



TODAY'S PRESENTATIONS:

George Ritchie
IFFR President

Pat Merryweather-Arges
Rotary International Vice President

Today's Presentation



Today we welcome George Ritchie, President of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians. He will be speaking about Rotary Fellowships & Action Groups, with a specific focus on what the Flying Rotarians fellowship does.

George essentially grew up with flying, Rotary, and the IFFR. His father learnt to fly when George was 6 years old. He was a Rotarian who joined the IFFR in 1974, when George was a teenager. George was in Rotaract and Round Table during earlier years before settling on joining the Westminster International Rotary Club in Central London.

In 2016, he was "double-pinned" as a Rotarian and full IFFR member and became club President and is currently the Rotary in London District Fellowships & Action Groups Officer.

Learn more about George and the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians on the following websites: iffr.org (International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians) and flyingrotarians.org (IFFR President's Blog).



Along with our main presentation by George, we will welcome an update from 2023-2024 Rotary International Vice President Pat Merryweather-Arges. She joins us from the Rotary Club of Naperville. Pat joined Rotary in 2002 and has been involved in countless Rotary activities, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

2023 - 2024 Board

President	Karlene Leatherman
President Elect	Erik Gialdella
Past President	Brad Dunn
Secretary	Mike Vaughan
Treasurer	Kathy Hanson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim Chitwood

Avenues of Service

Club:

Nate Olson, Griffin Pollnow

Community:

Jessica Benesh, Dan Lenz

International:

Bill Thimke, Nick Hahn

Youth Services (Previously New Generations):

Karen Boehm, Brad Dunn,
Michael Raymond, Eric Smiltneek

Vocational:

Matt Vaughan

Committees

Foundation:

Dave Omachinski, Todd Slagter

Membership:

Shelly Hurzeler, Kristopher Ulrich

Programs:

Greg Giles, Carmen Leal

Public Relations:

Siri Pollnow

Greeters / Invocations:

Erik Gialdella

Environmental:

Tom Hallquist

District 6270

District Governor: Don Griffing

Rotary International

President: Gordon McNally





Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs

- July 26 **EAA Flying Rotarians Picnic**
- Aug. 2 **Corbett House Update/Story**
Katy & Tim Neubauer
- Aug. 9 **Oshkosh Jazz Festival**
Erin Boehm
- Aug. 16 **To Be Determined**
- Aug. 23 **Importance of Education**
Dr. George Koonce Jr. Ph.D.

Recurring Events

- 2nd **Club Board Meeting**
- Monday **Best Western Premier**
- Aug. 14 **Lake Poygan Room (2nd flr)**
- 4pm **1 N Main St, Oshkosh**
All are welcome to attend!

In Case You Missed It...

President Karlene Leatherman and our club received a nice write up in July 19th edition of the Oshkosh Herald. Check out the article below.

Rotary Club Southwest names president

The Rotary Club of Oshkosh Southwest celebrated its Changing of the Guard on June 29 with the naming of a new club president and presentation of annual awards.

Karlene Leatherman was welcomed as club president for 2023-24, replacing Brad Dunn, who was thanked and honored for his service.

Leatherman has been a member of Southwest Rotary for seven years, serving as membership chairman for two years and club secretary for five years. She is an assistant at 2Blondes in Oshkosh and was former co-manager of the Oshkosh Farmers Market with husband Dennis.

"I am proud and honored to work with such a wonderful group of people who follow Rotary mottos Service Above Self and People of Action," Leatherman said. Her mantra for the year is, "No one can do ev-



Leatherman

erything, but everyone can do something." She has been active on behalf of Rotary by preparing and serving meals at the Day by Day Shelter, Oshkosh Area United Way's Day of Caring, Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block, building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, preparing food for Hope Fridge, and assisting with Parent Connection's Christmas Party.

Awards were given to Kristopher Ulrich as Rotarian of the Year, Keegan Langkau as New Rotarian of the Year, and to Becky Metz and Richard Ames as Nicole Peterson Service Above Self Award winners.

Board of directors include Erik Gialdella, president-elect; Mike Vaughan, secretary; Kathy Hanson, treasurer; Jim Chitwood, sergeant-at-arms, Dunn, immediate past president; along with Jessica Benesh, Karen Boehm, Greg Giles, Nicholas Hahn, Tom Hallquist, Shelly Hurlzeler, Carmen Leal, Dan Lenz, Nate Olson, Siri Pollnow, Griffin Pollnow, Michael Raymond, Todd Slagter, Eric Smiltneek, Bill Thimke, Ulrich and Matt Vaughan.

Curb Appeal Awards

Taking nominations throughout the summer for the Beautification Curb Appeal Awards. For more information contact Tom Weber or Tom Hallquist.



**Founders Picnic
Wednesday, August 2**

**Wednesday
Aug 2, 5pm**

Dick Ames' 3270 Shorewood Dr Side dishes & desserts are welcomed. BYO meat to grill. **SIGN UP!**



Fill Up...Hope Fridge & More

Wednesday

Aug. 23, directly after our meeting – all members are welcome to stay and help

Athearn Ballroom

Donations Being Accepted

Contact Jessica Benish to arrange a donation. You can donate items such as bread, peanut butter, deli meat, etc. or monetary donations for the purchasing of items.

**Festival Foods – Brat Fry
Tuesday, August 29**



Tuesday

**Aug 29, 8am – 7pm
Sign Up Is Full!**

Share the word and stop out and enjoy some food and

beverage to help support out club!

**Day by Day Shelter
Meal Serving**

Tuesday, Sept. 19

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Day by Day Shelter

SIGN UP!

Help with providing and serving a meal at the Day by Day Shelter. Contact Jessica Benish for more information.



Upcoming Words of Inspiration & Greeters At Our Weekly Meeting

If you would like to help out at our club meetings by volunteering to give a few words of inspiration or by helping greet our members and guests as they arrive, please email Erik Gialdella at erik@bowlrevs.com.

Words of Inspiration

July 26

Erik Gialdella

Greeters

July 26 (At EAA Picnic)

Gerald Hendrickson, Andy DeWitt

August 2

Scott Waterworth, Amy Montgomery

Today's Meeting Location

EAA Nature Center Pavilion

Flying Rotarians Picnic

1157 Galatin Ave, Oshkosh



SW Rotary Website

oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org

District 6270 Website

rotary6270.org

Rotary International Website

rotary.org



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