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Owatonna, Minnesota

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Meeting each Monday 12:10 p.m. – Owatonna Country Club

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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

DATE

July 13	Paul Mooty: CFO, Faribault Woolen Mill
July 20	Joanne Rosener: Fast for Hope
July 27	Darren Reed: Safe & Drug Free Coalition
Aug. 3	2015 Steele County Free Fair Preview: Jim Gleason
Aug. 10	Sarah Floy, returnee: Germany, Maddy Lyken, returnee: South Africa
Aug. 17	District Governor Marlene Gargulek visit
Aug. 24	Terry Kerber, Author: "The Inspiring Story of a Black Cyclist"
Aug. 31:	John Hausladen, Pres: Minnesota Trucking Association
Sept. 7	Labor Day: No meeting
Sept. 14	Tim Holland and Matt Kottke: Brewing Homemade Beer
Sept. 21	Janine Koziolk, Fountain Centers, Albert Lea
Sept. 28	Business Meeting
Oct. 5	Foundation Week
Oct. 12	Pat Heydon, Habitat for Humanity
Oct. 19	Information on School Referendum
Oct. 26	Business Meeting
Nov. 2	Camp Enterprise Student
Nov. 9	Open
Nov.16	Alan Anderson: "What We Should Know About Climate Change"

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, July 20, 2015

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Joanne Rosener who will make a presentation on behalf of "Fast for Hope"

BIRTHDAYS: Keith Hiller and Ray Stawarz, July 23

ROTARY NOTES

Thanks to all who manned the food booth at the Steele County Extravaganza held on Sunday, July 12. It was a very hot day...in fact the hottest day of the summer so far. A steady line of diners went through the line keeping everybody hopping! It was great camaraderie with fellow ROTARIANS.

Welcome to new member Laura Resler. Laura is the former director of the Steele County Historical Society and now is the Executive Secretary of the Owatonna Foundation.

Has your e-mail address been changed? If so, talk to Jim Brunner and give him your correct e-mail address.

Like most new college graduates, Kristin Wegner jumped at the first opportunity for work...but found it wasn't exactly her dream job. While sifting through her e-mail one afternoon, she came across an ad for the Peace Corps. The next day, she applied. She would go on to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic, study as a ROTARY Scholar in Columbia and later join the ROTARY Club of Boulder Flatirons, Colorado where she helped head up a \$33,000 global grant project in South America. Today, Wegner is a project manager for the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research and she credits her relationship with ROTARY and the Peace Corps for making it all happen.

Kristin said, "My ROTARY mentors have supported me in writing complex grants, crafting the perfect fundraising pitch, overcoming my fears of public speaking and learning how to collaborate and network. Peace Corps taught me how to engage with communities with integrity by listening to their wants and needs. My time with Peace Corps also taught me the importance of family, a healthy lunch break during the work day, and dancing your stress away."

Owatonna in Support of Alzheimers is seeking several acoustic guitars to be used in a unique fundraising event. The guitar should be in at least fair physical condition, does not need to be in playable shape. If you have one available at a garage sale price, contact Deb Gillard at 676-0411 or Melissa Block at 213-6573.

Fair Note

*Needed are volunteer hosts for the Muckle Fair Museum during fair week. Contact the fair office at 451-5305 if you can help.

*Volunteer hosts are also needed for the fair museum...again, call the fair office if you can help.

So anyway: John disliked the family cat and decided to get rid of it. He drove the feline 20 blocks from home and left it. But when he pulled into the driveway, there was the cat. The next day he left the kitty 40 blocks away, but again the cat beat him home. So, he took the cat on a long drive, arbitrarily turning left, then right, making u-turns...anything to throw off the tabby's keen sense of direction before abandoning him in a park across town. Hours later, John called his wife: "Is the cat there?" "Yes," she replied. "Why?" "Put him on the phone...I'm lost and need directions home."

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!