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Owatonna, Minnesota

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

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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

Nov. 23	Camp Enterprise Students
Nov. 30	Stephen Cantwell & Fred Bettner, Beauterre Recovery Institute
Dec. 7	Carolle Smith: Identity Theft/OHS Christmas Carolers
Dec. 14	Alyssa Sattler, returnee from Spain
Dec. 21	Christmas program: Kim Cosens, Dave Williams, Kim Schaufenbuel
Dec. 28	Luke Owens, Returnee student from Italy
Jan. 4	Nick Beck, Student Returnee from Italy
Jan. 11	Michele Redman, Director, Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Jan. 18	“From the Rink to the Brink”, lady hockey players hike the Grand Canyon
Jan. 25	Beer-making...Matt Kottke, Tim Holland
Feb. 1	Bruce Boyce, RFE to Brazil
Feb. 8	State of the City: Mayor Kuntz, Kris Busse
Feb. 15	Jennifer Libby, Chamber of Commerce
Feb. 22	Police Department update: Chief Keith Hiller
Feb. 29	Business meeting: A look at the future
Mar. 7	Literary Month: Public Library
Mar. 14	James Rogers, Director of Irish Studies, St. Thomas College
Mar. 21	Alan Anderson, CO2 & Ocean Aridification
Mar. 28	Betsy Lindgren, Rotary Foundation

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, December 14, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Alyssa Sattler who spent a year as a ROTARY outbound student to Spain.

BIRTHDAYS: Sorry, none

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Ashley Coulombe, Beth Wuger, Emma Smith, Rebecca Sedivy

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Nicolas Valenzuela, Chile, Oscar Christianson, Norway

ROTARY NOTES

Even in the theme park capitol of the world, the gentler rides can be just as delightful as the towering roller coasters. The iconic, swan-shaped paddleboats that drift amid their live counterparts in Florida's Lake Eola Park offer a respite from the maddening crowds, for rent at \$15.00 per half hour. But until recently, many people with disabilities, including children, were left shoreside. Enter the ROTARY Club of Orlando, which in July helped unveil a \$6,000 Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant wheelchair ramp and boat...the eighth paddleboat in the city park's fleet. The new boat allows wheelchairs to be secured while providing ample room for people to pedal.

An Ethiopian village of nearly 15,000 people now has access to eight showers with hot water and 12 public toilets after the ROTARY Clubs of Addis Ababa-West and Holland, Michigan, leveraged funds through a ROTARY FOUNDATION GLOBAL GRANT. The project, begun in 2010 and completed this year included the construction of toilets, wash basins and showers in a facility with electric lighting. The building was constructed wholly by hand...even the gravel, which was made by pounding local stone. In addition to overseeing the hand-digging of a large septic tank, the Addis Ababa-West Club is working to educate residents about the health benefits and proper use of the facility.

TPS Insurance in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Ambassadors is offering a \$1,000 scholarship in honor and memory of ROTARIAN Ted Ringhofer, who died of cancer in 1997. Ted served as president of the Chamber for 29 years and served 24 years on the city council. Students graduating this school year and planning to attend a technical two or four year college with focus on a business or business related field might apply. Obtain applications at the high school, or on line at www.tpsinsurance.com.

Here's one contributed by ROTARIAN Ray Stawarz: Ole, a furniture dealer from Iowa, decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find. After arriving in Paris, he visited with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home. To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine. As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house.

Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table, asked him something in French (which Ole could not understand), so he motioned to the vacant chair and invited her to sit down.

He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language. After a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her. She nodded, so he ordered a glass of wine for her. After sitting together at the table for awhile, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on it and she nodded. They left the bistro and found a quiet café that featured a small group playing romantic music.

They ordered dinner, after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded and they got up to dance. They danced until the café closed and the band was packing up. Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed. To this day, Ole has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business!

Welcome to new member Cory Michaelson!