesh's 339 polio cases occurred in the Muslim community in 2007. But a Rotary-led initiative helped drop that rate to 30 percent of 20 cases during the first three months of 2008.

Overseeing the state's effort to end polio is the Ulema Committee for Polio Eradication, established by Rotary International in July 2007. (Ulemas are leading Muslim legal experts in Islamic law.) Nearly 200 Muslim clerics and school representatives at the meeting received a booklet published by India's National PolioPlus Committee, which linked polio immunization to the duties of parents as explained in the Quran.

### *He Said / She Said*

*The only difference between a taxman and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.*

**Mark Twain**

Since that meeting, committee members have visited districts in Uttar Pradesh that reported large numbers of polio cases and convinced parents that the polio vaccine was safe and not contrary to Islam.

"The ulemas have done a remarkable job in making the polio program acceptable to hitherto ignorant Muslim parents," said RI Director Ashok Mahajan, chair of the committee, at a meeting of the executive committee in January. "We want to spread the message of good health through the ulemas, who are so much revered in the Muslim community."

"Misconceptions and rumors that were widespread in the community against polio have almost been removed, due to the efforts of the Ulema committee, and we will continue with our efforts until polio is eradicated," said committee member Maulana Khalid Rashid Firangi Mahali, president of the Ulema Council of India. "Our religion is not against immunization. Even the Saudi Arabian government has issued a directive that pilgrims visiting Mecca and Medina along with their children should carry polio vaccination certificates."

"Rotary's Ulema committee is a very positive development," said Ananth Mishra, health minister for Uttar Pradesh. "Eradication of polio is possible due to the pioneering efforts of organizations like Rotary, and more NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] should pitch in to mobilize the masses to achieve such health goals."

*Excerpted from a 4/11/08 RI news release.*

## Weekly Invocations

Upcoming Invocations:

April	Dick Ames
May	Craig Ubbelohde
June	Tom Kloeckner

## Weekly Greeters

Apr 16	Nicole Allie Bonnine Behnke
Apr 23	Bob Beckstrom Scott Greuel
Apr 30	Susan Matz Santy Fontecchio

## New Member Proposal

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

Mary Koch (1<sup>st</sup> pub.)  
CWK Virtual Assistance LLC  
Classifi. Administrative Services  
Proposed by Steve Poeschl

## 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?