

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

Date

Program

January 16

Barb Liebenstein, Midwest Dairy Association

January 23

Former Congressman Tim Penny: "What's Going on in Washington?"

January 30

Primary election candidates...County Commissioner...(lunch: 11:30)

February 6

Drs. Dan Paley and Keith Paley: Preventive Medicine After Age 50

February 13

Robin Miller: Humor in dealing with trauma

February 20

Terry Schneider, Administrator: Koda Living Community project

February 27

Off site meeting at Historical Society building

March 5

Owatonna Police Department...Chief Keith Hiller

March 12

Visiting Angels Franchise...Craig Wahl

March 19

Tanya Paley, Safe and Drug Free Coalition

March 26

County Commissioner special election candidates

April 2

Cannon River Watershed Partnership

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, January 23, 2012

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THIS WEEK: This is our chance to find out “What’s Going on in Washington”. Former Congressman Tim Penny, now Executive Director of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Fund will give us his viewpoints on why nothing seems to be getting done in Congress.

BIRTHDAYS: Glen Meger, Jan. 25, Tabby DeLeeuw, Jan 26, Tom Dufresne, Jan. 28, Jim Gute, Jan. 29

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Alec Anderson, Rachel Wiebke, Jacob Forster, Connor Cordell

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark, Carla deOliveria Dilva, Brazil

ROTARY NEWS NOTES

A reminder that next week’s meeting will feature the candidates for the county primary election. LUNCH WILL BEGIN AT 11:30 A.M. Candidates include Gary Ringhofer, Les Abraham, Doug Hughes, Nina Huntington and Rick Wittrock.

India is set to reach a milestone in the global battle against polio, recording a full year without a single case of the virus in the country that was long its epicenter and its biggest exporter. It is a massive global public health achievement that has defied the odds and confounded the skeptics, a victory reached with US financial support and expertise...that will see India removed forever from the list of just four countries where the crippling disease remains endemic. The other three countries are Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. The feat raises the very real chance that polio, like smallpox, could one day be consigned to history, and with it the heartbreaking image of the Indian beggar, crawling on twisted, thin legs, pleading for alms.

Until 1995, India recorded between 50,000 and 150,000 cases of polio each year. In 2009, 14 years into India’s campaign to eradicate polio, 641 Indian children still contracted the incurable disease, more than anywhere else in the world and morale was sagging. In 2010, that number had fallen to 42. In 2011, it fell to just a single case. The mood is one of hope and enthusiasm, but now smugness, given the risks the disease could still find a way back from abroad.

It will take another two years to declare India completely free of the virus, but even a setback now would not derail the program.

If someone asks you “what is ROTARY?”, tell the person that we are an organization of service minded individuals around the world who are working to make the world a better place with our efforts in water and sanitation, basic education and literacy, maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment, economic and community development, and peace and conflict resolution. You can say that in 20 seconds!

So anyway, a couple in their 90’s are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they’re physically ok, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. “Want anything while I’m in the kitchen?” he asks. “Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?” “Sure”. Don’t you think you should write it down so you can remember it?” “I can remember it.” “Well, I’d like some strawberries on top too. Maybe you should write it down so you don’t forget.” He says, “I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.” “I’d also like whipped cream. I’m certain you’ll forget that, write it down,” she asks. Irritated, he says, “I don’t need to write it down, I can remember it. Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream...I got it for goodness sake!” Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. “Where’s my toast?”

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK! WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER LORI MAAS!