



### TODAY'S MEETING:

**Planet Perk Café and the Purrrk Club**

Ken Osmond

### Today's Presentation

Today's speaker is Ken Osmond, small businessman extraordinaire, humanitarian, and a cat lover.

In 2008, Ken Osmond purchased Planet Perk Café which was founded in 1996 and had moved to its current City Center location. Ken purchased the café with one idea in mind, "to prove that a business can be environmentally conscious, socially responsible, act for the betterment of the community and be successful."

Their tagline pretty much says it, "One Planet, Many Perks." Part of the tagline, "One planet" refers to the fact that we only have one planet, so we better take care of it. The other part, "many perks", refers to the many incredible things about our planet, our country, and our community that make life so precious and wonderful.

Today Ken will share about Planet Perk and the many things they do for our community. But he'll also be talking about The Planet Purrrk Club, a cat lounge, co-working space, and study hall. It is the result of a collaboration between Planet Perk Coffee Houses and the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

The cat lounge is home to an average of 15 cats that are all fully adoptable. They are all healthy, spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, and have all of the vaccinations up to date. Each cat is ready to find their forever home.

This is a place to chill with cats, work or study. They also have many evening programs (events) you can participate in. To learn more about hanging out with kitties visit [planetperkcoffeehouses.com/planet-purrrk-club](http://planetperkcoffeehouses.com/planet-purrrk-club).

### Southwest Rotary Scholarships

Scholarships are provided each year to graduating senior students from any Oshkosh high school. Our focus on scholarship granting is to those students with demonstrated focus on volunteer community service.

The scholarship deadline is March 20, 2024.

If you have any questions or need more information on the scholarship process, please contact Nick Hahn.

The scholarship application can be found on our website: <https://www.oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org/assets/content/files/download/oshkosh-rotary-southwest-scholarship-hs-2024.pdf>

Or, scan the QR code below.



### Calendar of Events

- Mar. 18 **Service Project at the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry**  
Sign-Up Required
- Mar. 20 **Oshkosh Art Collective**  
Jessica Lomena
- Mar. 27 **Denmark Exchange Student**  
Sara
- Apr. 3 **Osh. North Communities**  
Susie Leib
- Apr. 8 **Club Board of Directors Meeting at Revs**  
Starts at 4pm
- Apr. 10 **People of Oshkosh**  
Grace Lim
- Apr. 15 **Day by Day Shelter**  
Meal Serving, Info on Back

### SAVE THE DATE!

April 18-20, 2024 | Green Bay, Wisconsin  
Register at [rotarytricon.com](http://rotarytricon.com)



**District 6270 District Governor Message:**

In case you missed the email, Don Griffin passed along the announcement about a former Oshkosh Rotarian that recently passed away. His message below details some of her remarkable achievements.

"We also mourn the loss of Catherine "Cathy" Zimmerman, who served as District Governor in 2003-2004. Following the US Supreme Court decision allowing women in Rotary, Cathy became a member of the Rotary Club of Oshkosh in August 1987. Cathy's commitment to service was exemplified by her status as a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and her receipt of Rotary International's prestigious 'Service Above Self' award in 2021. She actively participated in the Paul Harris 711 Club, dedicated to preserving Paul Harris' office as a Rotary landmark and maintaining Rotary's history. A memorial service in memory of Cathy will be held at Zacherl Funeral Home in Fond du Lac. More details can be found on their website <https://www.zacherlfuneralhome.com>.

During this difficult time, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and fellow club members affected by the loss of these cherished friends. Your support and shared condolences are invaluable as we navigate through this period of grief."

Don Griffing (He/Him)  
District Governor

**Save The Date Announcement:**



**The 27th Annual Day of Caring**  
Hosted by OAUW

**Date: Wed. May 8, 2024**  
**Time: 8am until Noon**

**Day by Day Shelter Meal Serving Opportunities for our Club**

We are looking for about 6 fellow Rotarians to help serve a meal at the Day by Day Shelter. If you are willing to help, please reach out to Jessica Benesh.

If you would like to make a financial contribution, you can venmo money to: @Karlene-Leatherman

**Location:** Day by Day Shelter  
**Time:** 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm

**Upcoming Dates:**  
Monday, April 15, 2024  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024  
Monday, June 17, 2024



**Oshkosh Area Community Pantry Volunteer Opportunity For Our Club**

**Date:** Monday March 18, 2024  
**Location:** Oshkosh Area Community Pantry  
**Schedule of events:**  
1st Shift: 1pm until 4pm  
2nd Shift: 4pm until 6:30pm

Join fellow club members as we serve at the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry. Please sign up with the registration for that is by our name tag boxes. You can sign up for one or both shifts as your time permits.



**Upcoming Words of Inspiration & Greeters At Our Weekly Meeting**

**Words of Inspiration**

**Mar. 13th**  
Joe McCleer

**Mar. 20th**  
Ieva Engel

**Greeters**

**Mar. 13th**  
Pam Schubert and Todd Slagter

**Mar. 20th**  
Nick Hahn and Michael Raymond

**Today's Meeting Location**

Oshkosh Convention Center  
South Breakout Rooms  
2 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](https://www.facebook.com/OshkoshRotarySouthwest)