



TODAY'S MEETING

Highlights from the Rotary International Convention in Calgary
Karen Boehm, 2025-26 President, Oshkosh Southwest Rotary
Oshkosh Convention Center South Breakout Rooms, 2 N. Main St.



“Yahoo” is the official greeting of Calgary. 2025-26 President Karen Boehm will share highlights from the Rotary International Convention, including breakout sessions, special events, one-on-one conversations and more. Learn how the inspiring people of Rotary are *Uniting for Good* to change every corner of the world!

Message from Past-President Erik Gialdella

Dear Oshkosh Southwest Rotary,

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President for the 2024–2025 Rotary year.



From the moment I joined this club, I was warmly welcomed and made to feel right at home. That initial sense of belonging made a lasting impression on me, and I've felt that same spirit of camaraderie and kindness throughout my presidency. Thank you for your unwavering support, your energy, and your commitment to Service Above Self.

This past year, we embraced opportunities, took on challenges, and came together in meaningful ways. Not everything went exactly as we planned—our Harley-Davidson raffle, for instance,

didn't quite hit the mark—but we learned from it and kept moving forward. On the flip side, projects like our district grant for feminine hygiene supplies for school was a tremendous success, showcasing the passion and heart that define this club.

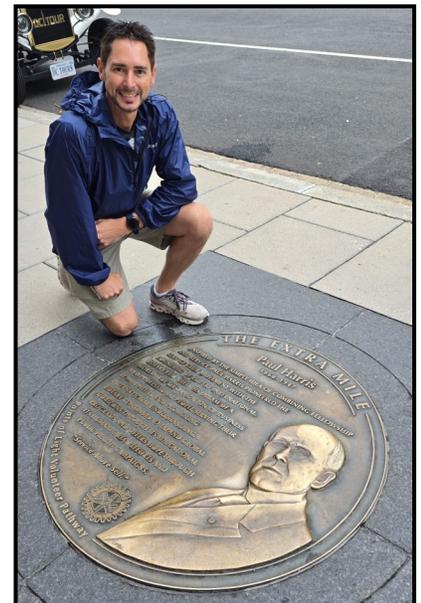
What I've valued most is seeing the diverse ways our members serve. Some of you give your time generously at events, others contribute financially, and many take on leadership roles to keep our projects and partnerships thriving. Every effort matters. And as we look to the future, I challenge each of you to stay connected to our mission. No matter how you serve, remember *why* we serve—to make a positive impact in our community and in the world.

I'm writing this message from Washington, D.C., having just taken a walk by the White House—and I couldn't help but reflect on the journey of leadership and what might lie ahead (hmm... what comes after being a Rotary Club President?). But today, I'm simply filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve this club, and I'm so proud of what we've accomplished together.

I'm also thrilled to pass the torch to our incoming President, Karen Boehm. I have no doubt that her leadership will continue to strengthen our club's legacy and momentum.

Thank you again for an incredible, inspiring, and truly **MAGICAL** year.

Sincerely,
Erik Gialdella,
President, 2024–2025
Oshkosh Southwest Rotary



Pictured left: Erik in front of the White House in Washington D.C.

Pictured Above: Erik poses with an emblem of Paul Harris on the sidewalk near the White House.

Service Opportunities

Festival Foods Brat Fry

Thursday, July 10
Thursday, August 21
8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Festival Foods
2415 Westowne Ave.
Sign up at the Registration Table



Flying Rotarians Picnic

Monday, July 21,
12-1:30 p.m.
EAA Nature Center
Pavilion, 1157 Galatin Ave



The Gathering

Thursday, July 24, 4-10 p.m.
EAA Eagle Hangar, 300 Poberezny Rd.
25 volunteers are needed. This service project provides us free use of the EAA Nature Center for the Flying Rotarians Picnic. Sign up at the registration table.



School Supplies



Oshkosh Back 2 School Fair

Tues., Aug. 12 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.— Set up
Wed., Aug. 13 | 12-6 p.m.— Fair guides
Thur., Aug. 14 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.— Fair guides
Oshkosh North H.S. 1100 W. Smith Ave.
Click [HERE](#) to register or contact Kaci Casey at 920-410-3082 or Rebecca Hackett at 920-420-1848.

Help Spread the Word About Invasive Species

Southwest Rotary recently produced an informative bookmark on Invasive Plant Species in Wisconsin. Please help spread the word by distributing the bookmark and sharing our recent Facebook post (June 16). Click [HERE](#) to link to Rotary's Facebook page.

WISCONSIN INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

INVASIVE PLANTS REPLACE NATIVE PLANTS THAT BENEFIT WISCONSIN WILDLIFE.
JOIN WITH OSKOSH SOUTHWEST ROTARY IN REMOVING INVASIVE PLANTS IN OUR AREA.



FEMALE BUCKTHORN WITH BERRIES
While all buckthorn should be removed, any buckthorn with berries should be removed before berries mature in late summer.



Garlic Mustard
Pull and throw in trash. Seeds will grow in compost.

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Creeping Bellflower
Growing between 2 and 3 feet tall. Very aggressive plant, takes years to remove. Spreads by producing 10,000 seeds per plant and by large "carrot roots" that can extend out a foot or more. Known as the pretty flower that ate my perennial garden.



Japanese Knotweed
Very aggressive plant, takes years to remove. Please Consult Wisconsin DNR website for a complete guide to invasive plants with tips on how to control them.



dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/invasives
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Upcoming Board Meetings

Special Board Meeting with District Governor Liz Nevitt

Wednesday, July 9 | 11 a.m.
Oshkosh Convention Center
South Breakout Rooms
2 N. Main St.

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, July 14 | 4 p.m.
Revs Bowl Bar & Grill
275 N. Washburn St.

Words of Inspiration

Patrick Hughes—July 2
Karlene Leatherman—July 9

Greeters

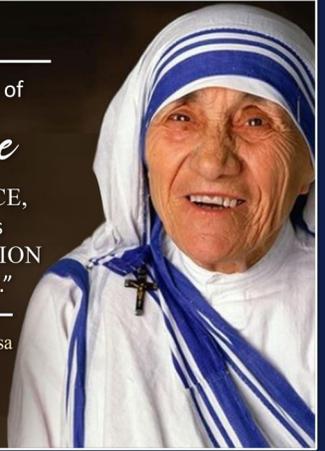
Dan Lenz & Amy Montgomery—July 2
Howard Schwartz & ?????—July 9
One more Greeter is needed for July 9.
Please contact Karen Boehm if you are available.

Volunteer Opportunity

Rotary is seeking a volunteer to schedule members as Greeters and to share Words of Inspiration. Can you help?
Please contact Karen Boehm if interested at kboehm@lourdes.today.

Mark Your Calendars—July 9 District Governor Liz Nevitt

We are excited to announce that the 2025-26 District 6270 Governor Liz Nevitt will be the featured guest at next week's meeting. Liz will be visiting all of the clubs in the district, and ours will be her first visit! Let's give Liz a warm Southwest Rotary welcome!



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St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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