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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

Jenine Koziolk, Fountain Centers, Albert Lea

Sept. 28

Business Meeting/United Way campaign: Kim Schaufenbuel

Oct. 5

Foundation Week/Betsy Lindgren

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 27, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A few business matters, plus we'll hear from Darren Reed of the Safe and Drug Free Coalition.

BIRTHDAYS: Jerry Deetz, July 31, Tom Kuntz and Renee Lowery, Aug. 1. Troy Klecker, Aug. 2

ROTARY NOTES

Is your correct e-mail address in the hands of ROTARIAN Jim Brunner? If not, please get it to him.

A member of a ROTARY Club in Seokmun, Korea, set sail in mid-October last year on a solo journey of 25,600 miles around the world to raise money for ROTARY'S End Polio Now campaign. The trip took him, a veteran sailor, across the Pacific, Antarctic, Atlantic and Indian oceans, with an expected return to Korea in late May. He traveled in a 43 foot sailboat which bore a sail emblazoned with the Ed Polio Now logo. Kim's odyssey was sponsored by 18 ROTARY districts in Korea and he was in daily contact via satellite phone with a support team that included Korean ROTARY members. "I want to give people the belief and aspiration to create a better and more prosperous future," said Kim, who chose "Sailing with Hope" as the theme of his adventure. "ROTARY is doing that with polio eradication, so I'm sailing around the world in support of the effort to wipe this disease from the face of the earth. I want people to know how close we are."

Sun-Hyung Cho, 2014-2015 governor of District 3620 and part of the support team said, "We are so proud of his voyage around the world. This is important for ROTARY because Kim's message can help persuade other ROTARIANS to get more involved in the End Polio Now fight. I believe positive attitudes attract positive reactions from others."

A Unique Retirement

Thinking of retiring? Here's an interesting retirement story. Outside England's Bristol Zoo there is a parking lot for 150 cars and eight buses. For 25 years parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant. The fees for cars were \$1.40 and for buses, around \$7.00. Then, one day, after 25 years of never missing a day of work, he just didn't show up, so the zoo management called the city and asked for another parking attendant. The city did some research and replied that the parking lot was the zoo's responsibility. The zoo advised the council that the attendant was a city employee. The city responded that the lot attendant had never been on the city payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain, or France, or Italy, is a man who'd apparently had a ticket booth installed completely on his own and then had simply begun to show up every day, commencing to collect and keep the parking fees, estimated at about \$560.00 per day for 25 years! Assuming seven days a week this amounts to just over \$7 million dollars, and no one even knows his name!

Did you know? Oceans cover more than 70 percent of the planet's surface and carry 96 percent of the earth's water, though 95 percent of ocean areas remain unexplored.

Also did you know? An estimated 7 to 10 million people worldwide are living with Parkinson's disease.

Besides the Crazy Daze activities in Owatonna this weekend, an authentic big top circus will be held at the fairgrounds this Thursday and Friday. The Carson and Barnes Circus is coming to town! Shows will take place both Thursday and Friday at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant.

So anyway: How about the man who spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope, 'DO NOT BEND.' He spends the next two hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats? If they fell forward they'd still be in the boat!