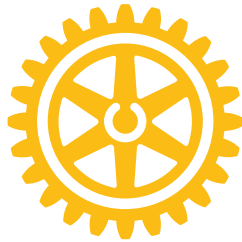


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Owatonna, Minnesota

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD

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

Nov. 23

Camp Enterprise Students

Nov. 30

Stephen Cantwell & Fred Bettner, Beauterre Recovery Institute

Dec. 7

Carolee 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

Beermaking...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

Doug Loon, President, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Feb. 29

Business meeting: A look at the future

Mar. 7

Police Department update: Chief Keith Hiller

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 21, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our annual Christmas musical program, compliments of ROTARIANS Kim Cosens, Dave Williams and Kim Schaufenbuel.

BIRTHDAYS: Bill Regan, Dec. 22, Jenine Koziolk, Dec. 26

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

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

ROTARY NOTES

An Owatonna ROTARY "Social" has been scheduled for December 29 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Whistle Stop Café in Medford, which is next to the Medford Senior Care where ROTARIAN Bill Whiting now resides. Mark this on your calendar and plan to join fellow ROTARIANS. It will mean a lot to Bill.

LET'S TALK CHRISTMAS

We'll all get a gift or two that we don't like...here are the top ten things to say about that unwanted Christmas gift:

10: Hey! There's a gift!

9. Well, well, well.....

8: Boy, if I had not recently shot up 4 sizes that would've fit.

7. This is perfect for wearing around the basement

6. Gosh, I hope this never catches fire! It is fire season though.

5. If the dog buries it, I'll be furious!

4. I love it...but I fear the jealousy it will inspire.

3. Sadly, tomorrow I enter the Federal witness Protection Program.

2. To think...I got this the year I vowed to give all my gifts to charity.

And, the number one thing to say about a Christmas gift you don't like: 1. I really don't deserve this!

You know, Christmas is just like a day at the office. You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

When you consider Christmas, there are four stages in your life:

1. You believe in Santa
2. You don't believe in Santa
3. You are Santa
4. You look like Santa

ROTARY HISTORY AT CHRISTMAS

One of the early traditions at Christmas for the ROTARY Club was the exchange of gifts among members. Members would bring gifts (some of them quite funny) to the meeting before Christmas. While Arnold Krueger played carols, the gifts would be rotated at various tables until the time of rotation expired. The gift you were holding is the one you got to open in front of the club. The event drew lots of laughs.

PUNS FOR CHRISTMAS

*Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

*Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him a SUPER CALLOUSED FRAGILE MYSTIC HEXED BY HALITOSIS!