



TODAY'S MEETING

Nikolas DeGroot, Politics in the Park
Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Ballroom A
1 N. Main St.

Today's Presentation



POLITICS IN THE PARK

Nikolas DeGroot started **Politics in the Park** last Spring with the aim of making politics more human, local, and honest. Every weekday, Nikolas would set up a station in either Menominee Park or South Park and host small groups to discuss a national or local political issue, with civility being a core goal. Nikolas has since launched Groundfloor Democracy, which will expand the spirit of Politics in the Park into new places, new formats, and new tools for civic life.

GET INVOLVED

You see this thing over here?



Your "not as clever as he thinks he is" President-elect is putting together the 2026-27 Officers and Board of Directors. Many of the fine folks over on the right there will be staying on, but a few spots will be open or could use extra help.

If you are looking to get more involved with our Chapter, consider taking on a role on the Board of Directors or as an Officer starting next summer. Currently, we're looking for help in the following areas:

- Public Relations
- Programs
- Club Services (specifically with next year's Parent Connection Christmas Party)
- Youth Services (help with Oshkosh North's Interact club)

If you are interested in any of these or in any position or committee, contact Joe McCleer.

Words of Inspiration

Eric Smiltneek - January 7

Erik Gialdella - January 14

Greeters

David Geurden & Pam Schubert - January 7

Erik Gialdella & Olson Legal Group - January 14

2025-26 Board

President	Karen Boehm
President-elect	Joseph McCleer
Past President	Erik Gialdella
Secretary	Karlene Leatherman
Treasurer	Katherine Hanson
Sergeant-at-Arms	James Chitwood

Avenues of Service

Club:

Mike Vaughan, Nate Olson, Griffin Pollnow

Community:

Jessica Benesh, Dan Lenz, & Sarah Danahy

International:

Bill Thimke, Nick Hahn

Youth Services:

Brad Dunn, Joe McCleer

Vocational:

Pat Hughes

Committees

Foundation

Craig Burnett, Dave Omachinski

Membership

Ieva Engel, Carmen Leal

Programs

Sarah Danahy, Sara Moyle

Public Relations

Siri Pollnow

Greeters/Invocations

Barbara Key, Dick Ames

Environmental

Tom Hallquist

Fundraising

Pam Schubert, Tyler Brefczynski, & Jana Garl

IT'S TORTILLA TIME!



Lara's Tortilla Flats **Chips and Salsa Fundraiser** for the benefit of the Rotary Club of Oshkosh, with support from our own Oshkosh on the Water satellite group, is once again active, and orders are being taken!

Place your order online at OshkoshRotaryFundraiser.com.

Orders will be taken until January 26 or whenever they sell out, so don't dawdle!

Orders can be picked up on Wednesday, February 4 between 11am and 5pm at Rev's Bowl Bar and Grill.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Jan. 7 Nikolas DeGroot - Politics in the Park
- Jan. 14 M*A*S*H: Flying the Wounded (EAA)
- Jan. 21 Courtney Van Auken - Christine Ann Center
- Jan. 28 Dr. Manohar Singh - UWJ Chancellor
- Feb. 4 John Dinse - Northwestern Mutual

What Did We Miss?

Oshkosh Southwest Rotary has been busy this past month!



Congratulations to Tom Hallquist for achieving the Paul Harris +3 status! We're grateful for your service and dedication!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Parent Connection Christmas party!



Don't spare the details! The 20th Annual Bowling Fundraiser raised over \$2,500 for our club!



Thank you to all the kind and beautiful souls that volunteered at the Day By Day Shelter last month!



Southwest Rotary website:
oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org

District 6270 website:
rotary6270.org

Rotary International website:
rotary.org



DAD JOEKS

My New Year's resolution is to read more.

Mainly subtitles.