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Owatonna, Minnesota

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Meeting each Monday 12:00 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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January 8: Tim Penny: The political climate in Washington

January 15: Roger Wareheim: Owatonna Brew House

January 22: Darci Stanford: Owatonna Brain Training Center

January 29: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

February 5: Tim Truelson, Owatonna Park and Rec...”We All Play”

February 12: Mayor Tom Kuntz, Kris Busse: State of the City

February 19: Bob Randall: “Modern Workforce”

February 26: Pastor Todd Buegler

March 5: Sue Schroeder, Public Schools Social Worker

March 12: Ali Diley, Director of Nutrition, Public Schools

March 19: Owatonna Police Department

March 26: Chad Lange: The Festal Story

April 2: Open

April 9: Open

April 16: Open

April 23: Open

May 7: Open

May 14: OHS National Honor Society

May 21: Open

May 28: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 4: Open

June 11: Kim Cosens, Preview, Wenger Marching Band Festival

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Monday, January 15, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We may well see a brewhouse as part of downtown Owatonna. Roger Wareheim will provide an update on the Steele Tap Cooperative Brew Pub which is planned to open this year.

BIRTHDAYS: Gregg Draeger and Andy Michaelitz, Jan. 20

JANUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS: Jamie Davison, Margo Achterkirch, Nicholas Hagen and Ben DeNio

IN-BOUND STUDENTS: Jeff, South Africa and Nado, Indonesia. Jeff will be leaving for home in South Africa this Friday. It has been a pleasure having you with us this past year, Jeff, and we wish you all the best as you progress in life!

AROUND TOWN

Mark your calendar! The 14th annual Chili Cookoff Contest benefiting the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund will be held on Saturday, January 27 from 4-8 p.m. at the Retrofit Company (old Wal-Mart building). Advance tickets are available for \$8.00 at Kottke Jewelers, Owatonna Shoe, Huntington's and the KC Hall. Tickets at the door are \$10.00, and \$30.00/family.

ROTARIAN Ryan Gillespie reminds you that the Owatonna Business Women's organization is now seeking nominations for the 2018 Woman of Achievement award to be announced on Friday, March 9 at Jett's Hall on the Pillsbury Campus. This event celebrates the successful accomplishments of today's working women and encourages women to further their education. Nominations are currently being accepted and forms can be found at www.owatonnabusinesswomen.org under the Woman of Achievement Link. Deadline for nominations is January 30. Besides the Woman of Achievement award, honors will also go to a Young Careerist and a Lifetime Achievement recipient. Six scholarships will be awarded including two for post-secondary, two for GED and two non-traditional.

Gandy Company of Owatonna, designer and manufacturer of agriculture and professional turf maintenance products, and provider of custom metal fabrication, machining, paint and assembly for equipment manufacturers in a wide variety of markets announced recently that it is ISO 001:2015 certified.

A debate between First Congressional candidates Jim Hagedorn and Carla Nelson will be held at the VFW Club tonight at 7:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Steele County Republican Party.

A public program featuring Hanadi Chehabeddine, a Lebanese-born journalist and public speaker will be held this Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the History Center. Her topic is "Being Muslim in Minnesota".

From RI President Ian H.S. Riseley: "We cannot discuss diversity in ROTARY without addressing the issue of gender. Just think, just three decades ago, women could not join ROTARY. Although we have come a long way since then, the legacy of that misguided policy is still with us. For too many continue to think of ROTARY as an organization only for men. Today, women make up just over 21 percent of ROTARY's membership. We have a long way to go to meet what should be the goal of every club: a gender balance that matches the balance of our world, with as many women in ROTARY as men."

Today's thoughts: How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?

I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.