



# Owosso Rotary Review



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity  
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## This Week's Program

### Classification Talks

Jeff Phillips  
Tim Atkinson

## Next Week's Program

### "Unintended Consequences"

Karl Manke

## The Owosso Rotary Club

meets on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 1:15 pm in the Mitchell Auditorium at Memorial Healthcare. Meeting make-up forms are available either through Laura Davis or Tim Atkinson

For more Rotary Information visit these Web sites:

Owosso Rotary Club:  
[www.owossorotary.org](http://www.owossorotary.org)  
District 6310:  
[www.rotary6310.org](http://www.rotary6310.org)  
Rotary International:  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Make-up opportunities

Chesaning Rotary Club  
Tuesdays at noon  
Riverfront Grille

Corunna Rotary Club:  
Thursdays at noon  
Corunna United Methodist Church

Durand Rotary Club:  
Tuesdays at 11:30 am  
Durand City Hall, Lower Level

## Club Assembly covers many topics

Compiled by Dick Campbell

Comments in what was last week's club assembly, President Cheryl said Rotary International urged clubs to look at projects to determine that they are meaningful, sustainable and relevant in today's world.

Bill Brown said the Career Pathways (exploring careers project) held recently at Lincoln High School was successful in the eyes of the school principal Karen Van Epps. Ned deGalen, who participated in the project with other Owosso Rotarians said the 14- to 20-year-old students who attended all wanted to be there and it appeared to be particularly rewarding to them. "If we can help just one head in the right direction..." he said.

Barb Bucsi, chairman of this year's Memorial Healthcare Foundation Dinner Dance, said all is progressing well for the event to be held Feb. 11.

Durand Rotary has joined Owosso Rotary and the clubs of Alma-St. Louis, Alpena, Bad Axe, Bay City, Bay City Morning, Birch Run and Breckenridge in putting together



Photo by Dick Campbell

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF OWOSSO** last week presented a \$2,000 check, supplemented by a matching grant from R.I. District 6310, for continuation of the Owosso Public Schools food backpack program for two months. On hand for the presentation were, from left, Owosso Rotary Club President Cheryl Peterson, Owosso Club Vice President for Public Relations Kristy Thomas Pieschke, Lori Rowlison of Young Chevrolet-Cadillac-Buick-GMC, Owosso Public Schools Community Education Director Jessica Thompson, Owosso Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle and Owosso Rotarian Sue Osika.

er a total of \$25,000, with help from Rotary International matching grants, to benefit a clean water project in LaTorre, Dominican Republic, a small town of about 3,000 families.

Kristy Thomas Pieschke, club vice president, public relations, said she is working on press

releases on the topics of new members (published in the Jan. 22, 2012, issue of The Argus-Press), Dominican Republic water project (story distributed Jan. 25, 2012), backpack project (pending) and Owosso Rotary's 2012 Flapjack Brunch (in the

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Another repeat winner, Renita Mikolajczyk, held the lucky number and this week will take home \$12. But her luck ran out when she pulled the Queen of Clubs leaving the big pot of \$127 intact.



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works). She solicits other story ideas from members.

Tony Vuckovich, Baker College of Owosso academic advisor, Baker Rotaract advisor and Owosso Rotary vice president for new generations, spoke of three organizations related to youth in Rotary: Rotaract, college students; Interact, high school students; and youth exchange, high school students involved in study overseas. In all cases, he said, the youth programs focus on the importance of values of Rotary to the

younger generation. He was assisted by Baker-Owosso Rotaract students Alec Rico of Mexico City, a sophomore studying in Baker's management program and Ashley Nixon of Michigan's Shelby Township, a freshman nursing student. Also assisting Vuckovich was Owosso Rotarian Heather Rivard, a former youth exchange student, who called Rotary youth exchange the best program going and a powerful connect with the younger generation.



*Photo from Rotary.org*

**THE FIRST FOUR ROTARIANS:** Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris, sometime between 1905 and 1912. Did you know that Rotary founder Paul Harris wasn't the first president of a Rotary club? That distinction is actually held by Harris's friend Silvester Schiele, who served as the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Harris deferred his club leadership duties until February 1907, when he was elected the third president of the Chicago club.

## Owosso Rotary Leadership 2011-12

Past President: Carol Dowsett  
 President: Cheryl Peterson  
 President Elect: Ken Henry  
 President Nominee: TBA  
 Secretary: Tim Atkinson  
 Assistant Secretaries:  
 Ray Church and Chris Newell  
 Treasurer: Laura Davis  
 Assistant Treasurer: Ken Somerlot  
 Program Coordinator: Tom Cook  
 Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Selleck  
 VP Club Administration: Paul Cook  
 VP Public Relations: Kristy Thomas  
 VP Service Projects: Pete Karsten  
 VP Membership: Renita Mikolajczyk  
 VP Rotary Foundation: Phyllis Seelye  
 Editor-in-Chief: Tom Campbell  
 Youth Exchange: Barbara Baker Omerod  
 Members at Large: Cindy Cville, David Hood, Don Levi, Jeff Phillips

## Rotary Calendar

**Feb. 1st- Rotary meeting**  
 Noon-1:15 p.m Classification talks. Jeff Phillips and Tim Atkinson.

**Feb. 8th- Rotary meeting**  
 Noon-1:15 p.m "Unintended Consequences." Karl Manke.

**Feb. 15th- Rotary meeting**  
 Noon-1:15 p.m County government. Rod Elder.

**Feb. 22nd- Rotary meeting**  
 Noon-1:15 p.m Rotary birthday bash. Pam Harkema.

# ROTARACT STUDENTS VISIT



*Photo by Dick Campbell*

**TONY VUCKOVICH**, center, stands with Baker-Owosso Rotaract members Alec Rico, left, and Ashley Nixon as they made a special presentation about their club at Baker during last week's Rotary meeting.

## Club Announcements

A reminder to those who volunteered that sorting of food and filling backpacks for Owosso Public School students is still on at Young Chevrolet-Cadillac-Buick-GMC starting at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2.

Planning continues for a special program during the club's Feb. 22 meeting, celebrating **Rotary's 107th birthday**. Birthday cake and all the fixin's. Our gift to Rotary that day will be the proceeds from the blue bottles turned in the past few months. Have you turned yours in? Event coordinator Pam Harkema is soliciting help and ideas from fellow Rotarians. She may be reached at (989) 666-1277.

Tom Cook said **R.I. District 6310's Ambassadorial Scholar**, now studying at Central Michigan University, will present a program at the Owosso club on Feb. 29 if he can find a round-trip ride for her, Mt. Pleasant to Owosso and return on that day. None yet. The Rotary volunteer spirit is lagging. Takers? Call Tom at (989) 725-1621.

President Cheryl said the name of **Chad Rich of Sagelink Credit Union**, Owosso, goes to the board at the February meeting. He would be the sixth new member since July 2011, all toward the club's goal 10 net gain on the Rotary year.

### Owosso Rotary Club Make-Up Form

**Rotarian's Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date and type of make-up activity:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_