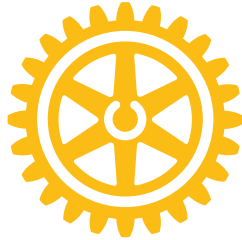


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Owatonna, Minnesota

LIGHT UP ROTARY

Meeting each Monday 12:10 p.m. – Owatonna Country Club

Four way test: 1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all concerned?;

3) Will it build good will and better friendships? 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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AREA MEETING PLACES & TIMES

Austin	Mondays	Noon	Holiday Inn	Winona	Wednesdays	Noon	Westfield Golf Club
Janesville	Mondays	6 PM	St. Ann's Parish	Northfield	Thursdays	12:15	Northfield Golf Club
Owatonna Early Edition	Wednesdays	7 AM	Owatonna Fire Hall	Great Rochester	Thursdays	Noon	Kahler Grand Hotel
Rochester Risers	Tuesdays	7 AM	Hilton Garden Inn	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Albert Lea	Fridays	Noon	Ramada Inn
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill				
Mankato	Wednesdays	12:10	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

July 21	Pat Heydon, Exec. Dir, Habitat for Humanity
July 28	Business Mtg, plus Dr. Brian Bunkers, David Berg, Mayo Health System
August 4	Jim Gleason, Manager, Steele County Free Fair: Preview 2014 fair
August 11	Miranda Schimek, Outbound to Colombia
August 18	Holly Jorgensen, RDH: "Let's Smile, Inc.
August 25	Business Meeting/Lonna Lysne, RFE to Argentina
September 1	NO MEETING...LABOR DAY
September 8	Steve Hunegs, Jewish Community Relations Council
September 15	Lori Running, ADD
September 22	United Way Campaign
September 29	Candidates for city election
October 6	Visit from District Gov. Karel Weigel
October 13	Candidates for county election
October 20	Candidates for school board
October 27	Candidates for Legislature
November 3	Foundation Month and Camp Enterprise Student
November 10	Nora Rubish, Outbound returnee from Finsterwaide Germany
November 17	Scott Russel, Klatt Airshows
November 24	Business Meeting

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 11, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Miranda Schimek, who has returned from a ROTARY Exchange to Colombia.

BIRTHDAYS: Greg Schultz, Aug. 13, Chad Lange, Aug. 15

ROTARY NOTES

Last week, ROTARIAN Dave Effertz announced that nomination forms are now on the ROTARY website as well as from Dave and on the tables at today's meeting for the Paul Harris/Vern White award which will recognize a non-ROTARIAN whose life and actions exemplify the spirit of the motto "Service Above Self" and exhibits the characteristics that represent the values of the Four Way Test. The presentation of the award will be made on the first Monday of Foundation Month, which is November. If you know of a person who is deserving of this award, please fill out the nomination and get it to Dave.

ROTARIAN Jen Dunn Foster is still looking for host families for in-bound students this next school year. Please contact her for more information on dates families are needed.

From RI President Gary C.K. Huang: "In ROTARY, we mark August as Membership and Extension Month. There is a good reason why we remind ourselves of the importance of membership early in every ROTARY year, because the job of growing our membership is one that we can never begin too soon. It is also a job that we can never stop working on. In order to keep serving, ROTARY always needs to be growing!"

This is fair week. Here are some additional fair facts:

*A free shuttle bus from downtown and also from the industrial park to the fair for noon lunch will be offered on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 to 1:30.

*The Human Cannonball, David Smith Jr., will be fired over the midway at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. daily. His appearance at the fair is sponsored by the Minnesota State Lottery.

*The Owatonna Community Band will officially open the fair with an hour long concert tomorrow night in Fair Square Park beginning at 5:30 p.m.

*The dedication of the new Allan Radel Family Pavilion will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 in the Livestock Show Arena.

*The Wells Fargo Auto Museum will feature cars of the '50's. The exhibit is free and is located north of the Four Seasons Arena.

*A first aid medical station will be available on the fairgrounds in the community center near the Elm Street entrance.

*All current and former employees of SPX, OTC, Power Team and Bosch are invited to an informal gathering at the fair this Friday, August 15. Meet in the fair Beer Garden between 11:30 and 1:00 p.m.

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig. "Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he says menacingly, as I burst into tears. "Come on man," the biker says. "I didn't think you'd cry. I can't stand to see a man crying." "This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man...and then my dog bit me. So, I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve, and then you show up and drink the whole damn thing! But, hell, enough about me, how are you doing?"

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK AT THE FAIR!