

# The Hub Oshkosh Rotary Southwest

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### November 19, 2003

#### **Today's Program**

Catherine Zimmerman, 2003-2004 District Governor

## Foundation Month Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio

In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus, one of the most ambitious humanitarian programs ever undertaken by a private-sector organization. PolioPlus was the catalyst for the World Health Assembly's resolution in 1988 to eradicate polio. Today, thanks to Rotary's commitment and its leadership in mobilizing volunteers, the world is on the threshold of eradicating the poliovirus.

Great progress has been made. Seven countries remain polio endemic. The number of cases worldwide has decreased 99 percent since 1985. The greatest obstacle to victory is adequate funding: a \$275 million shortfall must be overcome in the period 2002-05.

For this reason, the RI Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation unanimously decided to launch a one-year campaign to help fill the funding gap, seeking \$80 million in cash and pledges during the period 1 July 2002 through 30 June 2003 (with pledges to be paid over a three-year period).

### Rotary Raises US\$88.5 Million, Exceeding Campaign Goal

On 3 June 2003, at the Rotary International Convention in Brisbane, Australia, RI President Bhichai Rattakul announced that Rotary's 1.2 million members have successfully raised more than US\$88.5 million for the fundraising campaign, surpassing the original goal of \$80 million.

The funds raised are in addition to the \$500 million Rotary has committed to polio eradication since 1985, when Rotary launched its first fundraising drive with the goal of \$120 million — an amount that Rotary more than doubled by the end of that campaign. The remarkable success of the current campaign would not have been possible without the enthusiasm and support of more than 5,000 clubs who have sent their commitments. Additional pledges and club commitments are arriving daily. So far, 528 districts and 117 countries have supported the campaign.

#### **Proposed Members**

Jeff Schneider, YMCA Director Ryan Reddy, Boy Scout, Regional Director Greg Krueger, Assistant Curator at Paine Duane Helwig, Architect

#### **Future Programs**

#### November 20 - Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the board will be at the Pioneer Inn and Marina starting at 7:30 A.M. Members are welcome to attend and these are considered a make up meeting.

**November 26 -** David Omachinski and Eileen Connolly-Kessler will be updating us on the club Foundation

**December 3** - Open - updates from John Butler on Boys and Girls Club wrapping party and Christmas Party. Other Holiday club events will also be discussed.

**December 10** - Ellen - Our Foreign Exchange student tells us about her country.

**December 11** – Club Christmas Party at Julie Pollnow's home.

**December 17 -** Oshkosh West Madrigals

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Now –** The Bob Long Super Bowl ticket sales.

**November 26 -** FESTIVAL OF TREES Join the Celebrity Lunch to kick of the Festival. Rick Vanderloop, Doug Seefeld, and Kris Villars have signed up to host tables. The proceeds go to the Dare, Great, and Sadd programs.

#### **November –** Celebration of Lights-

The Steering Committee is creating a marketing piece to distribute to each car/bus load as they enter this event. In an effort to increase your business we would like you to promote yourself in this advertising piece.

Space is available to advertise a special or just your location, please contact Trisha Schmiedel by November 7th. Home phone is 235-2347 or e-mail tschmiedel@llsa.com.

Prices of ads:

1/4 page-\$50

1/2 page-\$100

Full page-\$200

As with last year, plenty of volunteer help will be needed for setup, take-down, and operating the event. Please watch your Rotary tables for sign-up sheets, contact Craig Burnett or Karen Fredrick, or send email to: volunteer@oshkoshcelebrationoflights.org

**November 26** — Donations are being requested for Parkview Health Center. There are sheets are on the tables for monetary gifts or ideas of gifts to purchase. These are used for Christmas or birthdays. **Next week is the last week to bring items.** 

**December 5** – Starting on November 12<sup>th</sup> the can food drive was kicked off. The proceeds will be going to Roosevelt School unless you mark the sheet differently. Sign up sheets are on the tables to donate money to purchase a case or a ½ case of canned goods. Prices range from \$3.00 - \$10.00 ½ to full case. This project will end on December 5<sup>th</sup>. This project helps all of the local food pantries.

**December 18** – John Butler will host the wrapping party at his home again this year. We need your help! Join the fun at 5:30 P.M. until the last package is wrapped. .

**December 22** – The Exchange Clubs Christmas Party will be held at the Boys and Girls club starting at 5:30 P.M. The more the merrier we need lots of man power to make this a success.

February 1, 2004 - Superbowl Party

#### Youth Exchange

Ellen Demmin our inbound student has a new cell phone number. She would like to experience many events this year. If you have some event coming up invite her along. Her number is 379-7730.

#### The Four Way Test

By Herbert I. Taylor – Chicago – 1932 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?