April 7, 2008
Call to order: Deb Wirtz
Prayer and Pledge: Brenda Haines
Today’s Program: Club Planning Session #2
Today’s Speaker: Deb Wirtz and Board Members

March 31, 2008
Deb Wirtz opened the meeting and welcomed all Rotarians and guests.

Bill Calhoun led the club in the prayer and pledge.

VISITORS AND GUESTS from March 31, 2008:
Introduced by Keith Voelker:
Southwest Rotary - Gregg Garl, Ken Friedman
Morning Rotary - None
Out of Town Visitors - Carl Stapel (Appleton club), Jim Johns (Milan, Ohio club)
Guests of Our Club - Vito Macedo (exchange student from Brazil), Melissa Reiger (guest speaker), Karen Schibile (Leadership Oshkosh), Scott Brayton (prospective member, guest of Tom Willadsen).
Guests of Members - None

MARKET REPORT:
April Fool’s report
Financial markets were mixed at midday. Investors were jittery over an emerging scandal in South Asian derivative markets and over reports of a powerful storm in the North Atlantic that may shut down the North Sea oil field for up to a week. On the plus side, entertainment-related stocks were trading higher at around noon, in response to reports of a new musical, written by Andrew Lloyd Weber and based on the Dewey Decimal System. Simultaneous openings are planned for January 1, 2009 on Broadway in Bombay, Beijing, Berlin, Baltimore, Boston, Bonn, Birmingham, Boise, Barbados, Belfast, Bangkok, Bangalore, Belgrade, Brunei, Bethlehem, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Brussels, Bucharest, Beautiful Downtown Burbank, and Branson, Missouri. The casts will include Ben Vereen, Jimmy Dean, Steve McQueen, Lorne Greene, Martin Shien, Wycliffe Jean, Mean Joe Greene, and Paris Hilton. Buy low, sell high. Don’t try to catch a falling knife. It’s too late to buy and too soon to sell. Finally, news of a merger…United Parcel Service plans to merge with Federal Express. The new company’s name: Fed-Ups.
Actual Report
The stock market posted a healthy gain of 0.7%, near its best levels of the season. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson outlined a proposal to revamp financial regulation by streamlining current bureaucracy, combining several regulatory agencies and increasing the power of the Federal Reserve. The major indices were off their best levels, but holding onto decent gains. The energy sector was now up only 0.2% after being up as much as 1.7% in earlier trade. The Dow was up 66.60, the Nasdaq up 16.39, the S&P up 8.50, and the 10-year Bond down 0.0560.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS:
Presented by Sue Panek several weeks ago, here are a few community service ideas from the list of random acts of kindness:
1. Send a gift anonymously to a friend.
2. Be a friend to a new student or coworker.
3. Give a hug to a friend.
4. Offer a couple of hours of babysitting to parents.
5. Open the door for another person.

CLASSIFICATION TALK:
Lisa O’Halloran presented her classification talk. She stated that she was born and raised in Brussels. She graduated from southern Door and then St. Norbert College with a degree in communications. Her newspaper career began at the Green Bay Press-Gazette and went on to be the Ad Director at the Centre Daily Times in Happy Valley, PA. After that, Lisa stated that she lived in Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois…all moves for her newspaper career. Lisa has been the advertising director at the Oshkosh Northwestern since May 2007. Currently in Leadership Oshkosh, she also enjoys serving as an adjunct board member at the Paine. Lisa has been married to her husband, Tim, for ten years and is the proud mother of a 6-year old son, Aaron.
GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Larry Schultz announced Dave Sennholz as the lucky winner of the raffle.
- Lurton Blassingame reported that Chancellor Kerrigan will be in the Middle East next week.
- Sue Panek stated that over 230 volunteers participated in the Day of Caring, Tom Willadsen and Gordon Hintz included.
- Dave Sennholz gave happy dollars for winning the raffle.
- Bill Calhoun stated that he recently visited Lambeau Field for the first time and was very impressed with the tour. (He did not try the Lambeau leap.)
- Teresa Van Aacken reported that her son, Anthony, placed 12th in the all-around at the State Gymnastics meet in West Allis, WI this past weekend. She also reported that Elite Physical Therapy & Fitness got a surprise spot on Fox 11 news last Friday night.
- Ken Friedman presented information regarding participation with the Southwest Rotary Club for the Relay For Life. Larry Schultz will have sign-up sheets.
- Alyson Zierdt asked members of the Club to sponsor her in the 2008 MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Walk, being held on April 27th. Alyson reported that MS is an incurable disease of the central nervous system, in which the coating on the nerves that carries messages from the brain to various parts of the body is attacked by one's own immune system, damaging or destroying the nerve. Wisconsin is a "hotbed" for it - one in 500 people here have MS; in Texas, that number is one in 10,000. Alyson reported that she was diagnosed with MS 5 years ago, and that it more commonly strikes people in the 20 to 40 age range. Alyson will be accepting pledges from now until the Walk. Members can also pledge online at http://www.wisms.org.
- Deb Wirtz and Will Deppiesse inducted Dan Posanski and Christine Wales-Magners into the Oshkosh Rotary Club and presented them with their red badges.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD:

In a stand-up board meeting, the board of directors approved Karen Schibline for club membership under the classification of Insurance Agent. Any questions or comments should be directed to Deb Wirtz or Will Deppiesse.

March 31, 2008 - MEETING REVIEW:

*Introduced by Sue Panek:*

*Speaker-* Melissa Reiger

*Title-* Connecting and Uniting Resources Grant

Melissa began her presentation by stating the four objectives of the Connecting and Uniting Resources Grant which are the following: Increase student connectedness to school, reduce verbal and physical bullying, enhance positive parenting, and reduce significant misbehaviors. In addition, Melissa introduced the Olweus Bully Prevention Program. The Olweus Program is a training program for all adults who play a role in working with students for the purpose of preventing bullying. Bullying involves an imbalance of power or strength. A student is being bullied when “he or she is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students.” Why the focus on bullying?... because it carries short and long-term effects on its victims, impacts truancy and dropout rates, affects school climates, poses legal concerns, encourages carrying of weapons, and relates to 75% of the serious school violence. Children who have been victims of bullying experience a remarkably higher rate of headaches, sleep problems, anxiety, unhappiness, tension, abdominal pain, and depression. The U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Executive Summary notes that the Olweus Program has had the following effect: substantial decrease in percentage of students who have been bullied, sizeable reduction in the students who have bullied other students, decrease in the percentage of students who dislike school, and a decrease in the percentage of students who have one or less good friends at school.

4-WAY TEST:

Deb Wirtz 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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