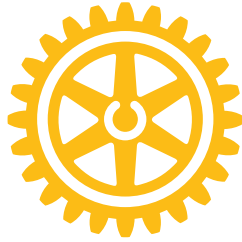


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Owatonna, Minnesota

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

January 16: Duke Pieper, author of book, "I'm Alive, Courage, Hope and a Miracle"

January 23: Kathleen Segna, Principal, St. Mary's School

January 30: Melanie Tschida, Red Cross

February 6: Dan McIntosh, County Attorney

February 13: State of the City: Mayor Tom Kuntz and City Administrator Kris Busse

February 20: Dr. David Burkholder, Mayo Clinic, Owatonna: Avoiding a stroke, signs and symptoms

February 27: Marcus Jarvis, Immigration Lawyer

March 6: Nancy Ness, Director, Steele County Food Shelf

March 13: Tim Grant: "Personal Happiness is a Prerequisite for a Successful Life"

March 20: Kelly Schuller, President: Viracon

March 27: OHS Robotics Team

April 3: Amy Roggenbuck: Steele County Community Services Director

April 10: Lynn Betzold: Honoring Choices: End of Life Living

April 17: Malika and Taha Muhammed: "We Survived Iraq and Turkey: Long Road to Freedom"

April 24: Roger Wareheim "Owatonna Forward"

May 1: STRIVE graduates

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, February 13, 2017

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from City Administrator Kris Busse and Mayor Tom Kuntz with their “State of the City” report.

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Olson and Don Reynolds, Feb. 11, Callan Paffrath, Feb. 13, Kelly Boomgarden and Charlie Herrman, Feb. 17

FEBRUARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Mariah Dant, Britta Gantert, Sophia Paley, Sara Wall

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Jeff, South Africa and Leticia, Brazil

ROTARY NOTES

Can you hear me now? ROTARIAN Police Chief Keith Hiller warns ROTARIANS about a new scam that you should avoid. If you receive a phone call and the first thing the caller says to you is “Can you hear me?” If you answered “yes” you may be the victim of a scam. Here’s how it works: The caller is setting you up to say “yes”. They record your affirmative response and use it to make it sound like you are agreeing to a service; and then you get hit with unexpected charges that they used your voice to sign up for. To avoid this potentially costly scam, just hang up. Resist the urge to give any type of response that may put you on a working number list and result in more of these calls. If you fall for this scam, you can report it to the Better Business Bureau [here](#) or with the Federal Trade Commission [here](#).

A MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT JOHN F. GERM

“The world needs ROTARY more than ever. It needs our courage, our optimism, and our idealism. It needs the voice of tolerance, cooperation and hope that we can offer. It needs the example of an organization that has proven that the citizens of all countries can work together successfully, gladly, and in friendship.”

The ROTARY FOUNDATION has been serving humanity for 100 years. With your support, ROTARIANS can continue to change lives by promoting peace around the world. Your gift to the Annual Fund helps train the next generation of peacemakers to prevent and mediate conflict. Your gift is always appreciated. Checks can be given to ROTARIAN Roger Wareheim.

From ROTARIAN Laura Resler: “Lots of generous folks opened their pocketbook and donated to the Owatonna Foundation in 2016. This past year individuals and businesses supported the Foundation with gifts of almost \$300,000. Projects funded this past year included a new induction loop sound system at the Little Theatre auditorium, a key fob system for the Owatonna Business Incubator, building improvements at the Historical Society Village of Yesteryear, a new fully automated track timer at Owatonna High School, installation of fire rated doors and walls at St. Mary’s School and refurbishment of basement laundry and sleep facilities at Hospitality House.

Do you have a suggestion for the fair slogan for 2018? That year marks the 100th year that the fair has been located on its present site. March 1 is the deadline date for submissions. Send them to SCFF, Box 650, Owatonna or e-mail them to steelecountyfreefair@scff.org.

So anyway: The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side. She said, “What are your golf clubs doing here”? He looked her in the eye and said, “This isn’t going to take all day, is it?”

IT’S A GREAT WEEK TO BE A ROTARIAN!