

# The Hub of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary

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## Today

### *Rick Debe – Polio Plus*

## Rotary News & Notes

News from last week:

- o Marcus let us know that our recent new member social was reasonably attended with new members. Another will be held before summer – it's a great way for new members to learn more about the club and fellow club members in an informal setting, so keep your eyes peeled for more news in the late spring.
- o Mark Stockli's looking for Meals on Wheels bags. If you have one (or several), please bring them on Wednesday so they can get back in circulation.
- o The Battle On 'Bago is getting closer and closer. Now that spearing is all done, winter fishers have the Battle to look forward to on March 1.

The committee is actively looking for raffle prizes. If you have something you or your business would like to donate, see Glenn Curran or one of the other committee members. The committee is also looking for volunteers for the day of the event.

If you'd like to fish, tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 the day of the event. If you don't want to fish, you can support the event

by buying a Battle on 'Bago t-shirt – just \$15 each.

See [www.battleonbago.com](http://www.battleonbago.com) for more details or talk with one of the fish-battlin' Rotarians to learn more.

## More Funds to Rotary for Polio Eradication

Another high tech-originated foundation has stepped into the charitable tailwind created by the Gates Foundation's November, 2007 \$100 million challenge grant to the Rotary Foundation for polio eradication.

On February 14, Rotary International announced that the Google Foundation had made a \$3.5 million challenge grant to the Rotary Foundation, with the expectation that Rotary will match the challenge dollar-for-dollar over the next year.

Since 1985, Rotary has helped immunize nearly two billion children and contributed \$650 million to the global effort to eliminate polio.

Globally, the number of polio cases has fallen from 350,000 annually in the mid-1980s to approximately 2,000 cases in 2006. there are now only 4 polio-endemic countries in the world: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

## 2007 – 2008 Board

<b>President:</b>	Marcus Butts
<b>Pres. Elect:</b>	Craig Burnett
<b>Past Pres.:</b>	Wendy Hielsberg
<b>Secretary:</b>	Gerald Krueger
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Kathy Hanson
<b>Foundation:</b>	David Omachinski
<b>Membership:</b>	John Holdorf
<b>Sgt-at-Arms:</b>	Doug Seefeld

### Club Service Chairs

Kate Thome & JoAnn Konkel

### Community Service Chairs

Nancy Leipzig & Amy Montgomery

### International Service Chairs

Bill Thimke & Tom Shepeck

### Vocational Service Chairs

Karen Fredrick & Nicole Allie

### Dist. 6270

**Dist. Gov.:** Ted Gurzynski  
**Zone-B A.D.G.:** James Chitwood

**R.I. President:** Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

## Calendar of Events

### Upcoming Programs

Feb 27	Bob Stauffer - Labrador and Newfoundland
Mar. 5	Tom Still, Wisconsin Technology Council – Stem Cell Research
Mar. 12	Avenue of Service Updates
Mar. 26	Bill Hattendorf – U.S. Bank Championship golf tournament in Milwaukee

### Recurring Events

4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Club Board Meeting 11:30 – 1:00, Delta Restaurant
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### Other Rotary Events

Mar. 1	Battle on 'Bago Ice Fishing Tournament – Miller's Bay (Menominee Park)
Apr. 19	District Assembly
Apr. 19	WineFeast
May 16 - 18	District Conference

## President's Minute



It has been a long cold winter and we are all thinking of ways to stay warm and things to do during the

dog days of winter in Wisconsin.

February is when the ground hog pops his head out and predicts if we have more winter or an early spring. Whoever that groundhog is, usually is wrong. No matter when spring comes this year, if it does, we will never forget this winter, it is definitely been one for the records.

In our Rotary calendar February is World Understanding Month, an opportunity to share with one another different ways to accomplish understanding and that can come through service. There are many projects that we are involved in that bring all types of people together and from this come the sharing of a common goal.

### Oxymoronic

Act naturally  
Sanitary landfill  
Small crowd  
New classic  
Clearly misunderstood  
Temporary tax increase  
Tight slacks

As we share that common goal we are bringing people together in peace to help each other. We need to understand each other in order to get along, if we resist we create conflict and this makes our world, and our community a tough place to live. So as we promote World Understanding Month, make sure you take time out of your busy lives to educate someone somewhere on what Rotary is and what we are doing to create understanding not only on a local level but also on an international level.

We need to continue being involved and making a difference, because those little things have a huge effect, not only now, but as we progress into the future. Thanks for making a difference! Thanks for being a Rotarian!!

### Random Bits of History

*Continuing an irregular series of notes about the history of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary:*

In the 1988 - 1989 year, Julie Pollnow broke new ground in Southwest Rotary as our very first female member, on the path to becoming our club's first female president eight years later.

In the same year, the club ramped up its scholarship program, granting 5 scholarships totalling \$2,500 to Oshkosh high school and Fox Valley Technical College students.

The origin of our portion of what is now WineFeast was also born in that club year with a Wine and Cheese Night on March 17, 1989. Amidst horrible weather, the net was \$1,000. From humble beginnings...

## Weekly Invocations

Upcoming Invocations:

February	David Green
March	Tom Goddard
April	Dick Ames
May	<i>need to fill</i>

## Weekly Greeters

Feb 20 Amy Montgomery  
Allen Degner

Feb 27 Cecil Streeter

## New Member Proposal

The following individual has been approved by the club Board of Directors:

Timothy Cook (1<sup>st</sup> pub.)  
CEO, Clarity Care  
Classification: CEO - Social Service Agency  
Proposed by: Nancy Leipzig  
Transfer from Oshkosh Rotary

## The Hub – Info Please!

If you have club business you'd like to have highlighted in the Hub, please get it to Craig Burnett:

[hub@oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org](mailto:hub@oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org)



### 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?