



## TODAY'S MEETING

**Tashi Deley**

Ali Starr

*Oshkosh Waterfront Hotel  
Athearn Ballroom A & B*



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Tashi Deley is a Tibet greeting that means, "I see you" and "I honor the greatness within you."

Learn the importance of practicing the art of honoring the greatness within yourself and others by further understanding the importance of honest, open, transparent and clear communication, which starts with self-awareness.

Your energy enters the room before you do...are you someone that brightens the room when you walk in, or do the lights dim?

Most companies don't need better ways to communicate, most companies need to help their team become more self-aware. Self-awareness allows us to reflect and ask for feedback.

## *Rotary receives District Grant to address local needs*



*Empowerment Station*

Oshkosh Southwest Rotary recently received a \$3,000 Rotary District Grant to address Period Poverty at Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West high schools. The funds will be used to purchase a cabinet and supplies for each school. Females at Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West with limited financial resources will benefit from this project. The community will further benefit by having female students who are able to succeed in school, allowing them to contribute more positively to the community.

Period Poverty is the lack of access to menstrual products, education and safe sanitation facilities. A 2014 UNESCO report found that 1 in 10 menstruating youth miss school due to lack of access to menstrual products. Poor menstrual hygiene can also lead to serious health conditions. Approximately 16.9 million people who menstruate in the US live in poverty, and two-thirds of those could not afford needed products in the past year.

Oshkosh Southwest Rotary seeks to address this issue locally through the Period Poverty grant. Rotarians will be involved in setting up "empowerment stations," providing the ongoing replenishment of supplies, and continuing conversations with school staff to maintain the provision of educational opportunities (pamphlets, posters, workshops, etc.).

The need for the project came up when the grant committee started discussing ways our club could make an impact in the community for Women's Health month. After talking to school social workers, the committee determined that we could make a large impact on the girls in the high schools by providing feminine hygiene items for those who can't afford to buy them, thus helping countless girls in Oshkosh by raising their self-esteem, decreasing absenteeism in school, improving mental health, and more.

While this project will be led by Oshkosh Southwest Rotary and its members, we are also coordinating with two Oshkosh-based organizations, including the *Oshkosh Herald* and the Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, which launched its "Bare Essentials Campaign" on May 9, 2024.

*Club Service Opportunities*

***Pups on the Runway (last call)***  
Benefitting the Day by Day Shelter

**Date:** Thursday, September 12  
**Time:** 5-8 p.m.  
**Location:** Becket's Atrium  
**Volunteer:** Visit [volunteeroshkosh.org](http://volunteeroshkosh.org) or scan the QR code

Volunteers are needed for Pups on the Runway. The event will raise funds for Phoenix the facility dog at the Day by Day Shelter. The event will feature a dog and pet parent fashion show, local author book signing, raffles, Dog Expo and more. Funds will be used for Phoenix's vet care, food, supplies, etc.



***Day by Day Shelter Meal***

**Date:** Wednesday, September 18  
 Monday, November 4  
**Time:** 5:30-7 p.m.  
**Location:** Day by Day Shelter, 420 Ceape Ave  
**Register:** Contact Jessica Benesh  
*More Details to Follow*

***Parent Connection Christmas Party—Save the Date***

**Dates:** Tues., Dec. 10—Wrapping Party  
 Wed., Dec. 11—Christmas Party with Families  
**Time:** TBD  
**Location:** Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh 501 E. Parkway Ave.  
**Register:** Contact Kristopher Ulrich  
*More Details to Follow*

***Christine Ann Center Movers Needed***

**Date:** Tuesday, September 17  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (times flexible)  
**Location:** Christine Ann Center 206 Algoma Blvd.  
**Contact:** Anise (Christine Ann Center) [Anise@christineann.net](mailto:Anise@christineann.net) or 920-235-5998

The Christine Ann urgently needs help moving items from their current building to their new location next door at the times listed above. Times are flexible. If you are available to help or have any questions, please contact Anise at [Anise@christineann.net](mailto:Anise@christineann.net) or 920-235-5998 as soon as possible.

*Club Social Opportunities*

***Paddles Up! Dragon Boat Races***

**Date:** **Thursday, September 12** Dry Run at Rev's Bar, 5:30 pm  
**Friday, September 13** Practice Day (Practice Time TBD)  
**Saturday, September 14** Race Day, 10:04 (first heat)  
**Location:** Leach Amphitheater  
**Contact:** Captain Dan Lenz

Only one spot remains on Rotary's Dragon Boat team, "Paddling for Polio." This is a great opportunity to get to know fellow club members and the share "The Magic of Rotary" within our community. Contact Dan Lenz to join the team!

***Upcoming Words of Inspiration & Greeters At Our Weekly Meeting***

***Words of Inspiration***

**September 11**  
 Kyle Hicks

**September 18**  
 Karlene Leatherman

***Greeters***

**September 11**  
 David Geurden and Barb Herzog

**September 18**  
 Amy Montgomery and Kristopher Ulrich

***Today's Meeting Location***

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 Athearn Ballroom A & B  
 1 N Main Street



**SW Rotary Website**  
[oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org](http://oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org)  
**District 6270 Website**  
[rotary6270.org](http://rotary6270.org)  
**Rotary International Website**  
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