

The Hub of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary



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Today Bill Wresch

Marcus Whitman and the Creation of the Oregon Trail

Rotary News & Notes

News from last week:

- o Marcus passed along kudos to Bob Hernke, who recently received an Educational Leadership award, and to Tom Hallquist's son Eric, who reached the quarter-finals in a very competitive physics competition. Hats off to both.
- o 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.
- o We'll be visiting the Leach Amphitheatre on June 18 for our meeting, lunch, and to dedicate the memorial bench for Dennis Fletcher.
- o Dragon Boat Skipper Nicole is testing the waters to see how many Rotarians want to participate in this year's Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday, Sept 20. We need to get our registration in now, so if you're interested and didn't sign-up last week, let Nicole know this week.
- o Ken Friedman brought Relay for Life back to our attention – it's only a month off. Our

'prime time' to be there will be on June 27 from 5:30 – 10:00 PM. You should definitely plan to be there share in the experience, and you wouldn't want to miss out on the opportunity to see either Marcus or Doug in all their sartorial splendor. Please help raise funds for the Relay by voting for Marcus or Doug with your dollars.

Other News & Notes

- o Oshkosh Common Council Member Jessica King came to us to present the **Endow Oshkosh** campaign that funds seventeen different community quality of life efforts in Oshkosh. The Endow Oshkosh program is looking for a sponsor for the next printing of its brochure. If you're interested, or you'd like to contribute to one of the funds, contact Jess.

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

President:	Marcus Butts
Pres. Elect:	Craig Burnett
Past Pres.:	Wendy Hielsberg
Secretary:	Gerald Krueger
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Kate Thome & JoAnn Konkel

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Nancy Leipzig & Amy Montgomery

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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

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
Jun 25	Ken Friedman: <i>Estate Planning- Changes in the Law</i>

Recurring Events

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

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

President's Minute



As we end the month of May and look toward the final month of our Rotary year I am reminded how I got

here. I joined the club in 1999 when I was with General Beverage. I was asked to fill in for my boss Bob Masiak because he was going to be working primarily out of the newly acquired Little Chute office.

My first meeting was somewhat scary, not knowing the entire story on Rotary and what the club actually did. I felt my way through until I began to meet some of the fine members of this club, and started to figure out how I might be able to get engaged in Rotary.

It wasn't long before I met Karen Fredrick and she asked or suggested that I help out on one of the committees. It was easy to get engulfed in what Rotary stood for, and being asked to give back to my own community was something I could do without question. I really enjoy the opportunities that were

before me and found that my passion lied in the vocational avenue of service.

I enjoy making a difference in the life of a child, it seems to bring a glow to them and it makes me feel as if I have made an impact. I started in the Jr. Rotary program, and move through Interact, Rotaract, and of course my personal favorite PALS. As I became engaged in Rotary I found my passion, vocational, and I absolutely enjoy it.

Everyone in this club has a passion for something; otherwise you would not have taken the time and effort to become a member. I hope you can find yours.

So as you think about where your passion lies please remember what Rotary is all about giving back, locally and internationally. We as a club are truly making a difference, thanks to all of you. Thanks for being a Rotarian, and remember one person can truly make a difference. Thanks for all you do!!

RI Foundation Vision

The Rotary Foundation has announced its Future Vision Plan, to be fully implemented in 2012-2013. The plan is designed to:

- o Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission
- o Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians
- o Offer program options to help achieve both global and local goals
- o Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by

transferring more decisions to the districts

- o Gain greater understanding of The Rotary Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image

You can read a more detailed overview of the Vision Plan here: www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/TheRotaryFoundation/FutureVision/ or watch a video about the plan here: www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080523_news_FutureVisionPlan.aspx

Weekly Invocations

Upcoming Invocations:

May	Craig Ubbelohde
June	Tom Kloeckner
July	Vicki Beltran

Weekly Greeters

May 28	Tim Lamers Bonnie Behnke
Jun. 4	Bob Beckstrom Cecil Streeter
Jun. 11	Mary Koch Melody Wollangk

The Hub – Info Please!

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Excuses, Excuses

From submitted automobile insurance claims:

- o "I had been driving my car for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident."
- o "I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment."
- o "An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle, and vanished."



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?