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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: Dave Beaver, Manager, Owatonna Airport

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: Open

March 27: Open

April 3: Open

April 10: Open

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

April 24: Roger Wareheim "Owatonna Forward"

May 1: STRIVE graduates

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Monday, January 9, 2017

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Lizzie from Zimbabwe will be leaving us at the end of this week. She will present her farewell today.

BIRTHDAYS: Betsy Rossi, Jan. 1, Pat Greenwood, Jan. 3, Earl Anderson, Erin Felten and Tom Sager, Jan.8, Leticia, Jan. 9 Tim Holland, Jan. 10

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Rebekah Bendorf, Amy Oldenburg, Tori Urch and Grace Valen

IN-BOUND STUDENTS: Lizzie, (Zimbabwe) and Leticia (Brazil)

ROTARY NOTES

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN GORM, RI PRESIDENT

“Sustainability has always been at the heart of our thinking in ROTARY. We’ve been around for nearly 112 years and intend to be around for many more. We’ve already seen the difference our work has made: in health, in education, in water and sanitation, and of course in our efforts to end polio.

Polio eradication is the ultimate in sustainable service: a project that, once completed, will benefit the world forever. The estimated cost savings we will see once polio is eradicated are about \$1 billion per year. That is money that can be returned to public health budgets and directed to other pressing needs, carrying the good work of today forward for many healthier tomorrows.”

This Friday, January 13, is “National Clean Off Your Desk Day”. Ok, if you can’t manage it at home, maybe you can do it at the office. The second Friday of January is dedicated to clearing the decks for another year’s worth of paperwork.

Most of us wince when we have to take our car in for mechanical work...knowing that we’ll unload at least \$500 or more. Here’s a note from yesteryear on fixing up the old Model T. “Many Model T’s can be driven two, three and five years and even longer. You’ll be surprised how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape. New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhaul of the front axle, re-bushing springs and spring perches and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels. Labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00. A set of four new pistons and rings costs only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20.00 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled.”

In 1954, Jimmy Denny, manager of the Grand Ole Opry, fired a singer after one performance, telling him, “You ain’t going nowhere son. You ought to go back to drivin’ a truck.” His name was Elvis Presley.

Mark January 28 on your calendar. It’s the date for the 13th annual Chili Cook-Off to benefit the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund. It will be held at the Richie Brothers Auctioneers. Advance tickets are \$8.00 per person (available at Kottke’s), \$10.00 at the door.

“Hoagy” Carmichael still holds the record for the song with the longest title. The song was released around 1943 entitled, “I’m a Cranky Old Yank in a Clanky Old Tank on the Streets of Yokohama With My Honolulu Mamma Doin’ these Beat-o-Flat-O-My-Seat-O Hirohito Blues.”