



## ***TODAY'S MEETING***

### **SEPO Zambia Update**

Dr. Eric Smiltneek & Muche Subulwa  
*Oshkosh Convention Center  
South Breakout Room*

### ***Sustainability, Education, & Progress as One***

SEPO Zambia is a non-profit organization dedicated to sustainability, education, and progress in western Zambia and northeastern Wisconsin. In conjunction with our local partners, SEPO Zambia utilizes anti-colonial and anti-racist principles and strategies to identify community needs and strengths, develop global partnerships, and build more sustainable futures.

Join us as Dr. Eric Smiltneek and Muche Subulwa tell us about their June trip to Zambia and update as on the exciting school and clinic projects. (See side bar for a sneak peek.)

## ***Congratulations!!***



*Past president Karlene Leatherman was presented the Rotary Citation Award by past district governor Don Griffing at last week's meeting. Only 17 percent of clubs around the world received this award for 2023-24. We're so proud of this recognition and grateful for Karlene's leadership.*

## ***Southwest Rotary Around the World***

Join us today for an update on Dr. Eric's recent trip to Zambia and the exciting projects happening there thanks in part to the support of Southwest Rotary.

### ***By Dr. Eric Smiltneek***

SEPO means hope in Lozi language. For the past 15 years, SEPO has worked with the people of western Zambia to provide funding and assistance for projects to improve their community.

SEPO was founded by Mushe and Ang Subulwa as a way to stay connected and support the community that supported Mushe during his childhood. Rotary has been working with SEPO since 2018 with two projects—the Kalungu school and the Mabumbu health center.

During our 2024 trip through the generous funds provided by Oshkosh Southwest Rotary and others, we were able to provide mattresses and supplies to the Mabumbu clinic and birth center, and complete a new classroom block and furnish it with desks and tables. My family was involved with fundraising and gathering supplies and then were fortunate enough to visit the school and clinic in June with Ang and Mushe.



### ***Photo Captions***

1. *New classroom desks supported by Rotary*
2. *Mattresses are delivered to the clinic*
3. *Eric connects with Zambia Rotarian Kingsley Lilamono*

### **Boys & Girls Club meeting follow up**

The Boys & Girls Club sent a note thanking our club for holding our meeting at their location in August. If you would like more information about The Boys & Girls Club, to schedule a tour, or to have your name added to their mailing list, please contact Bonnie Behnke, Director of Development, at [bonnieb@bgcosh.org](mailto:bonnieb@bgcosh.org).

*Club Service Opportunities**Upcoming Words of Inspiration & Greeters At Our Weekly Meeting****Pups on the Runway***  
*Benefitting the Day by Day Shelter*

**Date:** Thur., Sep. 12  
**Time:** 5-8 p.m.  
**Location:** Becket's Atrium  
**Volunteer:** Visit [volunteeroshkosh.org](http://volunteeroshkosh.org)  
 or scan the QR code

Volunteers are needed for Pups on the Runway. The event will raise funds for Phoenix the facility dog at the Day by Day Shelter. The event will feature a dog and pet parent fashion show, local author book signing, raffles, Dog Expo and more. Funds will be used for Phoenix's vet care, food, supplies, etc.

***Day by Day Shelter Meal***

**Date:** Wednesday, September 18  
 Monday, November 4  
**Time:** 5:30-7 p.m.  
**Location:** Day by Day Shelter,  
 420 Ceape Ave  
**Register:** Contact Jessica Benesh  
*More Details to Follow*

***Parent Connection Christmas Party—Save the Date***

**Dates:** Tues., Dec. 10—Wrapping Party  
 Wed., Dec. 11—Christmas Party with Families  
**Time:** TBD  
**Location:** Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh  
 501 E. Parkway Ave.  
**Register:** Contact Kristopher Ulrich  
*More Details to Follow*

***Christine Ann Center Movers Needed***

**Date:** September 4, 5 & 17  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (times flexible)  
**Location:** Christine Ann Center  
 206 Algoma Blvd.  
**Contact:** Anise (Christine Ann Center)  
[Anise@christineann.net](mailto:Anise@christineann.net) or  
 920-235-5998

The Christine Ann urgently needs help moving items from their current building to their new location next door at the times listed above. Times are flexible. If you are available to help or have any questions, please contact Anise at [Anise@christineann.net](mailto:Anise@christineann.net) or 920-235-5998 as soon as possible.

*Club Social Opportunities****Paddles Up! Dragon Boat Races***

**Date:** Friday, September 13  
 Practice Day (Practice Time TBD)  
 Saturday, September 14  
 Race Day, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Location:** Leach Amphitheater  
**Contact:** Captain Dan Lenz

Only a few spots remain on Rotary's Dragon Boat team, "Paddling for Polio." This is a great opportunity to get to know fellow club members and the share "The Magic of Rotary" within our community. Contact Dan Lenz to join the team!

***Words of Inspiration***

**September 4**  
 Michael Raymond

**September 11**  
 Kyle Hicks

***Greeters***

**September 4**  
 Tess Domnie and Olson Legal Group

**September 11**  
 David Geurden and Barb Herzog

***Today's Meeting Location***

Oshkosh Convention Center  
 South Breakout Rooms  
 2 N Main Street



**SW Rotary Website**  
[oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org](http://oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org)

**District 6270 Website**  
[rotary6270.org](http://rotary6270.org)

**Rotary International Website**  
[rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

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