



TODAY'S PRESENTATION:

Rick Helms
Celebration of Lights

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Today we welcome Rick Helms, Operations Supervisor, Winnebago County Parks

The 20th Annual Oshkosh Celebration Of Lights!

Each year, the spirit of the Holiday Season magically generates enough power to light our lights – and loved ones faces with smiles!

In 2020, the event attracted over 16,000 vehicles, filled with family and friends who are amazed to see over a million twinkling lights. The 1.2 miles of holiday sights and sounds are displayed throughout beautiful Menominee Park, enhanced by the colorful light reflections from Lake Winnebago. Sights and activities include the 100 foot tree, one-hundred twenty plus trees filled with lights, sculptured scenes, animated light displays, Visits With Santa, COL Gift Shop (with its own entrance this year), special event nights, carriage rides and so much more.

COL visitors can tune in to either Oshkosh Media (101.9 FM) or WRST (90.3 FM), depending on the night. These two stations will play holiday music throughout the park, as you drive through the displays. At the end of the route, visitors will get to enjoy two colorful musical animated pixel light displays.

We hope you enjoy our show this year and welcome all community involvement. The more involvement and help we get with this event, the merrier ... ho, ho, ho!

Thanks Rick!



The Oshkosh Celebration of Lights was a dream of Tom Stephany, former Oshkosh Parks Dept. Director.

Tom saw a holiday lights display in Texas that inspired him to create one in Oshkosh. As a member of Oshkosh Rotary Southwest, Tom recruited an enthusiastic and energetic group of fellow Rotarians to help him make his vision a reality. The original group consisted of Karen Fredrick, Bob Hernke, Craig Burnett, Wendy Hielsberg, Jenny Biese and Bob Heinz. Through this project Tom wanted to create a partnership between the Celebration of Lights and the Parks Department. Over the years, both groups have formed a partnership that has benefited from COL donating funds to upgrade the electrical infrastructure, at Menominee Park, which also helps other festivals and events that are held there.

Tom Stephany passed away on August 25, 2011. A plaque is displayed in the park and in addition, The Tom Stephany Bridge of Lights, is to honor the man who loved the Oshkosh Parks and worked tirelessly to create an event that brought the community together.

Through the efforts of our volunteers, sponsors and our community, this bright idea, because of our joint efforts, is now one of the largest and most dazzling light show in the Midwest! Let's continue to improve and keep this Oshkosh Holiday Tradition shining bright!

For more information or to volunteer <https://www.oshkoshcol.org/>



Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs

- Nov 3 Oshkosh Area School District
Dr Bryan Davis
Superintendent
- Nov 10 Oshkosh Area United Way
Mary Ann Dilling
President & CEO
- Nov 17 Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Julie Dumke
- Nov 24 Club Fun Day
Nate Olson / Griffin Pollnow
- Dec 1 Oshkosh YMCA
Jeff Schneider
Brandy Hankey
- Dec 8 Update on Zambia
(tentative)
- Dec 15 Algoma United Methodist Church
(Nativity display) offsite
Oshkosh North Madrigals
- Dec 22 (open)
- Dec 29 (open)

Recurring Events

- 2nd Club Board Meeting
- Monday Revs Bowl Bar & Grill
- Nov 8 4:00pm
- All are welcome to attend!

Thank You



Thanks to all who volunteered for Shared Harvest. The Food Pantry is thankful for all the produce we collected. ~ Shelly

Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene



Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

How Rotary makes help happen

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

- Access to Toilets in the Philippines
- Making Schools Healthier
- Water for a Community
- Wash in Guatemala Schools
- Water Supply in Tanzania

Read more ...

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/providing-clean-water>

March is Water, Sanitation & Hygiene month



In Search Of ...



The Rotary Club of Oshkosh Southwest will be in search of a new

Secretary and Hub editor no later than 6/30/2023.

Yes, you read that correctly.

I will be retiring my position(s) at the end of Brad Dunn's term.

No, I am not pursuing the presidency.

If you are interested in either or both of the positions, please let Mike Vaughan or Brad Dunn know.

Karlene Leatherman

Save the Date



Join us Wednesday, Dec 15, starting at 11:30am at the Algoma United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Blvd.

View over 1000

Nativities, share a lunch** and enjoy the music of the Oshkosh North High School Madrigals.

The late Mildred Turner, a former kindergarten teacher from Omro, began donating Nativities to the church in 1996 with a donation of more than 600 sets. She later made another donation of more than 400 sets. Turner began collecting Nativities in 1988 as a response to her mother's death, which followed her retirement because of illness.

The pieces in the collection come from North, South & Central America, Africa, Australia, Europe, Russia & Asia. Materials used in their creation range from paper, fabric & glass to various stones, precious metals, soda cans & marshmallows. Nativity scenes are depicted on items as practical as a cookie jar and as fanciful as lace. They range in size from 5-feet tall to smaller than a thumb.

**** Sign up is requested so we know how much food to order ****



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

**Words of Inspiration
October**

Allison Garner

**Greeters
Oct 27~**

Scott Waterworth

Nov 3 ~

Gerald Hendrickson

Today's Meeting Location

Best Western Premier
Atheam Ballroom
1 N Main St, Oshkosh

SW Rotary Website

oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org
(currently under re-construction)

The District Website

rotary6270.org

Rotary International Website

rotary.org



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

first
Is it the **TRUTH**?

second
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third
Will it build **GOODWILL**
and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

fourth
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?