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Owatonna, Minnesota

ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

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	Riverland College
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

July 18	Matt Ketelson, Chairman of Board: Chamber of Commerce
July 25	Jackie Warehime, Outbound returnee from Paraguay
August 1	Jim Gleason: SCFF Preview
August 8	Breezaine Bigeagle, Outbound returnee from Mexico
August 15	Alfred Zdrzil: Reduction of domestic violence
August 22	Minnesota Vikings Super Bowl Host Committee
August 29	Chris Coleman, St. Paul Mayor
Sept. 5	No meeting...Labor Day
Sept. 12	Mike Jensen: Culturfest Preview
Sept. 19	United Way kickoff
Sept. 26	Anne Cummins, Federal Correction Institution, Waseca
October 3	Owatonna Foundation Week
October 10	Candidates: County Commissioner
October 17	Candidates: City Council
October 24	Candidates: School Board
October 31	Candidates: State House and Senate
November 7	Awarding of Vern White Award
November 14	District Gov. Visit

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Monday, August 1, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A preview of the 2016 Steele County Free Fair from Jim Gleason, fair secretary manager.

BIRTHDAYS: Jerry Deetz, July 31, Tom Kuntz, Aug. 1, Troy Klecker, Aug. 2, Wes Kain, Aug. 5.

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A Note from RI President John Germ

“Today, our organization is at a critical point: a historic juncture that will determine in so many ways what comes next. Together, we have provided extra ordinary service to our world; tomorrow our world will depend on us to do even more. Now is the time to capitalize on our success as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult ROTARY forward, with determination and enthusiasm, to be an even greater force for good in the world

The 13th annual STRIVE Wellness Run and Fitness Walk will be held on Saturday of the fair, August 20 beginning at the Owatonna High School. New this year is a 5k run and fitness walk. Start time is 9 a.m. Advanced entry fee is \$25.00 (until Aug. 17), day of race is \$30.00. There will also be a kid's 400m/800m run for those 12 years and under. Entry fee is \$1.00 with registration at 7:30 a.m. the day of the race. The event is sponsored by our club, the SCFF, Owatonna Public Schools and the Allina Health Owatonna Hospital.

MORE FAIR FACTS

*Mega Ride tickets for the Gold Star Midway are now on sale only at Hy-Vee in Owatonna. They are \$49.00 and must be purchased by 5:00 p.m. August 16.

*Redemption of Mega Ride tickets for wrist bands will be made at a Gold Star Midway ticket office on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00.

*You can help support the Steele County Free Fair by joining the Steele County Agricultural Society during fair week. Memberships are just \$5.00 and entitle you to attend the annual meeting of the society as a voting member. Memberships must be purchased by 8:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair.

*At one time butter making competition was one of the biggest attractions at the fair from 1923 until the department closed in 1969. Over 30 Steele County butter makers existed at one time. Today there is only one butter maker in Hope.

No pets, bicycles, Segways or skateboards are allowed on the fairgrounds during the running of the fair.

Are you working downtown or in the Industrial Park? The Owatonna Bus Company provides free shuttle service from both locations on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ride Bill's Bus and Eat with Us!

U.S. Bank Senior Day is Thursday of the fair. All seniors, 62 and over, can park free in the general ball diamond lot until noon. There will be special entertainment and senior discounts at many food vendors for seniors.

I've sure gotten old! I have outlived my feet and my teeth. I've had two by-pass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes, I'm half blind, I can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts, have bouts with dementia, have poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore, can't remember if I'm 85 or 92, have lost all my friends, but thank God I still have my driver's license!