



Today

Fish Stories: Battle on 'Bago Wrap-Up

Rotary News & Notes

News from last week:

- Our recent speaker, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Katie Krueger is selling a book entitled, *Giving With Gratitude: Lessons in Service from a Rotary Scholar*, and is donating all proceeds to increase educational access in Senegal. You can learn more at: <http://www.katiegrueger.com/gratitude>
- The inbound Group Study Exchange team from the Phillipines will be in Oshkosh from today through May 5. Dave Sennholz from Downtown Rotary is doing a great job of organizing the visit. You can get involved (see Marcus if interested):
 - Attend the 5/3 cookout with the GSE team.
 - Visit with the team at Downtown's regular meeting 5/4
- Marcus gave a great big thank you to all involved in organizing WineFeast.
- Bill Thimke let us know that the latest soy cow destined for Peru has – finally – arrived from the manufacturer.
- Tom Hallquist is organizing a Rotary trip to see the play *Wicked* at the P.A.C. next

February. He's currently measuring the level of interest from club members. Please fill out the forms on the meeting tables to let him know your level of interest.

Greeters Needed!

Brian Hochstein is in search of a few good Rotarians to greet the rest of us and our guests as we arrive each week. Please place yourself on the form that Brian will have on the table. It's especially good for new members to do this – you meet the rest of the "gang" right away.

District Conference

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

District Newsletter

The latest edition of our District 6270 newsletter is available online. You can find it here: http://www.rotary6270.org/newsletters/district_news_march08.pdf

2007 – 2008 Board

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Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs

Recurring Events

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

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| May 16 - 18 | District Conference http://www.rotary6270.org/conference.html |
| June 25 | Changing of the Guard The Waters Event Facility |
| Jul 30 | 3-Club Meeting at EAA |
| Aug 6 | Fowler's Fun Night |

President's Minute



I think we have made it over the hump, winter is in our rear view mirror and thoughts of warm summer days and nights are ahead of

us. In the Southwest Rotary world we have just cleared another hurdle, our largest fundraiser, Winefeast is also over and WOW what an event!!

Our club really comes together and shines. The volunteers, I can't say enough, so much happens behind the scenes I'm in awe as I watch the magnificent metamorphosis take place and wah-laa we have a gala backdrop with lights camera and action. It's beautiful and amazing to watch our club take pride in making this truly the event of the year. I am so proud of what all of you do to make this a successful fundraising extravaganza not only for our club but the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. We are looking forward to putting those funds raised to good use here and abroad.

I would also like to once again thank the club as we took the challenge to raise \$30,000 for Polio Plus Partners, this was a great accomplishment it really shows that we want to make a

Positively Wrong

A linguistics professor was lecturing his class.

"In English," he explained, "a double negative forms a positive. In some languages, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative."

"However," the professor continued, "there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative."

A voice from the back of the room piped up. "Yeah, right."

difference and we are making a difference.

It was a very proud moment for all of us when the check was presented to RI so that we can once and for all put an end to a dreaded disease that had been so common place, is now so close to being eradicated. As we end the month of April my hat's off to all of YOU, Oshkosh Southwest Rotarians that give until it hurts. You guys are the BOMB!!

RI President's April Message

Rotary is uniquely privileged to be a well-established, religiously and politically neutral organization with no governmental ties or obligations. We are known and respected as a group of men and women who simply come to help – by bringing clean water and food, teaching literacy and numeracy, providing assistance after a disaster, ending polio.

When there is a need, a crisis, or an emergency, Rotary is there. We know that, as Rotarians, part of our role in any crisis is to bring people together, rather than drive them apart. It is our role and also our responsibility.

Today, we are faced globally with a new crisis: the changing environment and the changing climate. It's a frightening situation that will affect everyone but will hurt the poor and the weak far more than the wealthy and the strong. The days of wondering and considering and hoping are at an end, as it has become ever clearer that we are on a course that can be slowed but not stopped.

This past summer, the Arctic ice cap melted at a pace that exceeded even the most pessimistic expectations. The rate of melting and warming is accelerating in what seems to be a cycle of ever-increasing speed, and we cannot pretend that it will not affect us. It already has. In the American West, water is becoming more and more scarce as less snow falls every winter to refill lakes and streams. From my

window in Evanston, I can see Lake Michigan, whose water level, like the other Great Lakes, is near or already at a record low. And as the supply of fresh water diminishes, the sea levels are rising, putting low-lying nations – many of them poor and developing – at increasing risk.

We know that in the years and decades to come, there will be crises, and there will be challenges. Will we let them drive us apart, or will we use them to bring us together? Will we be fragmented, or will we come together to address the universal needs of all people? Will we choose to address the desires of the rich over the needs of the poor, or will we do what is best for everyone on our planet?

The greatest challenges lie before us, now and in the years to come.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson
President, Rotary International

Weekly Invocations

Upcoming Invocations:

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| April | Dick Ames |
| May | Craig Ubbelohde |
| June | Tom Kloeckner |

Weekly Greeters

Apr 30 Susan Matz
Santy Fontecchio

The Hub – Info Please!

hub@oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org



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?