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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: Culturefest 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 29, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A ROTARY welcome to St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman

BIRTHDAYS: None

ROTARY NOTES

A note from RI President John Germ

“In this ROTARY year, we are marking the centennial of our ROTARY Foundation in the city where it all began: Atlanta. Our 108th RI Convention promises to be one of the most exciting yet, with inspiring speakers, great entertainment, and a wide array of breakout sessions to help you move your ROTARY service forward. And of course, we’ll be celebrating the Foundation’s centennial in style. To learn more, and save money on registration, visit WWW.riconvention.org.”

The Vietnam Traveling Wall will be displayed in Faribault August 31-September 5. It will make a stop in Owatonna at the fairgrounds this Wednesday, August 31 on its way to Faribault. It will be on display for about an hour about 3:00 in the afternoon. You are welcome to stop by.

Did you know? The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%. (now get this....) The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.

Did you know: The actual number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000

Here’s another: Coca-Cola was originally green.

ROTARIAN Laura Resler reminds ROTARIANS that the next grant application deadline for the Owatonna Foundation is September 1. Visit www.owatonnafoundation.org

A bit of ROTARY HISTORY: In 1992, ROTARIAN Jerry Deetz threw out the first ball at the Minnesota Twins game on July 14. That day was designated as UNICAL Day and Deetz was the Brand Chairman for the Marketers Association of UNICAL in Minnesota and South Dakota.

A Fair Summary

Estimated attendance at this year’s fair was 279,737, down about 9% from last year. Even though the weather did not treat the fair well, a big weekend including a huge Sunday helped bring up the numbers. Even with the weather, the carnival was up in numbers, and the beer garden was up in cups served.

A noted psychologist’s wife asked him why he never would let her play golf with him. “My dear,” he admonished her, “there are things a man must do alone: testify, die and putt!”

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor’s permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over!

During a visitation at the funeral home, the mortician noticed a very elderly lady in the visitation line. “How old are you,” he asked. She replied proudly, “101”. The mortician said, “Hardly worth going home is it?”

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK...LABOR DAY!