November 19, 2007
Call to order: Deb Wirtz
Prayer and Pledge: Brian Bartow
Today’s Program: Energy Conservation by E4, Inc.
Today’s Speaker: Kathryn Sacks

November 12, 2007
Deb Wirtz, President, opened the meeting and welcomed all Rotarians and guests.

Ken Arneson led the club in the prayer and pledge.

VISITORS AND GUESTS from November 12, 2007:
Introduced by Lori Renning
Southwest Rotary - Bill Thimke, Barbara Herzog, Gregg Garl
Out of Town Visitors - Carl Stapel, Appleton club
Guests of Our Club - Catherine Sewell (presentor), Eliot Pattee (West High School), Bill Topel (prospective member), Vito Macedo (exchange student from Brazil), Bill Calhoun
Guests of Members - Steve Hansen, guest of Kim Massey
Lisa Voss, guest of Jeff Gilderson-Duwe

MARKET REPORT:
No market report this date.

***REMINDER***:
As the wintry weather approaches Wisconsin and several Rotarians venture south for the winter, the Board of Directors would like to remind those “snowbirds” to inform Keith Voelker, in writing, the periods of your leaves of absence.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT SUPPORT:
Following discussion and unanimous vote by the Board of Directors, the Oshkosh Rotary Club will participate in the 2008 annual District Fast for Hunger Program, sponsored by Rotary District 6270 Grant/World Community Service. In place of a fasting, the Board will impose a one-time additional charge of $5 per member to the 1st quarter 2008 billing statements. The money received from this project will be sent to St. Michel Archangel Primary School in Fond Jean Noel (Haiti) for provide 2 meals a day for all 250 school children in grades 1 to 6 for a year!!! Most of these children are starving when they arrive at school and only receive a small dinner meal which is often missed because their families have no food. If a member elects not to participate in this international project, please notify Jim Stahl.

CLASSIFICATION TALK:
Kim Massey delivered her classification talk today. Kim is the Director of Development for the American Red Cross of Northeast Wisconsin for 9 months. She attended Taylor University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in which she began her pursuit towards a degree in Political Science. Following a year off, Kim graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a degree in Political Science. Kim reported that she grew up in Neenah/Menasha and that she currently lives in Appleton. Kim has a 3-year old son, Aiden, and she enjoys camping, yoga, and horseback riding. Kim, her mother and father, and older brother served as a house family for 8 years at Rawhide Boys’ Ranch in New London, Wisconsin. Deb Wirtz presented Kim with her blue badge.
GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Contributions are made to Polio Plus, Literacy Council, and Peru Soy Cow Project.)

- Larry Schultz reported that the raffle is up to $70. Larry reported that the Rose Sale raised approximately $3500. Larry thanked all those Rotarians that participated in the sales, set-up, and distribution. Dave Sennholz was the club’s leader in rose sales at 53 dozen, followed by Ada Thimke with 26 dozen.

- Jeff Gilderson-Duwe announced the members of the club with November birthdays.
  
  Paul Ansfield  November 4  
  Michael Cooney  November 10  
  Melissa Kok  November 14  
  Sherry Lynch  November 19  
  Roberta Messer  November 19  
  David Brantingham  November 29  
  Gordon Hintz  November 29  
  Kathy Propp  November 30  
  John Schatz  November 30

- Lori Renning gave happy dollars for spending the last 7 days in the Bahamas. Lori was impressed that Bahamians took pride in everything they did.

- Lori Renning reminded club members to bring in the money from any OCAT card sales. She also reminded members of the Oshkosh Community Blood Drive on Monday, November 19th from noon until 6:00 PM at the Algoma United Methodist Church. Lori could still use volunteers for kitchen assistance.

- Keith Voelker gave happy dollars for the Badgers winning this past weekend and that Michigan and Ohio both beat their teams the same weekend.

- Doug Pearson and his wife celebrated his father-in-law’s 95th birthday this past weekend and spent the weekend at a resort with his 2 small grandchildren. Doug also announced that he retired his position as President/CEO of Chamco.

- Bill Behlman is celebrating his 10-year anniversary of his kidney donation to his mother.

- Barb Herzog, from Southwest Rotary, placed order forms for Rotary apparel on all tables and announced that she will be taking orders.

- Ada Thimke announced that our club’s Holiday Social will be help Sunday, December 16th from 3:00-6:00 PM at the residence of Dennis & Gail Schwab. The cost is $5 per person. Sign up sheets will be available at every meeting between now and December 10th. You can also contact Ada Thimke at 233-4440 to sign up.

