

The Hub of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary



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Today

Jamie Page-Stadler

Placing UWO Grads in Local Businesses

Rotary News & Notes

News from last week:

- o Marcus pointed out the recent article in the Northwestern's Community Newsroom about our PolioPlus donation – penned by Nancy Leipzig; thanks Nancy!
- o He also showed us advance copies of the ½ page advertisement that appeared in last Sunday's Northwestern highlighting the donation. Festival Foods and The Northwestern paid for the ad. Thanks to both.
- o Marcus also let us know of two deaths within the extended Southwest Rotary family. The mothers of Bruce Bartel & Wally Wagner (owner of Robbins) both recently passed. Please keep their families in your thoughts.
- o Bill Thimke let us know that the latest soy cow will be at the Rotary District 6270 conference next week, then will be going (with him) to Peru on May 20.
- o Kent gave a short summary of the Group Study Exchange team that was recently in Oshkosh from the Phillipines. Although the team found our 40 and 50 degree weather to be frigid, they had a wide variety of experiences and enjoyed

themselves while in our community. Thanks go to all who helped.

- o Melody Wollangk reminds us that our Jr Rotarians are having a brat fry at Festival Foods on May 17 and 18 (*that's this weekend!*) with the proceeds going toward a donation to the Relay for Life. Volunteers are still needed.

Kenyan Hospital Update

Sam Muinde gave us a very fast paced slide show and update on the hospital project. The building is essentially complete and ready to open. It will have beds for 18 adults, plus nine beds specifically for childbirth and a good number for pediatric care. Additionally, there is housing for visiting health care providers. It's been a long path, but it's looking good at last.

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.)

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Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs

TBA

Recurring Events

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

Other Rotary Events

May District Conference
16 - 18 <http://www.rotary6270.org/conference.html>

June Changing of the Guard
25 The Waters Event Facility

Jul 30 3-Club Meeting at EAA

Aug 6 Fowler's Fun Night

Rotary Birthdays

Our May Babies

Julie Fevola
Gail Schwab
Glenn Curran
David Geurden
Lynn Barthels
Ken Friedman
Paul Fowler
Gregory Garl

News From RI

The recent catastrophe in Myanmar puts our recent “pass-the-hat” donation toward ShelterBox purchases in perspective. Read on in this press release from RI...

As the humanitarian crisis worsened in Myanmar’s delta region after a powerful cyclone hit on 3 May, a response team of four specially trained volunteers moved into devastated areas on Thursday to distribute more than 800 ShelterBox containers.

ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world, was among the first charities to reach cyclone victims.

Desperately needed aid from many other international groups had been stalled at the border for days by Myanmar’s military government.

More than one million people have been left homeless by the disaster, and 100,000 are feared dead, the United Nations reports.

The team will work in cooperation with local groups in Myanmar to line up transportation and determine where the shelters will do the most good amid the massive devastation.

The first deployment of ShelterBoxes will benefit more than 10,000 survivors. Each container provides a tent, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months. Some include two 10-person tents, doubling the usual shelter capacity.

With no Rotary presence in Myanmar, Rotarians’ direct involvement in the relief effort will be limited. But Beth Palmer, executive director of ShelterBox USA, has noticed a spike in online contributions and says her phone has been “ringing off the hook” as Rotary club members have called to donate. ShelterBox offices in Australia, Canada, and Germany have reported a similar increase in contributions.

Tom Henderson, a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England, and the founder of ShelterBox, says 224 containers left Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Tuesday. Another 220 boxes have been sent from Melbourne, Australia, and 400 are en route from ShelterBox headquarters in Cornwall, England.

ShelterBox was launched in 2000 as a project of the Helston-Lizard club and quickly garnered support among Rotary clubs worldwide. To date, the nonprofit has raised US\$29 million and delivered aid to over 40 countries in response to more than 70 disasters. Each complete ShelterBox costs \$1,000 to sponsor, and Rotary clubs provide about half the charity’s funding.

Weekly Invocations

Upcoming Invocations:

May	Craig Ubbelohde
June	Tom Kloeckner
July	Vicki Beltran

Weekly Greeters

May 14	Jason Scharrer Wendy Hielsberg
May 21	Cecil Streeter Amy Montgomery
May 28	Tim Lamers Bonnie Behnke

The Hub – Info Please!

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World in a Nutshell

If you could shrink the world to 100 people – keeping the same ratios – there would be...

- o 51 women and 49 men
- o 58 Asians, 13 Europeans, 15 from the Americas and 14 Africans
- o 50% of the wealth in the hands of 6 people – all from the US
- o 50 malnourished
- o 80 living in substandard housing
- o 70 illiterates
- o 1 with a college education



Ian Neal (right), member of the ShelterBox Response Team, strategies with Myanmar officials during the first deployment of containers that will aid more than 10,000 cyclone survivors that were left homeless by the disaster.



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?