The Hub





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TODAY'S PRESENTATION:

Virtual Medical Panel Dr Eric Smiltneek

zoom

Video Conferencing

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Today's Presentation



Led by fellow Rotarian Dr. Eric Smiltneek.

we have a virtual panel about recovery efforts in Oshkosh during Covid-19.

Steven Mui will speak about alternative medicine using Facebook live.

Jacob Spangenberg will speak about virtual outpatient treatments group therapy.

Megan Reinl will speak about running sober living houses during a pandemic Thank you all!



Highway Cleanup



It was the "perfect" day for Highway Cleanup on Saturday.

9 trash bags were filled by Becky Metz,

Brad Dunn, John Holdorf, Karlene Leatherman, Nick & Lucien Hahn, Todd & Meg Slagter. Thanks!

Update from Peru



Our bakery in Ate is headed by a really nice young man Gabriel. He

takes care of stray cats and really loves his job. He got the job through us. The city recommended him but we paid for his training to become a baker. He and his crew made 1,000 loaves of sweet bread, I have had his recipe and it taste like pumpkin spice to me. They were made and distributed by the city to moms.

~ Bill Thimke



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Club: Becky Metz & Griffin Pollnow
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SW Rotary Website

<u>oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org</u> (currently under re-construction)

The District Website rotary6270.org

Rotary International Website rotary.org





In an effort to get to know our fellow Southwest Rotarians a little better we will be doing a series of Mini Classification talks re-introducing members to each other through their vocations. It will be a Q+A format asking simple questions.

Please read through the list below and consider how you would answer each. In the coming weeks Gretchen Herrmann will be following up with members to gather the information to share with the group.

Name:

Profession:

How did you prepare for this profession? Schooling, training, etc.

What is one skill needed - or trait of your profession - that would surprise people?

Would you encourage young people to go into your field? Why or why not?

What would you like Rotarians to know about your business?

How is your business affected by the pandemic?

What are you most grateful for regarding your career?

Rotary Voices

The Four-Way Test isn't a tool to judge others

By Martin "Marty" Postic Jr., past governor of District 5750 and a member of the Rotary Club of OKC Sunrise, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA

In our contentious society, I see friends who are members of Rotary use The Four-Way Test to support opposing political and social arguments and to criticize the thoughts, statements, and actions of others. I see members with completely opposing viewpoints use the same Four-Way Test to both support their argument and demean others. Rotarians and others are using all forms of social media to share their opinions about perceived violations of The Four-Way Test, causing others to pile on additional comments and insults, all with little thought to how this affects our public image.

Which leads me to this basic premise:

The Four-Way Test is a mirror, not a window

Rotary members should not use The Four-Way Test to look at others but rather to look at themselves in considering the ramifications of a thought, statement, or action. It should not be a *window* through which we look to judge others. It is a *mirror* at which we look to judge ourselves.

The argument I've heard Rotarians make is that if they determine some thought, statement, or action violates any part of the test, it is their duty to declare that thought, statement, or action wrong. I have heard The Four-Way Test used to support any number of topics, some which readers would find hard to support. Yet through the Internet, one can cobble together any sort of argument to back any thought or concept with a plethora of "facts."

I do not believe that is what The Four-Way Test is about. I believe the test is more about how we treat each other than how we measure ideas.

Of course, it is a challenging standard. It's difficult to keep from *thinking* something. But what is more important is how you act on that thought. If you *think* to yourself, "I don't like this person," it becomes a matter of what you *do* with that thought.



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?

You can try to dispel it as well as any urge to take some negative action to satisfy your dislike of the person. You can also decide whether you **say** something to that person or tell others what you think.

This is where social media distorts things, because society now seems to embrace negative, vitriolic, or fake comments – as long as the comments agree with our own views. Posting such comments even in the name of The Four-Way Test is certainly not FAIR to all concerned and definitely does not build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS.

This brings me to the realization that using The Four-Way Test to argue political and social issues is in itself contrary to the test. We must never use the test to support a position while opposing or berating someone else's position. We should not use The Four-Way Test to support or oppose contentious "hot button" issues, to comment on political discord, or to respond to another's comment.

We need to **teach** The Four-Way Test to all of our friends. We don't need to **preach** it. Rotary takes pride that it is a non-political, non-religious organization. That has allowed us to make inroads in parts of the world where governments and religious organizations can't. Let's not sully Rotary's reputation by using these 24 words of ethical and moral thought to tear each other down.