- Leonard Reinke gave happy dollars for celebrating his 65th wedding anniversary.

- Lurton Blassingame reported to the club that Rotarian Nadine Sieber is in poor health and in need our prayers.

- Kim Molitor announced that our club is still looking for another host family for our foreign exchange student, Vito Mercado.

APPROVAL FOR MEMBERSHIP:

The Board approved the membership application of Bill Topel for club membership under the classification of Human Services. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Deb Wirtz or Membership Chair, Will Deppiesse.

Quarterly report from your Oshkosh Rotary Club Endowment Committee:

From the quarterly meeting of November 12, 2007, Endowment funds for the quarter ending September 30, 2007 totaled $96,466.00 compared to $98,186.46 on June 30, 2007, a decrease of $1,720.46. During the quarter contributions of $1,895.00 were received of which $1,630.00 were from non-members for the Peru fund. A grant of $5,713.00 was paid for the Peru "soy cow". Dividends received were $506.57 and net capital gains totaled $1,810.94. Expenses were $219.97.

All Rotary members are encouraged to remember our local Endowment by becoming sustaining members, or by specific gifts, bequests and memorials. Gifts, which are tax deductible, may be made in any amount. You will receive a receipt from the Foundation for tax purposes under our Trust Document which is administered by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Your Endowment Committee members for this fiscal year are Doug Pearson, Chair, Mike Cooney, Jim Stahl, Tom Willadsen and Deb Wirtz.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2008 at 11:30 at the Park Plaza Hotel.
PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:
Nov 26    William Behlman
Dec 3     Lurton Blassingame
Dec 10    Tom Blaze

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Nov 30    Early Learning Summit 2007
Dec 16    Holiday Social at the Schwab residence

FUTURE PROGRAMS:
Nov 26    Domestic Violence/How it Affects the Workplace
Dec 3     Acting City Manager (unconfirmed)
Dec 10    Club Assembly/Regional Foundation

November 12, 2007 - MEETING REVIEW:
Speaker- Catherine Sewell
Introduction by Lori Renning
Title- American Red Cross

Catherine Sewell works on behalf of the American Red Cross, supervising and arranging blood drives for 7 different counties in Northeast Wisconsin. Catherine reminded all Rotarians that one can donate blood every 56 days and up to 5 times per year. The shelf life of red blood cells is 45 days and platelets only 5 days. The American Red Cross needs to acquire 38,000 units of blood per day to maintain the nation's blood supply. Currently, the nation's blood supply is 3 days. Catherine requested that everybody able to donate try to do so during the holidays, as the demand usually increases through this time. The blood supply collected by the local American Red Cross blood drives goes to UW-Madison and to all VA hospitals throughout Wisconsin. The local chapter also supports a national registry. You can call 1-800-GIVEBLOOD or visit their website at givebloodgivelife.org to answer any more questions about donating. If you have O negative blood type, you are in high demand, as this is the universal donor type.

4-WAY TEST:
Bill Topol led the club in the 4-way test to conclude today's meeting.

Message from the editor: I regret that I do not have a background in short-hand, so I apologize for any errors when reporting announcements, good news, happy dollars, etc. to improve my accuracy of reporting, please e-mail or provide me a hand-written copy of the pertinent information that you would like me to print. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. -Teresa Van Aacken
Four Avenues of Service

The term "Four Avenues of Service" refers to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service.

Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, many Rotarians use this concept to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

Club Service involves all of the necessary activities Rotarians perform to make their club function successfully. Things like taking attendance, keeping records and raising money come under this Avenue of Service.

Vocational Service describes the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club, as well as the responsibility of the club to undertake projects related to such areas as career planning, vocational training, and the promotion of high ethical standards in the workplace.

Community Service pertains to those activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, the disabled, and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life. When we are volunteer readers at Lincoln School, when the club pays to send grade school students to the symphony, when we raise money for the Literacy Council we walk this Avenue of Service.

The Fourth Avenue of Service, International Service, describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. International service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands. Our most obvious international service is our connection with the orphanage in La Molina, Peru. Half the money from our table nes goes toward the eradication of polio through RI's Polio Plus effort. So even here in Oshkosh we are working internationally through the connection of Rotary.

When a Rotarian understands and travels down the Four Avenues of Service, the Object of Rotary takes on an even greater meaning.

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