

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	Wednesdays	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				
Mankato	Wednesdays	Noon	Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

July 8	Quentin Smith, Outbound Exchange Student
July 15	Ibrahim Almugaiteeb, Saudi Arabia
July 22	Dr. Pat Greenwood, author, book on Steele County Doctors
July 29	Business meeting
Aug.5	SCFF preview: Jim Gleason
Aug.12	Mick Ditlevson, Outbound Exchange Student
Aug. 19	Jane Nyquist: Public Health Nursing... "Tobacco Prevention"
Aug. 26	Laura Heyne, Junior Achievement in Owatonna
Sept. 2	No Meeting... Labor Day
Sept. 9	Tom Wilson
Sept. 16	Rick Ormsby, Faribault ROTARY Club: Global Project, Sierra Leone
Sept. 23	Gary Campbell, District Governor
Sept. 30	Business Meeting
Oct. 1	Meet the Candidates, City
Oct. 14	County Information
Oct. 21	School Levy Question
Oct. 28	Business Meeting

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, July 15, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A presentation by fellow ROTARIAN Ibrahim Almugaiteeb of Saudi, Arabia

BIRTHDAYS: Greg Krueger and Connie Ruth, July 16, Sharon West, July 17

ROTARY NOTES

The RI President for this year is from the United States. He is Ron D. Burton. In his initial message to ROTARIANS, President Ron says, "It's time for us to recognize that the real challenge we face isn't just bringing new members into ROTARY, it's turning all members into true ROTARIANS. It's helping members get engaged in ROTARY...helping them realize the potential they have, and how their ROTARY service can change lives. We need to make sure that every member is active and contributing, and making a real difference...because when you're doing meaningful work in ROTARY, ROTARY is meaningful to you.

When we realize what we can achieve in ROTARY...when we really engage ROTARY...that's when lives change. We change the lives of the people who need us. That is inevitable. And along the way, our lives are changed as well. That is also inevitable. That's what our theme is all about in 2013-'14...'Engage ROTARY...Change Lives'".

SUPPER WITH THE COWS

The Steele County American Dairy Association invites ROTARIANS to "Supper with the Cows" this coming Saturday, July 20 at the Rick and Cathy Balzer farm from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Tours will be given of the farm and there will be pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, beans, chips and ice cream and milk. Cost of the meal is \$5.00 per person...five and under free. There will be bus transportation to the farm from the fairgrounds beginning at 4:00. Only cars of handicapped will be accepted at the site.

The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots will observe "Christmas in July" at Sparetime Entertainment on July 25. Participate in family bowling from 6-8 p.m. Bring a new unwrapped toy and get \$2.00 shoe rental and \$2.00 bowling. Two for ones will be offered from 10:00 to close and there will be professional DJ and Karaoke entertainment as well.

ROTARY TIDBITS

Nelson Mandela, the first black president of South Africa, was born on July 18, 1918. He received the ROTARY award for World Understanding and Peace in 1997.

The next RI convention will be in Sydney Australia.

FAIR BITS FOR ROTARIANS

*ROTARIAN Barry Gillespie and original members of the 1960's "US" Band will be on stage in Fair Square Park on opening night of the fair. Their show begins at 6:45 p.m. and later they will join with the Fabulous Love Handles for a grand finale of the night.

*ROTARIAN Dr. Beth Gilthvedt and Horizon Eyecare will be sponsoring the first Kid's Day Show on Wednesday morning at 11:00 in Fair Square Park.

So anyway: I was eating breakfast with my 10 year old granddaughter and I asked her, "What day is tomorrow?" Without skipping a beat she said, "It's President's Day!" She so smart, so I asked her, "What does President's Day mean?" I was waiting for something about Washington or Lincoln etc. She replied, "President's Day is when the President steps out of the White House and if he sees his shadow, we have four more years of B.S. (You know it hurts when hot coffee spurts out of your nose!)"