

TODAY'S MEETING

**Travis Derks -
Oshkosh Parks/Forestry
Department**
**Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront,
Ballroom A
1 N. Main St.**

Today's Presentation



Travis Derks,
Landscape
Operations
Manager/
City Forester

Travis Derks has been with the City of Oshkosh for almost 13 years, and has served as the Landscape Operations Manager since 2022.

The Oshkosh Parks Department oversees several facilities, including Menominee Park Zoo, Menominee Park Children's Amusement Center, Pollock Community Water Park, Leach Amphitheater, and Lakeshore Park 4 Seasons Building.

The Forestry Division's goals are to establish maximum tree cover; to maintain the trees in a healthy condition in order to maximize benefits and minimize hazard, and to establish and maintain an optimal level of age and species diversity.

Congratulations!



Cody Kloecker has successfully shed his red badge of shame and has become the newest member of Oshkosh Southwest Rotary!

Cody's commitment to service and community involvement makes him a wonderful addition to our club. Rotary is built on connection, leadership, and a shared desire to make a difference — and we are excited to see the impact Cody will have both within our club and throughout the Oshkosh community.

Words of Inspiration

Dick Ames - February 18

Carmen Leal - February 25

Greeters

**Dick Ames & Nate Olson -
February 18**

**John Rowe & Erik Gialdella -
February 25**

2025-26 Board

President	Karen Boehm
President-elect	James Chitwood & Nate Olson
Past President	Erik Gialdella
Secretary	Karlene Leatherman
Treasurer	Katherine Hanson
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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

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

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The 2026 Rotary Scholarship application is now open to graduating seniors and will remain available through **March 20, 2026**. Scholarships are awarded based on commitment to service, community involvement, and academic achievement.

Scan the QR code or visit the homepage of the chapter website to download the application.



Help our 2026 PETS attendees, **Nate Olson, Karlene Leatherman, and Kristopher Ulrich**, by bringing in nail clippers and ace-style elastic bandages (2" or 4" widths) to a weekly meeting before the end of February.



Project C.U.R.E.--an international non-profit meeting the healthcare needs of people in poverty, disasters & violence--developed Kits for Kids to contain the items parents should have to care for their kids. Each bag contains items like bandages, ointments, fever reducer, toothbrush & toothpaste, soap, combs, and more.



How can you help? President Elects and other leaders attending Midwest PETS are asked to donate as many items as they can...and bring them to Midwest PETS in March 2026! **Look for a Project C.U.R.E. truck or Kits for Kids donation bins near the hotel entrance.**

Each of the six districts that make up Midwest PETS is responsible for two specific items listed below.

- Rotary** District 6220  Triple antibiotic ointment (Neosporin or generic equivalent)
Bandages (standard 3/4" or 1" size or assortment packs)
- Rotary** District 6250  Blunt tip scissors
Jr. or regular strength tablet acetaminophen (no liquids!)
- Rotary** District 6270  Nail clippers
"Ace" style or equivalent elastic bandages in 2" or 4" width
- Rotary** District 6420  1% Hydrocortisone cream (generic acceptable)
Travel size tissues (2 packs per kit)
- Rotary** District 6440  6" or larger combs (no "rat tail" pointed combs)
Bar soap (1 full-size bar per kit)
- Rotary** District 6450  Toothbrush & toothpaste (2 each per kit)
Tweezers

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Feb. 18** Travis Derks: Oshkosh Parks/Forestry Department
- Feb. 20** Battle on Bago
- Feb. 25** Kelly Hinz & Elissa Kraynik: Parent Connection
- Mar. 4** Dick Knapinski: EAA Air Venture
- Mar. 9** Club Board of Directors Meeting: March
- Mar. 11** Vocational Speed Dating



Southwest Rotary website:
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District 6270 website:
rotary6270.org

Rotary International website:
rotary.org

