



## **NO MEETING THIS WEEK!**

See you all next week.

### Message from **Francesco Arezzo,** *Rotary International President*



Cari amici,

Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. A few days later, I was on a plane to Calgary, suddenly carrying the responsibility of leading this incredible organization. Life comes fast, but so often, it brings us exactly where we're meant to be.

We begin this year with a clear message: Unite for Good. It is a simple phrase, but a

powerful one. Because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met – there are two things that matter most: friendship and trust.

This is how we build strong clubs. It's how we create meaningful partnerships and transform global problems into local solutions. It's also how we lead—not through titles or applause, but with humility, humanity, and heart. But let me be honest with you—this kind of leadership is not always easy. We're human and yes, we make mistakes. We sometimes disagree, but in Rotary, we are called to something greater. Let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

That last part is essential, because transformation doesn't start with strategy. It starts with character and the way we treat one another. It starts with how we listen, how we support, and how we serve.

This year, I ask you to lead with that spirit. To grow Rotary through relationships. To make your clubs more welcoming, more flexible, more open to new ideas. To think big—but also to think beyond one year. Our term is short, but our impact can be lasting if we plan and act with continuity and vision.

Let us remember our key priorities: membership, polio, and peace. We are closer

than ever to ending polio. We cannot stop now. We must keep the promise we made to the children of the world. And as for peace — Rotary has been building it for over a century. Every clean water system, every youth exchange, every maternal health project is a step toward peace.

I joined Rotary as a young professional, eager to help but terrified of public speaking. My fellow Rotarians believed in me and encouraged me to take on new roles, and in doing so, Rotary changed my life. It gave me courage and purpose, but above all, it gave me you: my friends, my team, my family around the world.

So now, my friends... take out your dreams tucked away in a drawer, especially those you thought were too big or bold to achieve. Let's bring them into the light. Let's **Unite for Good**—for our clubs, our communities, and our world. And let's make this a year not only of service, but of joy, of connection, and of love.

With gratitude and affection,

Francesco Arezzo  
President, Rotary International, 2025-26



**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

The results are in, and District 6270 Rotarians raised a total of just shy of **\$150,000** during the 2024-25 Rotary year! This was 382% of the original fundraising goal, and the second-highest total raised in the last 20 years.

Oshkosh Southwest Rotary contributed over \$2,800 to the total, almost an 800% increase from last year's contribution!

Because of the efforts of District 6270, nearly 150,000 children will be protected from polio!

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- July 23** NO MEETING
- July 24** EAA'S The Gathering
- July 29** Anchors Away Let's Pontoon Today: Club Social
- July 30** Reid Meisner: Senior Stride - Walk to End Alzheimer's
- Aug. 6** Brody Enli: Brody's Christmas Lights for Charity
- Aug. 13** Dan Traxler: Habitat for Humanity
- Aug. 20** Randy Domer: Local Author & Dick Ames: Founders Picnic

**Save the Date!**

**Festival Foods Brat Fry**



**Thursday, Aug. 21**  
**Thursday, Sept. 11**  
**8am - 7pm**  
**Festival Foods**  
**2415 Westowne Ave.**

If you signed up for the Aug. 21 brat fry, please consider signing up again for the new date.

**Bowling Fundraiser**

**Friday, Dec. 5**  
**6 - 8pm**  
**Revs Bowl**  
**Bar & Grill**



**Words of Inspiration**

Carmen Leal - July 30  
Melissa Ellingston - Aug. 6

**Greeters**

Mike Vaughan & Joe McCleer - July 30  
**NEED TWO GREETERS** - Aug. 6

**CLUB SOCIAL EVENT**



**Tuesday, July 29, 6-8pm**  
**Fox River Brewing Co.**  
**Social hour 5-6pm, Shove off at 6pm**  
**w/Captains Dan Lenz and Nate Olson**



**FOUNDERS PICNIC**

Wednesday

**August 20, 2025**

5:00pm

Dick Ames' Residence  
3270 Shorewood Dr, Oshkosh  
BYO Meat to grill  
Salads & Desserts appreciated



**DAD JOEKS**

A five-foot-tall psychic just escaped from prison  
Be on the lookout for a small medium at large.