March 31, 2008

Call to order: Deb Wirtz
Prayer and Pledge: Bill Calhoun
Today’s Program: To Be Determined
Today’s Speaker: To Be Determined

March 24, 2008

Deb Wirtz opened the meeting and welcomed all Rotarians and guests.

Petra Roter led the club in the prayer and pledge.

VISITORS AND GUESTS from March 24, 2008:

Introduced by Keith Voelker:
Southwest Rotary - None
Morning Rotary - None
Out of Town Visitors - Bev Harrington (Appleton Rotary Club)
Guests of Our Club - Vito Macedo (exchange student from Brazil)
Guests of Members - Barbara Voelker (wife of Keith Voelker)

MARKET REPORT:
No market report for today’s meeting.

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. Let your staff leave work an hour early.
2. Tell your employees how much you appreciate their work.
3. Laugh out loud often and share your smile generously.
4. Give a bag of groceries to a homeless person.
5. Pay for the person behind you in the movie line.

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:
(Contributions are made to Polio Plus, Literacy Council, and Peru Soy Cow Project.)
- Jeff Gilderson-Duwe spoke about the Picture Oshkosh project on WFRV radio this morning.
- Sherry Lynch gave happy dollars for adopting a new horse from the rescue.
- Steve Schmudlach publicly thanked Liz Rice Janzen for helping him with a recent Literacy Council Project.
- Bill Bracken reported that his daughter was accepted into the microbiology graduate school program at UW-LaCrosse.
- Deb Wirtz gave happy dollars for having a terrific vacation in Mexico last week.
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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Apr 17    District Assembly meeting in Slinger, WI
Apr 19    WineFeast 2008
Apr 30    Rotary Foundation’s Group Study Exchange begins
May 16-18 2008 Rotary District Conference, Lake Geneva

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

Apr 7     *Club Planning Session #2
Apr 14    House of Hope - Sri Lanka
Apr 21    *Club Planning Session #3
*Attendance is strongly encouraged.

PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:

Apr 7     Brenda Haines
Apr 14    Tom Harenburg
Apr 21    Mark Harris

March 24, 2008 - MEETING REVIEW:

Speaker- Chancellor Rick Wells, Petra Roter
Title- University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Student Wellness Center Tour

Petra Roter began the presentation by stating that the Student Wellness Center was built for the students, by the students, and paid for by the students. The average daily attendance at the Wellness Center exceeds 1700 and about 300 students are trained on a daily basis. The facility also offers over 40 different types of fitness classes.

Chancellor Wells delivered a presentation which introduced the “Pride, Purpose, and Promise” campaign for the university. He began his presentation by informing the club that UW-Oshkosh is Wisconsin’s third largest university with approximately 12,700 students and has the third largest masters graduate program enrollment after Madison and Milwaukee campuses. The university has a $501 million annual impact on the state by creating over 9,000 jobs. The campaign goals include raising funds to construct a world-class academic center, create an endowment scholarship fund, and to increase collaboration and hands-on learning through a learning endowment. With the construction of the new academic center, $8.6 million in private funds will bring $48 million from the state for a 500% return on investment. The $55 million funding package will create over 2,000 construction related jobs in northeastern Wisconsin over the next 2-3 years.

If you have any questions regarding this campaign or are interested in contributing, contact the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Foundation at 920-424-2178 or via website at http://www.uwosh.edu/foundation.

Following the presentation, members were provided the opportunity for a guided tour of the Student Wellness Center.
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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To view all District 6270 club schedules, visit www.Rotary6270.com or visit www.RotaryClubOne.org to make up a meeting at any time.

Monday 7:15 a.m. Appleton Breakfast Riverview Country Club
Monday 5:30 p.m. Berlin Berlin Family Restaurant
Tuesday 12:10 p.m. Appleton Paper Valley Hotel
Wednesday Noon Oshkosh Southwest Robbins
Wednesday Noon Menasha Waverly Beach
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Fond du Lac Morning Ramada Hotel
Thursday Noon Neenah Valley Inn
Friday 6:50 a.m. Oshkosh Morning Park Plaza
Friday Noon Appleton West Holiday Inn

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T amara Koop, District Governor-Elect

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Deb Wirtz, President
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Larry Schultz, President-Elect Nominee
Keith Voelker, Secretary
James Stahl, Treasurer
Lori Renning, Sergeant at Arms
Tom Willadsen, Past President

Oshkosh Rotary Club Board of Directors
Directors serve three-year terms and meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.
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Sherry Lynch (2009)
Teresa Van Aacken (2010)
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Oshkosh Rotary Club Past District Governors
Charles F. Nolan (1972-1973)
Frederick L. Caudle (1965-1966)
George Nevitt (1952-1953)
Jasper Lockart (1933-1934)

Rotary 4-Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?