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## TODAY'S PRESENTATION:

**Oshkosh Police Department  
Officer Scott Sopata & Magic**

### Today's Presentation



Today we welcome **Officer Scott Sopata & Magic**.

Magic is a professionally trained, two-year-old female Golden Retriever, who will provide emotional support to both

members of the community and officers.

Magic will be working with the department's Behavioral Health Officer, Scott Sopata, who since October 2021 has been responding to behavioral health related calls, highly sensitive/emotional calls for service, as well as being used to support employees of the Oshkosh Police Department after critical incidents.

"I am very excited about incorporating Magic into my role as BHO. We will work as a Team to assist individuals in crisis situations, help them get any needed resources, and will also conduct after care follow up with them. Magic will bring an additional sense of calm and peace wherever she goes," Officer Sopata said.

Magic was trained through a nonprofit program called, Journey Together. The service dogs reside at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution and inmates apply to the program to provide training in a number of areas and care for the dogs. Community volunteers go to the facility to provide instruction with inmates and take the dogs out of the prison to provide experiences that are not possible in a correctional facility. This partnership significantly decreases the cost of training service dogs, increasing the number of dogs who can be trained and placed in the community. Through the program, Magic earned several certifications: Canine Good Citizen, Advanced Canine Good Citizen, Urban Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog.

Thank you Officer Sopata & Magic!

### Battle on Bago Feb 17 & 18

### RAFFLE TICKETS DUE!

Battle on Bago 2023, Feb 17-18



If you are purchasing or selling raffle tickets, please contact Scott Waterworth

Return unsold tickets or (preferably) money & ticket stubs by **Feb 8** to Scott.

Make checks payable to **Battle on Bago**. (You may not bill your Rotary account for the tickets)

Remember: 100% of the proceeds from the sale of these tickets comes right back to our club.

### Day by Day Meals



The Rotary Club of Oshkosh Southwest will be serving meals at the Day By Day Warming Shelter on

**Thursday, Feb 23, 5:30-7:00pm**

6 people are needed.

Plated meals are served via the kitchen service window.

If interested, contact Jessica Benesh.

### 2022 - 2023 Board

<b>President</b>	Brad Dunn
<b>President Elect</b>	Karlene Leatherman
<b>Past President</b>	Mike Vaughan
<b>Secretary</b>	Karlene / Mike
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kathy Hanson
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Barb Herzog

### Avenues of Service

#### Club:

Griffin Pollnow, Becky Metz

#### Community:

Allison Garner, Scott Waterworth

#### International:

Bill Thimke, Nick Hahn

#### New Generations:

Eric Smiltneek, Jessica Benesh

#### Vocational:

Autumn Urban, Matt Vaughan

### Committees

#### Foundation:

Bill Wyman, Todd Slagter

#### Membership:

Kristopher Ulrich, Nate Olson

#### Programs:

Allison Garner, Jessica Benesh

#### Public Relations:

Siri Pollnow

#### Greeters / Invocations:

Erik Gialdella

#### Environmental:

Tom Weber, Vicky Redlin

### District 6270

**District Governor:** Mike Phillips

**RI President:** Jennifer Jones



Calendar of Events	
Upcoming Programs	
Feb 22	<b>Parent Connection</b> Kelly Hinz, Elissa Kraynik
Mar 1	<b>PARM</b> Andy Saray
Mar 8	<b>6270 District Governor</b> Mike Phillips
Mar 15	<b>Sunken Paddle Ciderworks</b> Doug Post
Mar 22	<b>Taking Root II Campaign</b> Travis Derks
Mar 29	<b>On The Wing</b> Jane Kelly
Apr 5	<b>Drug Court</b> John Jorgenson
Apr 12	<b>Oshkosh Area School District</b> Dr Bryan Davis (tentative)
May 10	<b>Fox Valley Memory Project</b>
Recurring Events	
2nd Monday	<b>Club Board Meeting</b> Revs Bowl Bar & Grill 275 N Washburn St Oshkosh All are welcome to attend!
Mar 13 4pm	


## Trivia Night Friday, Feb 24, 2023

**9th Annual ~ "Building Community Through Education"**

**OSHKOSH AREA SCHOOLS DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

**Trivia Extravaganza Fundraiser**  
Friday, Feb 24, 2023  
Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W 20th Ave  
Oshkosh Southwest and Fortifi Bank (Mike V) will be sponsoring teams.  
Sign-up sheets out.  
Still need one more for each team.

## Scholarships

 If you have or know of any graduating seniors that might be interested in applying for our scholarships please let them know.

Deadline 3/11/2023  
<https://www.oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org/about-us/new-generations>



The Rotary Western Great Lakes District Conference, intended for any Rotarian, not just leadership, is set for Friday April 28 and Saturday April 29, 2023. Attendance will be in person at The LaCrosse Center, LaCrosse, WI. Attendees from Districts 6220, 6250 and 6270 will have the opportunity to gain useful skills that can be used in their Rotary club, and inspiration that will motivate them to embrace Rotary even more.

Internationally-known featured speakers will provide keen insights about their passion projects during the addresses on both days. For TriCon 2023 details, visit [Rotary Western Great Lakes District Conference: About \(rotarywglconf.org\)](http://Rotary Western Great Lakes District Conference: About (rotarywglconf.org))



**Words of Inspiration**  
**February 15**  
Michael Raymond

**Greeters**  
**February 15**  
Karen Boehm  
Alyse Paulson  
**February 22**  
Shelly Hurzeler  
Amy Montgomery

**Today's Meeting Location**  
Best Western Premier  
Atheam Ballroom  
1 N Main St, Oshkosh

**SW Rotary Website**  
[oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org](http://oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org)

**District 6270 Website**  
[rotary6270.org](http://rotary6270.org)

**Rotary International Website**  
[rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

 [Oshkosh Rotary Southwest](#)

 [Rotary Club of Oshkosh Southwest](#)



## Mac 'n Brew Saturday, April 15, 2023

 Save the date to attend or volunteer at our largest fundraiser.

Enjoy the many, many different choices of mac & cheese, savor several of the area's finest local brews.

More information coming.