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Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Club



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Every Small Act of Kindness Reshapes the World In Immeasurable Ways

TODAY'S MEETING

Dr. Bryan Davis, Superintendent Oshkosh Area School District Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel Athearn Ballroom C—1 N. Main St.



OSHKOSH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

On January 8, the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education approved a resolution to place a \$197.8 million capital referen-



dum on the April 1, 2025 ballot. This referendum focuses on the district's facilities consolidation plan, prioritizing student safety and improving learning spaces while maintaining a \$0 tax increase to the debt levy. Dr. Bryan Davis will review the Facilities plan for OASD and the upcoming referendum in April. Click HERE for referendum details.

Rotary Minute: Rotary Peace Fellows and Peace Centers

Did you know that Rotary International is training the next generation of peacebuilders? Through the Rotary Peace Fellowship program, Rotary helps exceptional individuals from around the world gain the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and resolve conflicts.

Each year, Rotary selects up to 130 Peace Fellows to study at one of seven prestigious Rotary Peace Centers, located at universities in countries such as the United States, Japan, Sweden, and Uganda. These centers offer fully-funded programs, including: Master's Degrees in peace and conflict studies, public policy, or related fields and Professional Development Certificates designed for experienced professionals already working in peacebuilding.

Since the program began in 2002, more than 1,600 Peace Fellows have graduated and gone on to serve as mediators, policymakers, educators, and leaders in organizations like the United Nations, World Bank, and grassroots NGOs.

Rotary Peace Fellows embody the heart of Rotary's mission—to promote peace and understanding worldwide. By supporting the Rotary Foundation, we help create opportunities for individuals who are making the world a more peaceful place.

February Meeting Notes

Words of Inspiration Tess Domnie—Feb. 26 Brad Dunn—Mar. 5

<u>Greeters</u>

Dave Geurden and Barb Herzog—Feb. 26 Sarah Danahy and Ieva Engel—Mar. 5

To sign up to be a Greeter or to offer Words of Inspiration, contact Michael Raymond.

Today's Meeting Location

Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel Athearn Ballroom C 1 N. Main St.

Rotary District Event

Rotary TriCon April 25-26, 2025 | Brookfield, WI

Please plan to attend TriCon with about 500 other Rotarians. There will be workshops on topics ranging from attracting and retaining members, to service and fundraising, as well as social media and positive peace. There will be keynotes on ethics, international service, polio eradication and an update from a representative of RI President Stephanie Urchick, and a final blowout party with bowling, whirlyball, laser-tag, if you feel like it, and plenty of room to just sit and chat with old and new friends over your favorite beverage. **Click HERE for details.**

Rotary Scholarships Available

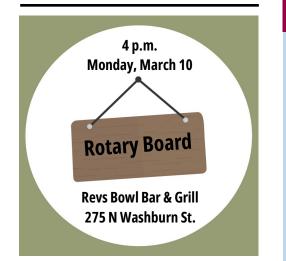
The 2025 Rotary Scholarship application is open to graduating seniors through March 21. Scholarship recipients are awarded for commitment to service, involvement in the community and academic performance. Click HERE to access the scholarship application.



The Satellite Club of Oshkosh is selling Lara's Tortilla Flats chips and salsa as a fundraiser for their club. Chip In for a Good Cause will benefit the Rotary Club of Oshkosh's community service activities and scholarships for local students.

Click **HERE** to place your order or visit OshkoshRotaryFundraiser.com.

Orders must be picked up on Friday, February 28 from 11 am to 6 pm at Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave.



Rotary Socials—Last Chance Join in on the FUN

BOWLING FUNRAISER

Friday, February 28, 2025 6-8 pm—Bowling | 8-12 pm—Karaoke Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N Washburn St \$150/lane (up to 6 people) Register: Email Erik Gialdella at erik@bowlrevs.com

Join us for the 19th annual Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Bowling FUNRaiser. Pre-registration is required by Feb. 17. Proceeds provide scholarships for local students, worldwide support through international efforts and community outreach.

OASD TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, February 28, 2025 6 pm Doors Open | 7 pm Trivia Begins Hilton Garden Inn 1355 W 20th Avenue

Rotary is sponsoring a team and a round of trivia at the 11th Annual Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation Trivia Night to support students, teachers and staff. To join the Rotary team, contact Erik Gialdella at erik@bowlrevs.com.

Nominations open for Rotary Vocational Service Award

The Rotary Vocational Service Award is given to a person who demonstrates outstanding professional achievement and high ethical standards while serving their community through their chosen vocation. The award recognizes the value of all useful occupations and encourages Rotarians to use their skills to help others. To nominate an individual, contact Amy Montgomery at amy@assurance-title.com or Pat Hughes at patrick.hughes@ansay.com.

Rotary Service Opportunities



Benefitting the Day by Day Shelter

Date:	Thursday, April 24 @ 5-8 pm
Location:	Becket's Atrium, 2 Jackson St.
Volunteer:	Contact Carmen Leal carmenlealwrites@gmail.com







Susan Henkel, Rotary Youth Exchange District Chairperson, is looking for clubs to sponsor inbound Youth Exchange kids for next year. Reach out to Susan if you are interested in learning more.