

The Hub of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary



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Topic: Kim Verstegen Journey of an Asylum

Rotary News & Notes

Welcome Carlitos! Carlitos presented the club with gifts from his club in Bolivia and gave the club an update on what he has been doing since arriving to Oshkosh.

Bonnie Behnke, our "Head Elf" for the Hope Center Christmas Party at the Boy's and Girl's Club, made several announcements:

- Thanks to Roy Duxstad who secured a clothing donation from Carters!
- Shopping for the kids will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 9th – those interested in helping out should meet at Walmart at 3:00pm.
- The Wrap Party will take place at Scott Woldt's on Dec. 17th at 6:00pm.
- The Hope Center Christmas Party is December 22nd at 5:00pm.

Thanks to the committee and to Bonnie for coordinating this event that means so much to many children and families in our community!

Glenn Curran provided some updates on Battle On Bago:

- Battle On Bago is scheduled for February 28th.
- Glenn is coordinating the event again this year.

- Their committee has raised \$25,000 in sponsorships already!
- Glenn will keep the club updated and as the event dates draw closer, will be looking for volunteers to help out on the ice.

Congratulations to Junior Rotary and Tim Lamers! This year, Junior Rotary won the Chancellors Award at the Holiday Parade for their amazing float. Tim thanked the Parks Department, Festival Foods, and Valley Graphics for their donations.

The SuperBowl Raffle sale is on! The ticket sales deadline is Dec. 17th. This has evolved into a major fundraiser for our club. Our sales "captains" are Brad Bauman, Sandy Fonotecchio, Marlin Greenfield, Tim Cook, and Melody Wollangk. Sell your tickets and turn in the stubs and money to your captain.

Roy Duxstad presented information to the club on the Rotary Tower Project. Roy and his committee have completed a feasibility study to build a climbing and light tower at Menominee Park. The Rotary Board of Directors approved moving ahead with this project. Roy is now seeking membership approval to proceed. A vote took place and the project was approved.

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Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs

Dec 3	Classification Talks
Dec 10	Bob Hernke – Providing Reliable, Affordable, and Sustainable Energy
Dec 17	Madrigal Singers
Dec 24	No Meeting

Recurring Events

3rd Mon. (Dec 15)	Club Board Meeting 4:00 – 5:30, Robbins
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Other Rotary Events

Dec 10	Southwest Rotary Holiday Party at Kat Hughes' home
Dec 17	Wrap Party for Hope Center gifts – Scott Woldt's home
Dec 22	Hope Center Christmas Party, Boys and Girls Club

Rotary Meetings in December

For those of you who enjoy attending Morning and Downtown Rotary meetings, some news on their respective meeting schedules for December. Downtown Club will be having all of their regularly scheduled Monday meetings. Morning Club will NOT have meetings on Nov. 28th, Dec. 26th, and Jan. 2nd.

Poinsettia Pick Up

Your poinsettia orders are in today. Thanks to JoAnn Bloom for coordinating this project and ensuring that we have beautiful “blooms” for the holidays!!

Here are some Poinsettia Facts and Tips to help you enjoy your *Euphorbia pulcherrima* throughout the season (and beyond).



Fact or Fiction?

Member: JoAnn Bloom

1. I can shoot one inch groups at 100 yards with an assault rifle.
2. I was once married to a Canadian hockey player.
3. I have been a professional oboe player.

Poinsettia Pointers

- ❖ Poinsettias are native to Mexico, the Aztecs made dyes from the bracts.
- ❖ Poinsettias are not poisonous, although some people have skin irritations from the milky sap.
- ❖ Poinsettia sales represent over 85% of potted plant sales during the holidays (\$220M) and 90% of all poinsettias are exported from the US.
- ❖ There are over 100 varieties of poinsettias.
- ❖ 74% of Americans still prefer red poinsettias, 8% prefer white, and 6% prefer pink.
- ❖ Place your poinsettia in a sunny window and don't let it touch cold window panes.
- ❖ Indoor temps of 60-70 F are ideal for long plant life (high temps shorten the life of the colorful bracts). Avoid warm or cold drafts.
- ❖ Water only when the soil is dry. Don't let the poinsettia wilt, and don't let it sit with water in the saucer.
- ❖ Don't fertilize when the plant is in bloom. After the holiday season, fertilize once a month.
- ❖ Move your plant to a sunny location outdoors after the threat of frost has passed.

Weekly Invocations

November	Ken Friedman
December	Fran Finley
January	Craig Ubbelohde

Weekly Greeters

Dec 3	Tom Weber Bob Beckstrom
Dec 10	Melody Wollangk Emily Zimmerman
Dec 17	Kat Hughes Carol Bricco

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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?