

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	Tuesdays	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	North Mankato	Fridays	Noon	Best Western Hotel
Mankato	Wednesdays	Noon	Old Main Village				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
March 12	Craig Wahl: Visiting Angels Elder Services: AT HISTORY CENTER
March 19	Tanya Paley: Safe and Drug Free Coalition: MEET AT HISTORY CENTER.
March 26	Meet the 5 th District County Commissioner Candidates (LUNCH; 11:30)
April 2	Beth Kallestad, Cannon River Watershed Partnership
April 9	Jacob Forster and Alex Anderson: "From a Student's Perspective"
April 16	Christy Tryhus: Simply Balanced Coaching and Training
April 23	STRIVE Students
April 30	Business Meeting/Camp RYLA student presentation
May 7	Kim Cosens: 2012 Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival
May 14	National Honor Society
May 23	Evening: ROTARY 90 TH Anniversary Party
May 28	Memorial Day: No meeting
June 4	Exchange Student Carla Presentation
June 11	Exchange Student Johan Presentation

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 12, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Craig Wahl, son of ROTARIAN Bryce Wahl. Craig will speak on the "Visiting Angels Elder Services."

BIRTHDAYS: Tom Effertz, March 15

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Alyssa Holcomb, Kayla Docken, Audrey Sexter and Brianne Bernard

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark, Carla de Oliveira Silva, Brazil

MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH ON THE ROTARY CALENDAR. BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY IS ONE OF THE AREAS OF FOCUS UNDER THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S FUTURE VISION PLAN.

ROTARY NOTES

Mark your calendars for Wednesday evening, May 23. This will be the 90th anniversary party of our club. The party will be held at the Country Club. The Owatonna People's Press will be printing a supplement for that event and are seeking responses from members on the topic "Why Am I a ROTARIAN?" Please e-mail your response to President Dave at dave@tpsinsurance.com by this Thursday, March 15 and they will be forwarded to the OPP.

DID YOU KNOW? One in six Americans faced hunger or food insecurity in 2010. A study published by the Center for American Progress and Brandeis University found that the costs of hunger in the United States...not including food stamps and other federal nutrition programs...totaled \$167.5 billion that you. Florida, the state with the fastest growing "hunger bill" saw a 62 percent increase in the cost of hunger from 2007 to 2010.

The 2012 District 5960 District Conference is set for April 13 and 14 in River Falls, Wisconsin. Your club will pay registration fees for you if you wish to attend. The conference will highlight the difference ordinary people can make. Come and hear how Educators, Peace Corps workers, ROTARY Scholars, film Makers, Artists and others have used their talents, gifts and energy to make a difference in the world.

AROUND TOWN

We have a lot of very talented young people in Owatonna. You might want stop by the Owatonna Arts Center and view the creative art work of young Owatonna artists. Art work from the Owatonna Public Schools K-12 fills all of the galleries. The display will run through March 25 and the gallery is open to the public from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

The Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary invites ROTARIANS to the "Books are Fun" fundraiser at the Owatonna Hospital on Friday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Vision Conference Room. Books and gifts for all ages will be available for purchase. A portion of the sales helps support Owatonna Hospital unbudgeted items and scholarships for students in nursing and health related fields.

St. Patrick's Day is this Saturday. So anyway: Mrs. Donovan was walking down O'Connell Street in Dublin when she met up with Father Flaherty. The Father said, "Top o' the mornin' to ye! Aren't ye Mrs. Donovan and didn't I marry ye and yer hoosband two years ago?" She replied, "Aye, that ye did, Father." The Father asked, "And be there any wee little ones yet?" She replied, "No, not yet Father." The Father said, "Well now, I'm going to Rome next week and I'll light a fertility candle for ye and yer hoosband." She replied "Oh, thank ye, Father. They then parted ways. Some years later they met again. The Father asked, "Well now, Mrs. Donovan, how are ye these days? She replied, "Oh, very well Father!" The Father asked, "And tell me, have ye any wee ones yet?" She replied "Oh yes Father! Two sets of twins and six singles...ten in all! The Father said, "That's wonderful! And how is yer loving hoosband doing?" She replied, "E's gone to Rome to blow out yer candle!