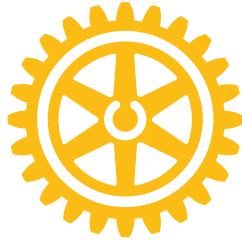


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Owatonna, Minnesota

LIGHT UP ROTARY!

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	12:15	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	12:10	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

July 11	Pat Heydon, Exec. Dir, Habitat for Humanity
July 28	Business Mtg, plus Dr. Brian Bunkers, David Berg, Mayo Health System
August 4	Jim Gleason, Manager, Steele County Free Fair: Preview 2014 fair
August 11	Miranda Schimek, Outbound to Columbia
August 18	Holly Jorgensen, RDH: "Let's Smile, Inc.
August 25	Business Meeting/Lonna Lysne, RFE to Argentina
September 1	NO MEETING...LABOR DAY
September 8	Steve Hunegs, Jewish Community Relations Council
September 15	Lori Running, ADD
September 22	United Way Campaign
September 29	Candidates for city election
October 6	Visit from District Gov. Karel Weigel
October 13	Candidates for county election
October 20	Candidates for school board
October 27	Candidates for Legislature
November 3	Foundation Month and Camp Enterprise Student
November 10	Nora Rubish, Outbound returnee from West Germany
November 17	Scott Russel, Klatt Airshows
November 24	Business Meeting

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, July 21, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Pat Heydon, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Steele and Waseca Counties.

BIRTHDAYS: Keith Hiller and Ray Stawarz, July 23.

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Glen Meger and his staff at the Brick-Meger Funeral Home hosted quite a party on the funeral home grounds on the night of July 4. Close to 500 people came and enjoyed music and food prior to the Owatonna fireworks display. Food consumed included 50 racks of ribs and 20 pounds of pulled pork. Everyone in town was invited to the party which involved a free will offering. Over \$1200 was collected which was turned over to the Early Edition Club for next year's fireworks display. Glen's pre-fireworks party has become a tradition on July 4!

RI President's job is a big one! In a single year, the RI President visits an average of 51 countries, flies nearly 250,000 miles and delivers more than 190 speeches. Whether attending a festival in a small town or the RI Convention, the president serves as the face of the organization and represents it on the world stage.

Light Up ROTARY is our theme for this year, but it is more than just a theme. It is how we in ROTARY see the world and our role in it. We believe that no one should sit alone in the darkness. Instead, we can come together, all 1.2 million of us, to *Light Up ROTARY*

It's never been easier to get around Lake Placid, N.Y. since ROTARIANS installed five bike racks around the downtown area. The ROTARY Club of Lake Placid funded the effort with its annual rubber duck race and a District Simplified Grant. Earlier, the club had contributed to the Adirondack village's outdoor recreation scene by supplying picnic tables and playground equipment for a park, a project of the ROTARY Club of Lake Placid, Noon.

AROUND TOWN

ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, Owatonna's Chief of Police, reminds you of the annual "Night to Unite" coming on Tuesday, August 5. This is a chance to meet your neighbors in a casual atmosphere and learn how to establish community partnerships to watch out for each other. If you would like more information and are interested in participating, contact Pam Roberts at 774-7200.

Don't miss the annual "Festival of the Arts" being held this Saturday and Sunday in Central Park. Over 45 artists will be featured and you can stroll amongst them at your leisure and can purchase their works. Joan Herzog of Owatonna is this year's "Featured Artist" and will have her watercolor works on display in the lobby of the Wells Fargo Bank.

Here's something to smile about the next time you see a bottle of wine. Mary was driving home from one of her business trips in Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. She stopped the car and asked the woman if she would like a ride. With a nod of thanks, the woman got into the car. Resuming the journey, Mary tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, taking in every little detail until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Mary. "What's in bag?" the old woman asked. "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband." The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two and then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder she said, "Good trade....."