

The Eye Opener



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Oshkosh Morning Rotary Club, where the coffee pot is always on, and there is time to talk!

LAST WEEK:

Program: Rob Way of the Winnebago County Parks Department talked to us about the offerings through the Parks Department.

To start, the Community Park has 270 acres of park land. This park has 18 soccer fields, baseball diamonds, a pond, shelters. The newest hot edition is the disc golf course that is growing eventually to 36 "holes". There is also an archery range. Quite a lot in just one park! It is the home of the Autumn Fest, Life Fest, multiple animal events, expos and the Hmong Festival.

The Parks Department also has several trails for biking and other recreation uses such as horseback riding. The longest trail is the Wiaowash Trail at 21.8 miles long, 16 in Winnebago County.

There is also an archeological site, the Lasley Point location. It is open for hiking. This park is one of three Nature Preserves in the park system. The other two are Waukau Creek / Waukau Pond and Shangri-La Point.

Being on the "water", Winnebago County also operates seven boat landings. They are on the Lake Winnebago, Little Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Poygan and the Fox River.

The Park Department also operates the Sunnyview Exposition Center. This site

has over 100 acres and is heavily used throughout the year. This is the site for the County Fair.

Conquer the Concrete:

We are doing demonstration of Wiffle Ball at the Oshkosh Boys & Girls Club on March 12 & April 9. Talk to Andy to volunteer for April 9th, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

May 1st is coming up fast. Need to make our final push for sponsorships as we begin to sign up teams. Keep the word out and get people signed up for teams and to come and enjoy the event.

Rotary Convention – Montreal

Rotarians who enjoyed interactive discussion groups at previous conventions will be excited to discover they're back in the form of idea exchanges during the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June.

Don't miss out on your opportunity for early-bird pricing by registering for the convention before **31 March**.

Keynote speakers at the convention will include Greg Mortenson, coauthor of the international bestseller *Three Cups of Tea*. Mortenson has helped 58,000 children -- three-fourths of them girls -- to receive education in 131 schools in war-torn Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Speakers also will include Dolly Parton, international music star and philanthropist; Jo Luck, former president and CEO of Heifer International;

THIS WEEK:

Stewart Reickman, Oshkosh Northwestern, Newspapers Today

SPEAKERS / PROGRAMS

April 2, 2010
Alexis Graff, Music Therapy - Feel the Healing Beat

April 9, 2010
Club Assembly, Conquer the Concrete

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Wiffle Ball at Girls & Boys Club

April 16, 2010
Tom Shepeck, Rotary Exchange Program

April 23, 2010
Club Assembly, Conquer the Concrete

April 30, 2010
Club Assembly, Conquer the Concrete

SATURDAY, MAY 1, Conquer the Concrete Day

May 7, 2010
Club Assembly, Debrief on Conquer the Concrete

May 15, 2010
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