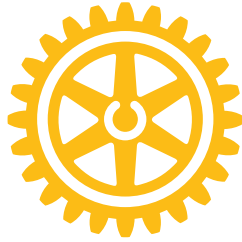


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Owatonna, Minnesota

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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	Thursdays	Noon	Purple Goose Eatery	Northfield	Thursdays	12:15	United Methodist Ch.
Owatonna Early Edition	Wednesdays	7 AM	Owatonna Fire Hall	Great Rochester	Wednesdays	12:10	Double Tree Hotel
Rochester Risers	Tuesdays	7 AM	Hilton Garden Inn	Rochester	Thursdays	11:30	Holiday Inn
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill	Albert Lea	Wednesdays	Noon	Wedgewood Cove
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 10: Nancy Ness, Director, Steele County Food Shelf and new officer inductions

July 17: Becca Sattler, returning outbound student from Columbia

July 24: Amanda Pederson, Breath of Hope Lung Foundation

July 31: Chase Smith, returning Outbound student from Japan

August 7: Preview of 2017 Steele County Free Fair: Jim Gleason

August 14: Ian Rubish, returning Outbound student from Norway

August 21: Ellen Haydon, Habitat for Humanity

August 28: Andrea Gaffke, "Safe & Sober in Schools"

September 4: No meeting...Labor Day

September 11: Brad Meier "School to Work" plus Mike Jensen: Preview of Culturfest

September 18: United Way

September 25: Dave Beaver, Manager, Owatonna Airport

October 2: Visit from District Governor, Kyle Haugen

October 9: Little Theatre of Owatonna: "How a Production Comes Together"

October 16: Patrick Mader, author of "Minnesota Gold"

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 14, 2017

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Ian Rubish, outbound student to Norway will speak about his experiences.

BIRTHDAYS: Greg Schultz, Aug. 13, Chad Lange: Aug. 15, Lonna Lysne, Aug. 19

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Jeff, South Africa

ROTARY NOTES

The Early Edition ROTARY Club invites you to their annual sweet corn and chicken sandwich feed on Tuesday, August 29, at the Eagles Club. Cost is \$9.00...kids six and under eat free. Proceeds will benefit the Patriot Skies July 4 fireworks, kindergarten book donation and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library projects. Tickets will be available at the door.

This is fair week. Here are some more facts about the Steele County Free Fair:

*Over 100 outdoor food stands will be serving fairgoers. Also, over 315 indoor commercial booths will greet fairgoers indoors at the Four Seasons exhibit hall.

*The fair offers a store that features memorabilia of the fair...sweatshirts, T-shirts, hats, pens. The store is located on the east end of the Four Seasons.

*David Smith, Human Cannonball is back with us again this year. He will be shot on the Goldstar Midway twice daily at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

*In 1906, the fair was held in downtown Owatonna and the big thrill was the "Slide of Life" from the courthouse to Central Park.

*One of every three visitors to the fair is not from Steele County. Twenty five percent attending the fair come from 26 miles or more, 10% come from over 60 miles and 76% come to the fair for more than one day.

*The longest continuous vendor at the fair is Burke's Taffy. This is their 95th year at our fair.

*Everyone makes a stop at Tom Thumb mini-donuts. There will be three Tom Thumb stands at the fair.

*Kottke Jewelers sponsored a watch drop from an airplane over the fairgrounds from 1967-1970. Former ROTARIAN Ted Ringhofer flew his plane over the fairgrounds and former ROTARIAN Bill Kottke dropped the watch.

*Gold Star Amusements will offer 40 rides on the fair midway.

Next Monday, August 21, darkness will fall across the face of America. Birds will stop singing, temperatures will drop, stars will become visible in the daytime sky. This is the first time since 1918 that the event has swept across America.

Doing science during a total eclipse may be exciting, but it can also put you on edge. No matter how carefully you plan, nature may conspire against you with something as trivial as a cloud momentarily passing through the wrong patch of sky. On August 21, what's known as the path of totality will cut a 60 mile wide arc across the U.S. beginning in Oregon at 10:15 a.m. local time and ending in South Carolina about an hour and a half later. Experts estimate that 11 million people won't have to travel at all to observe the total eclipse, and an estimated 76 million more will be within a 200-mile drive of it. Because of this unusual accessibility, it will probably be the most-viewed eclipse of all time. Caution: Do not look at the eclipse without proper eye protection.

Farmer Jones decided to start a chicken farm so he bought a hundred chickens to begin with. A month later he returned to the dealer for another hundred chickens because all of the first lot had died. A month later he was back at the dealer for another hundred chickens as the second lot has also died. "But I think I know where I'm going wrong," said Farmer Jones. "I think I'm planting them too deep!"

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!