

The Hub of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary



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Welcome Ben Brancel, Secretary of Wis. Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Rotary News & Notes Announcements:

Hot Topics in Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection in Wisconsin

Today we welcome our current Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Ben Brancel. Please give Mr. Brancel a warm welcome, as it is not every day we can say we have a state cabinet member in our midst. Thanks to Jim Chitwood for bringing us today's speaker!

The Perfect Pair!

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 24, 2015** for a new SW Rotary Fundraiser: The Perfect Pair. Craft beer and good food! Doors will open at the Waters at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$300 for a table of 8, \$75 per couple or \$40 per person. Contact Lori Davis to sign up.

District Focus Group

The District will be holding Focus Groups throughout the district to gain valuable input and ideas from members at a club level. To entice you to help, the District will treat you to dinner at TJ's on **Thursday October 1 starting at 5:30**. To further entice you, Tom Kloeckner will buy the first round! The District would like 16 people from our club to participate, so let Craig Burnett know if you are interested.

The "Chick Table"

Did you know our District Governor made a note on her report about our club meeting that she liked "the chick table"? We do too!

Dragon Boats!

Dragon Boat races are this coming Saturday at the Leach! Go and support the SW Rotary team! Contact Craig Burnette or Heidi Kivi if you still want in.

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Dist. 6270

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Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs

Sept. 23 Theda Clark Trauma group
Sept. 30 Dr. Ryan Ames—
Concussion Evaluation

Recurring Events

2nd Mon. Club Board Meeting
(Oct. 12) 4:00 – 6:00, Robbins

Other Rotary Events

Sept. 19 Dragon Boat Races
Sept. 24 The Perfect Pair, The Waters
Beer pairing event
Oct. 1 District Visioning—TJ's
Oct. 10 District Fall Meeting
Oct. 15 Bowling Fundraiser

Police Officer Visits

Starting on September 23, we are going to have regular visits from members of our very own Oshkosh police department! (No, not like the “visits” you might get when you are speeding down Koeller to get to Rotary.) Officers will have lunch with us and time permitting, share something about themselves and answer questions. The visits were the idea of member Roy Duxstad. After hearing all the negative portrayals of police in the media this past year, Roy wanted to do something positive. He has worked with the Police department to arrange the visits and has even managed to have the officers’ lunches paid with a donor fund at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. (We can’t buy the officers lunch—pesky regulations and all that.)

Get Ready! Bowling Fundraiser October 15

Make sure you mark your calendars for the 2015 Bowling Fundraiser. The group is looking to expand the list of core volunteers, so contact Marlin Greenfield, Christy Larsen and Nicole Peterson if you want to be part of the action. The goal for the group this year is to have 100% participation—that means financial and/or human participation from each and every one of us! So—get on a

team and bowl, sponsor a team of bowlers, bowl individually, split a bowler with a friend or buy a raffle ticket for \$100! Or, you can always just give \$\$\$!

Buddy Bench at Roosevelt

Our “buddy bench” was installed at Roosevelt Elementary School this fall in time for the start of school. Marcus Butts reports that he knows of one “buddy” who has already benefited from using the bench—where if a child is sad or lonely or just in need of a buddy, they can go to the bench and another “buddy ambassador” will join them. Third graders helping third graders! We love it. (I am thinking of having one installed at work...) You will be hearing more about the bench later in the fall, as the Eagle Scout who took the bench on as his project will be presenting to the club.

Rotary District 6270 Fall Seminar and Success Summit

The District is holding its Fall Seminar at Moraine Park Technical College on October 10, 2015. There are various breakout sessions on Websites, Social Media and Membership. The seminar starts at 8:30 and ends at noon. See the District website for more information.

Weekly Invocations

September Bonnie Behnke

Weekly Greeters

September 16 Karen Frederick & Rick Vanderloop

September 23 Andy Leavitt & Nicole Peterson

The Hub – Info Please!

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SW Rotary Website

OshkoshRotarySouthwest.org

The District Website

<http://rotary6270.org>

Visit RI’s Website

<http://www.rotary.org>

Have information for The HUB? Submit it to

EZD@reff-law.com no later than noon on Tuesday.



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?