

The

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Owatonna, Minnesota

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	Mondays	6 PM	St. Ann's Parish	Northfield	Thursdays	Noon	Northfield Golf Club
Owatonna Early Edition	Tuesdays	7 AM	Owatonna Fire Hall	Great Rochester	Thursdays	Noon	Kahler Grand Hotel
Rochester Risers	Tuesdays	7 AM	Hilton Garden Inn	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Albert Lea	Fridays	Noon	Ramada Inn
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill	North Mankato	Fridays	Noon	Best Western Hotel
Mankato	Wednesdays	Noon	Old Main Village				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
February 13	Robin Miller: Humor in Dealing with Trauma
February 20	The New Koda Living Community: Terry Schneider
February 27	Business Meeting: OFF SITE AT HISTORY CENTER FOR TOUR
March 5	Owatonna Police Chief Keith Hiller
March 12	Craig Wahl: Visiting Angels Elder Services: MEET AT HISTORY CENTER
March 19	Tanya Paley: Safe and Drug Free Coalition: MEET AT HISTORY CENTER.
March 26	Meet the 5 th District County Commissioner Candidates (LUNCH; 11:30)
April 2	Beth Kallestad, Cannon River Watershed Partnership
April 9	Jacob Forster and Alex Anderson: "From a Student Perspective"
April 16	Christy Tryhus, Simply Balanced Coaching and Training
April 23	STRIVE Students
April 30	Business Meeting/Camp RYLA student presentation
May 7	Open

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, February 20, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to fellow ROTARIAN Terry Schneider who will update us on the new Koda Living Community being constructed.

BIRTHDAYS: Ken Henrickson, Matt Rutigliano, Feb. 24, John Muellerleile, Feb, 25

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Emily Kasper, Anna Bastyr, Savahhan Wunderlich and Ty Haley

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark, Carla de Oliveira Silva, Brazil

ROTARY NOTES

Garage need cleaning? Need help with a yard sale? As you may know, our exchange students Johan and Carla have some significant travel opportunities ahead of them. Although they are given a monthly allowance by the club, there usually isn't enough left for them to save much spending money for these trips. Because of their student visas, they are not allowed to get regular jobs. However, they can do odd jobs for pay. If you need a baby sitter, someone to help with spring yard work or to do projects around the house, please contact one or both of them. They would love the opportunity, and it's a chance for you to get to know our students better.

Plan to attend the 2012 ROTARY 5960 District Conference April 13 and 14 in River Falls, Wisconsin. The title of the conference is "Embracing Humanity: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things." A ROTARIAN provided this title during the District Governor's club visits. It is a perfect description for the district conference. The District Conference will highlight the difference ordinary people can make. Come and hear how Educators, Peace Corps workers, ROTARY Scholars, Film Makers, Artists and others have used their talents, gifts and energy to make a difference in the world. There will be Assembly Training on Friday morning for 2012-2013 club officers, the annual meeting will be Friday afternoon, the Youth Exchange Country Fair will highlight Saturday noon, breakout sessions, movies and fellowship. For information and registration go on line to rotary5960.org.

At the International Assembly it was announced that the Polio Challenge has surpassed the \$200 million mark, reaching \$202.6 million as of January, 2011. The Gates Foundation has awarded the ROTARY FOUNDATION an additional \$50 million grant for polio eradication. The new \$50 million grant is not a challenge grant; it results from ROTARY'S early achievement of the \$200 million milestone and of the need for continued funding support for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Did you know? ROTARIAN Ann Miller is the new president of the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

ROTARIAN Todd Hale's son, Tim and his son Riley climbed the 1280 steps making up 50 floors of the IDS Tower in the Twin Cities on February 4. It took Tim 11 minutes, 43 seconds and Riley was close behind at 12 minutes, 10 seconds. The event was a competition between law enforcement agencies and fire departments in Minneapolis and St. Paul and the entire event raised money for Cystic Fibrosis. Tim is a member of the St. Paul Police Department and works with the Drug Enforcement Agency in St. Paul.

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed. He's my old boyfriend...I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" AND THEN THE FIGHT STARTED.....

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK! REMEMBER, WE MEET AT THE HISTORY CENTER NEXT WEEK!