



LAKE OSWEGO SPOKESMAN

Rotary



Like You Were There

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WHO CALLED US TO ORDER:

**Our President -
Scott Havens!**



The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say
or do:

- **Is it the Truth?**
- **Is it Fair to all
Concerned?**
- **Will it Build Goodwill and
Better Friendships?**
- **Will it be Beneficial to All
Concerned?**

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Who led us to the Pledge



Thimmappa "Thim" Anekonda

Featured Rotarian: Thim Anekonda

Thimmappa "Thim" Anekonda's passions start with his family. He lives in Lake Oswego with his wife Nalini who is a software engineer at Mentor Graphics. His Son Vishu will be receiving his M.D. from U of W this next May and his daughter Sima graduated from Uof O with a degree in Public Policy and Management and currently works at Portland Metro.

Thim grew up in Mellekatte, India which is a village near Davangere City. It is about 450 miles South of Mumbai. He was the youngest of 10 children and worked to help his parents on their farm of about 10 to 20 acres growing crops to support the family.

Science and education and gardening are passions Thim has had throughout his life. His newest developing passions are for Entrepreneurship and poetry.

Throughout his life, many people showed a lot of humanity towards him, helping him to achieve the success in family and career that he currently enjoys. This has instilled a passion to give back the humanity shown him, by participating in humanitarian organizations like Rotary.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 7: SASEE, at Buckley Law 11:30 AM.

Feb. 10: Lobster Feed Hats coming next week!

Feb. 17: Monday, Hunger Fighters food drive.

Feb. 26: Wednesday, SASEE Award Banquet, Tualatin Country Club, 5:30pm

Mar. 14: West Linn Barn Dance, at Langdon Farms



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Today's Speaker:



**Cliff Schmidt, Founder and
Executive Director Amplio
Talking Books**
<https://www.amplio.org>

The Talking Book is a low-cost, easy to use, audio computer designed for the learning needs of illiterate populations living in the poorest areas in the world.

Cliff led the development of this audio-based mobile device for people living in rural areas without electricity or Internet access.

Amplio's technology empowers these vulnerable communities to access knowledge they can use to improve their health, income, and quality of life. The Talking Book disseminates verbal information created by local experts to their rural communities. Users can select and play messages on demand and record their feedback. A built-in speaker allows families and groups to listen and learn together.

Amplio partners with development organizations, businesses, and governments to bridge the knowledge gap for the world's hardest to reach populations. They empower people to gain knowledge, shift behaviors, and learn new skills to improve their lives.

Community health volunteers in Kenya used Talking Books to share quality maternal and child health information resulting in: 40% increase in skilled child deliveries, 100% increase in antenatal visits. Of residents who used Talking Books in their homes, 91% said they'd applied a new health or agricultural practices to their lives. Communities in Ghana were provided information on a range of health and hygiene topics, including the benefits of hand washing with soap. 50% of families are more likely to wash hands with soap when using talking books. They have also shown a 50% increase in sleeping under insecticide-treated mosquito nets in an effort to prevent Malaria.

Cliff received the Microsoft alumni Integral Fellow Award presented by Bill and Melinda Gates twice (in 2010 and 2014) and was selected as a member of the Clinton Global Initiative by President Bill Clinton. He was featured by the PBS Newshour as one of five Agents for Social Change in 2013. Prior to starting Amplio, Cliff was a software developer for Microsoft and a nuclear engineering officer for the U.S. Navy Submarine Force. Cliff holds a B.S. in cognitive science from MIT and an M.S. in computer science and engineering from the University of Washington. Cliff loves music and playing tenor saxophone.

Guests & Visitors

Today's Guests

Heather Stidd with Pete Stidd
Allen Brown with Mark Waller
Seth Prickett with Rob LeChevallier
Jonathan Ellis with Rob LeChevallier
David Moore with Tina Colson
Michael Rivers with Nell Diamond
Cliff Schmidt - Speaker
Pam Bell
Ron Herring

Badge Ceremonies



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Thim Anekonda



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Announcements



February Birthdays

Peter, once again, led the room in celebrating February birthdays by an enthusiastic round of Happy Birthday!

Kristin Engstrom
Joe Buck
Dick Eaton
Ryan Lockwood
Carol Winston
Matt Chrisman

Jim Zupancic
Mike Dotten
Ridge Taylor
Shalla Wilson
Alan Campbell
Reed McNeal



Sergeants

Those with no Badges or pins were fined \$2 and \$1 for everyone at the same table.

If you don't have your pin next week, the fine is \$5

Pins are available for purchase for \$10 at the back table

Paul Harris Fellowship

Dave Beckett presented Paul Harris Awards today:

Rob LeChevallier – Paul Harris +5

Money is sent to Rotary International for 3 years of investment, then sent back to our club for inclusion to the budget and used to fund grants locally and internationally.



Announcements

SASEE Awards

The SASEE Banquet will be February 26, 2020 @ 5:30pm - Sign-up online or at the back table. Tickets are \$75 per seat. You can buy one as a donation for someone else to go if you wish.

These awards honor Lake Oswego's Top Rated Teachers, Students, Support Staff and citizens exhibiting Service above Self in Education Excellence. Finalists will be posted in the Lake Oswego Review.

Finalists are:

STUDENT

Student Recipients:

Mya Gordon

Sera Lew

Anna-Marie Guenter and Ella Feathers

EDUCATOR

Educator Recipients:

Gerrit Koepping

David Rodenkirch

Kasie Hansen

SUPPORT STAFF

Support Staff Recipients:

Frank Everhart

CITIZEN

Citizen Recipients:

Becky Owens and Cyndi Spear

Elizabeth Welsh

Ted Ricks

Rotarian Photo Gallery



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Amplio Talking Books

