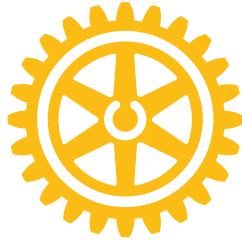


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Owatonna, Minnesota

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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

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| 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 | Riverland College |
| Greater Mankato | Wednesdays | 11:55 | Courtyard by Marriott | | | | |

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

July 13

Paul Mooty: CFO, Faribault Woolen Mill

July 20

Joanne Rosener: Fast for Hope

July 27

Darren Reed: Safe & Drug Free Coalition

Aug. 3

2015 Steele County Free Fair Preview: Jim Gleason

Aug. 10

Sarah Floy, returnee: Germany, Maddy Lyken, returnee: South Africa

Aug. 17

District Governor Marlene Gargulek visit

Aug. 24

Terry Kerber, Author: "The Inspiring Story of a Black Cyclist"

Aug. 31:

John Hausladen, Pres: Minnesota Trucking Association

Sept. 7

Labor Day: No meeting

Sept. 14

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR MARK DAYTON

Sept. 21

Jenine Koziolk, Fountain Centers, Albert Lea

Sept. 28

Business Meeting/United Way Campaign: Kim Schaufenbuel

Oct. 5

Foundation Week/Betsy Lindgren

Oct. 12

Pat Heydon, Habitat for Humanity

Oct. 19

Information on School Referendum

Oct. 26

Business Meeting/Laura Heine, Jr. Achievement

Nov. 2

Camp Enterprise Student

Nov. 9

Steve Olsen, Rotary Friendship Exchange to Romania

Nov.16

Alan Anderson: "What We Should Know About Climate Change"

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 17, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A special ROTARY welcome to our District Governor, Marlene Gargulek.

BIRTHDAYS: Bill Owens, Aug. 9, Greg Schultz, Aug. 13, Chad Lange, Aug. 15

ROTARY NOTES

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Cindy Scheid who recently was named a board member of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

FIND A CLUB! Get ROTARY'S free club locator app and find a meeting wherever you go!
www.rotary.org/clublocator.

Remember when the Owatonna Indians name was changed for the high school? It was 1994. The school had offered students the opportunity to suggest names for the school mascot. The three names that were eventually voted on were Huskies, Lightning and the Royals. There was a full house pep rally in the OHS gym to announce the names selected. The community was really into the new name so KRFO broadcasted the rally.

If you bring your little ones or your grandchildren to the fair, be sure to stop by the Sheriff's office on the fairgrounds and pick up a child I.D. tag to attach to your youngster. They are invaluable if they get separated from you.

Also, the Sheriff's office is offering the new Child I.D. kits which can be filled out with pertinent information on the child and kept in a safe place in your home. The kits include fingerprints of the child. The Sheriff's office will be fingerprinting children from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday of this week.

SOME FAIR HISTORY

Remember the popular steam train at the fair? It was a fixture at the fair in the 50's and 60's. The train ran in a circle around what is now Fair Square Park. The whistle on the train was a tradition at the fair. The tracks actually were left down year 'round.

Weather is a big factor in the success of the fair. Unfavorable weather forced the fair to delay payment of premiums in 1959. Weather was described as "too hot and too wet". Many events were washed out even on the midway. We had a similar year in 2007 when a 7 inch rainfall flooded the grounds. Outdoor activities for the night ground to a halt including the entertainment on the two outdoor stages.

The FFA Farm Yard was started in 1968 and continues to be a popular attraction.

The Aurora Diner celebrates its 50th year at the fair this year. The diner is the only sit-down dining room on the fairgrounds.

The first Demolition Derby was held at the fair in 1967. It is now one of the most popular grandstand events.

So anyway: A young man and a priest are playing golf together. At a short par-3 the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole, my son?" The young man says, "an 8 iron father...how about you?" "The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray." The young man hits his 8-iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his 7-iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards. The young man says, "I don't know about you, Father, but in my church, when we pray, we keep our head down!"

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!