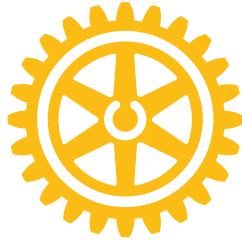


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AREA MEETING PLACES & TIMES

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

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

Beer-making...Matt Kottke, Tim Holland

Feb. 1

Bruce Boyce, RFE to Brazil

Feb. 8

State of the City: Mayor Kuntz, Kris Busse

Feb. 15

Plans for school district construction

Feb. 22

Doug Loon, President, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Feb. 29

Jonathan Moore, Park Ranger/Partnerships and Volunteers

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

Kathy Stutesman, “Stories from the Streets..Your Foundation at Work”

Apr. 4

Update: Mayo Clinic Health: Owatonna Update and Care Models

Apr. 11

Lois Nelson, Betsy Lindsay: RFE to India

Apr. 18

Ray Stawarz-Visiting Cuba

Apr. 25

Jennifer Libby, Chamber of Commerce

May 2

STRIVE graduates

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, January 25, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: The art of beer making featuring ROTARIAN Tim Holland and partner Matt Kottke

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

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Tessa Rahrik, Ashley Ulman, Liana Mulet and Emily Wanous

IN-BOUND STUDENTS: Nicolas (Chile), Oscar (Norway) and Beth (Zimbabwe)

FEBRUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS: Daniel Kaupa, Jacob Mundale, Evan Holt, Grace McClintock

FEBRUARY GREETERS: Ryan Gillespie, Doug Belmore and Tabby DeLeeuw

FEBRUARY INVOCATION: Lois Nelson

ROTARY NOTES

You will not see milk or lemonade provided any longer at our lunches. The new lunch contract eliminated the offering of these. Choices will be coffee (decaf or regular) only.

Notes about Korea where the 2016 RI Convention will be held:

It is not difficult to find green space in Korea. Koreans are a nature loving people and they have created numerous escapes from the pavement jungle to hike, bike and sail. One can ride a bike along the wide trails that hug the broad Han River. The parks along the Han range from manicured gardens to wetlands with spectacular views of the river and the skyline.

For a piece of history, visit Bugaksan Mountain, which rises behind the presidential residence called "The Blue House". The trail was closed for 40 years after North Korean commandos climbed the mountain in an attempt to assassinate the South Korean president. The trail was re-opened in 2006.

If you are traveling with kids, stop at Seoul Children's Grand Park which houses a zoo, a botanic garden, a water playground, a musical fountain and an amusement.

Register for the 2016 RI convention in Seoul at www.riconvention.org.

AROUND TOWN

The Steele County Historical Society is seeking nominations for its 2016 Preservation awards. Each year, two Steele County buildings or properties are recognized for their outstanding preservation and/or restoration efforts. For a property to be considered, it should accurately reflect the architecture of the time it was built, be as close in its original detail as possible, and be in above average condition. All nominations should be received at the SCHS office by April 1. To nominate a property, please submit a letter explaining why you have chosen this property, some background information, the property's historic significance, a photo and a contact. You can e-mail the nomination to SCHS Director Kim Purscell at Kim.Purscell@steelehistorymuseum.org or mail to 1700 Austin Road in Owatonna.

This year's musical at Owatonna High School will be "Curtains" to be presented February 25-28.

In case you need further proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity...here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods:

*On a hairdryer: "Do not use while sleeping"

*On a bar of Dial soap: "Directions; Use like regular soap"

*On Nytol Sleep Aid: "Warning, may cause drowsiness"

*On American Airlines packet of nuts: "Instructions: open packet, eat nuts"

*On Swedish chainsaw: "Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals".

A trim looking older man was asked how he maintained his figure. "Well," he answered, "I get most of my exercise acting as a pallbearer for all my friends who exercise".