

The Hub of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary



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Today Pat Cerroni UW Oshkosh Football Coach

Rotary News & Notes

News from last week:

- Marcus showed the ½ page advertisement in the recent Sunday Northwestern for those who missed it. Thanks again to Festival Foods and The Northwestern for picking up the cost.
- Marcus gave a big thank-you to Tom Hallquist and his wife who will be funding a number of solar-powered food cookers for Sam Muinde's village. The cookers should allow the village to use much less charcoal, and thus slow the deforestation that is occurring as a result of woodcutting for cooking fires.
- The Roosevelt PALs cookout is just around the corner – June 4! Plan to cook, serve and share picnic food with our Partner at Learning. If you have some time please volunteer to help cook. Also – plan to be right on time – we need to start the meal at 12:00.
- We'll be visiting the Leach Amphitheatre on June 18 for our meeting, lunch, and to dedicate the memorial bench for Dennis Fletcher.
- Our newly 21 year-old former exchange student from Germany, Ellen, is staying with

Kate Thome. Catch up with Ellen to see what's up in her life since she went home.

- Tom Hallquist let us know that 30 of the 60 tickets we reserved for next February's performance of Wicked at the Fox Cities PAC are already sold. They're going fast, so get in your name to Tom ASAP.
- Tom Shepeck let us know that our next exchange student – Carlos Farnando Rivero Padilla from Santa Cruz, Bolivia – will arrive on August 15.
- Tom also let us know that Oshkosh Downtown Rotary is still looking for a host family for their inbound exchange student. If you know someone who would like to host, please ask Tom to put you in touch with the right person at Downtown.

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.)

Sign up forms are on your table today, and will be for the next several weeks. Ask your significant other what they'd like, and sign-up at the Wednesday meeting.

2007 – 2008 Board

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| President: | Marcus Butts |
| Pres. Elect: | Craig Burnett |
| Past Pres.: | Wendy Hielsberg |
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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

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| May 28 | Bill Wresch: <i>Marcus Whitman and the Creation of the Oregon Trail</i> |
| Jun. 4 | Roosevelt Elementary School PALs Picnic |
| Jun. 11 | Wendy Heilsberg.: <i>Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau</i> |
| Jun. 18 | Meet at Leach Amphitheatre – Dedication of Dennis Fletcher Memorial Bench |

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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| June 25 | Changing of the Guard <i>The Waters</i> Event Facility |
| Jul 30 | 3-Club Meeting at EAA |
| Aug 6 | Fowler's Fun Night |

Youthful Rotary Activities

Our club had a booth at last week's Rotary District 6270 Conference highlighting the activities of our young partners. Check out all of the good things that are happening:

PALs

PALs is a program designed to connect the needs and goals of the school system with the resources and talents of businesses and organizations. Oshkosh Southwest Rotary started the program in 1994. Our PAL is Roosevelt Elementary School

Our PALs Activities

- o Job shadowing
- o Community projects such as Toys for Tots, Plant a Tree and food drives
- o Classroom speakers
- o Career days
- o Fundraising for school equipment
- o Provide incentives & recognition
- o Use student artwork & projects for displays
- o Real life curriculum applications
- o Business & school tours
- o Tutoring
- o Employability workshops
- o Have lunch with students

JR Rotary

Junior Rotary is open to middle school students. There are clubs at Perry

He Said / She Said

A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any other invention in human history, with the possible exception of handguns and tequila.

Mitch Ratliffe

Tipler and Carl Traeger schools. Each group meets twice a month after school.

JR Rotary Activities

- o Volunteer for Titan Community Night
- o Float construction for annual community Holiday Parade
- o Treats for Troops
- o Raised money for Carl Traeger Soccer Field
- o Raised money for microwaves for Carl Traeger lunch room
- o Promoted Red Cross blood drive
- o Assisted with Boys & Girls Club Christmas party
- o Bowled in Big Brothers / Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon

Interact

Our Interact club is based at Oshkosh West High, and is open to all H.S. grade levels. The group meets every Monday, working around other school activities.

Interact Activities

- o Raised money for a student in S. America to attend high school
- o Constructed a float for the holiday parade
- o Assisted SW Rotary wrapping gifts for underprivileged families
- o Assisted SW rotary with the 'Kid's Activity' at the holiday party for underprivileged families.
- o Hosted a 'Mitten Tree' for the Salvation Army
- o Volunteered at the annual haunted house
- o Volunteer at 'Relay for Life'
- o Volunteered as a group to help the high school with other fundraisers and activities
- o Volunteer one day a month at local nursing homes.

Rotaract

Rotaract is an international program open to young professionals between the ages of 18 and 30 who want to make a difference.

Rotaract Activities

- o Organize an annual Red Cross blood drive
- o Sponsor a team for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon
- o Volunteer at the Oshkosh Celebration of Lights
- o Assist in set-up and kick-off of the United Way annual fundraising campaign
- o Volunteer for the Salvation Army's bell-ringing program
- o Wrap Christmas presents for the Boys & Girls Club Christmas party
- o Participate in the community-wide Helping Hands day
- o Host get-togethers for international students on UW Oshkosh Campus

Weekly Invocations

Upcoming Invocations:

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| May | Craig Ubbelohde |
| June | Tom Kloeckner |
| July | Vicki Beltran |

Weekly Greeters

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| May 21 | Cecil Streeter Amy Montgomery |
| May 28 | Tim Lamers Bonnie Behnke |

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?