

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 8, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Quentin Smith, Outbound Student to Indonesia.

BIRTHDAYS: Dr. John Schoen, July 13.

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, Chief of Police, reminds ROTARIANS that the police cannot function effectively without the assistance of responsible citizens. The police department needs your help in reporting suspicious activity. Some fail to call because they are not aware of what is considered suspicious. Others notice suspicious activity and assume someone else will call. Still, others fail to call because they feel they are bothering the police. You are encouraged to call the police immediately if you feel a situation or circumstance is suspicious. Do not think you are bothering the police. Do not be embarrassed if your suspicions prove unfounded. If it doubt, call! It is better to err on the side of safety.

ROTARIAN Jen Dunn Foster is still looking for host families for inbound students this next school year. Host families do not have to be ROTARY members, so if you know someone that would be interested have them contact Jen

Our club will be manning the food booth at the upcoming Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza on July 14. Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts. ROTARIAN Renee Lowery has the sign-up sheet.

THANKS to retiring board member Earl Anderson for a great job serving as Membership Chair.

OUTBOUND STUDENTS FOR 2013-14

Nora Rubish, daughter of Jim and Renee Rubish, will spend her junior year in Germany; Joe Devetter, son of Colleen Devetter and John Devetter, will spend a gap year before college in Spain. Miranda Schimek daughter of Traci and Randy Schimek, will spend her senior year in Columbia. Miranda leaves for Columbia on Aug 1 and is keeping a blog of her adventures at miranda-in-santa-marta-columbia.blogspot.com.

FAIR FACTS FOR ROTARIANS

*Like Dixieland? Come to Fair Square Park on Sunday, August 18 at 5:45 p.m. when the Blue Ox Babies will be performing.

*ROTARIAN Todd Hale is in charge of booking all free outdoor entertainment at the fair. He also handles the advertising and publicity for the fair. Over \$40,000 is spent on advertising for Minnesota's biggest county fair!

*In 1922, The SCFF was the first Radio Fair in America. Every building on the grounds had receivers where visitors could listen to radio stations. Radiograms were transmitted from the radio building which seated several hundred who came to listen to the radio broadcasts.

*Remember the steam train? Its whistle was heard all over the fairgrounds as it traveled in a circle where Fair Square is now located. It was a bit hit from the 40's until the mid 60's.

*The fair has vendors from over 25 states selling goods at this year's fair.

*The SCFF Mega-Ride ticket will go on sale July 15 at Hy-Vee in Owatonna. Tickets sell for \$45.00 and entitle the wrist-band holder to unlimited rides all week on the Gold Star Midway.

So anyway: Tim decided to tie the knot with his long time girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was organizing his golfing equipment. His wife was standing nearby watching him. After a long period of silence she finally speaks. "Honey, I've been thinking, now that we're married maybe it's time you quit golfing. You spend so much time on the course. You could probably get a good price for your clubs." Tim gets this horrified look on his face. She says, "Darling, what's wrong?" "For a minute there you were sounding like my ex-wife." "Ex-wife!" she screams. "I didn't know you were married before!" "I wasn't," he replied.