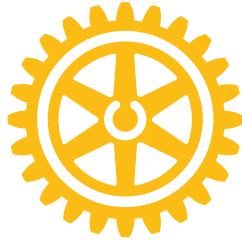


# Rotary



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## Owatonna, Minnesota

### BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD

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	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

Feb. 8	State of the City: Mayor Kuntz, Kris Busse
Feb. 15	Plans for school district construction
Feb. 22	Doug Loon, President, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Feb. 29	Kristy Allen, Beez Kneez in Minneapolis
Mar. 7	Police Department update: Chief Keith Hiller
Mar. 14	James Rogers, Director of Irish Studies, St. Thomas College
Mar. 21	Alan Anderson, CO2 & Ocean Aridification
Mar. 28	Maureen Schlobohm, Director, Steele County Clothesline
Apr. 4	Update: Mayo Clinic Health: Owatonna Update and Care Models
Apr. 11	Lois Nelson, Betsy Rossi: RFE to India
Apr. 18	Ray Stawarz-Visiting Cuba
Apr. 25	Julie Rethemeier: Federated Ins. New program on distracted driving
May 2	STRIVE graduates
May 9	OHS National Honor Society; Chuck Jamison speaker
May 16	Camp RYLA attendees
May 23	Russ Goette: "Eight Days in Heaven"
May 30	No Meeting...Memorial Day
June 6	Oscar and Nico, In-Bounds farewell
June 13	Micah Bigeagle: Outbound returnee

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 14, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** St. Paddy's Day is this Thursday. Today's speaker is James Rogers, Director of Irish Studies at St. Thomas College.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jennifer Libby, March 16

**STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR MARCH:** Lane Thiesse, Ryan Guenther, Luke Bunkers and Zach Jorgenson.

**IN-BOUND STUDENTS:** Oscar (Norway), Nicolas (Chile) and Beth (Zimbabwe)

### ROTARIAN NOTES

If you have odd jobs around the house that you need done, one of our in-bound exchange students might be able to help. The students are earning money for their trip to the East Coast. If you would have such an opportunity, let Traci Schimek know.

A couple of meetings ago, ROTARIAN Charlie Herrman suggested "passing the hat" to collect funds to benefit our In-Bound student East Coast Trip. Charlie gave the fund a jump start with his hundred dollar bill. All in all, over \$330 was collected.

Last weekend's Hometown Sampler resulted in donations of \$30,000 cash and 1300 pounds of food. Thanks to everyone who attended. The house was sold out each performance.

ROTARIANS are invited to the Elks Club this Thursday for a St. Patrick's Day dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance (Elks Lodge and Kottke Jewelers) and \$20.00 at the door. ROTARIAN Earl Anderson also has tickets. You may also call the Elks and reserve tickets ahead of time. Proceeds will benefit the Homestead Hospice House.

Start sorting! The ROTARY Shredding Project will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00-1:00 north of the Retro Fit building (old Wal-Mart).

From RI President K.R. Ravindran: "All of us in ROTARY are leaders, in one way or another, in our communities. All of us bear the responsibility that comes with that. Our ROTARY values, our ROTARY ideals, cannot be left within the confines of our ROTARY Clubs. They must be carried with us every day. Wherever we are, whoever we are with, whether we are involved in ROTARY work, are always representing ROTARY. We must conduct ourselves accordingly, in what we think, what we say, what we do, and how we do it. Our communities and our children deserve no less."

### BABY ON BOARD

Sarah Conrad of Lake Forest Park, Washington, wrote, "I give a special shout-out to my Lake Forest Park ROTARY Club. I left my previous club after the birth of my son and was floundering without a club for several months while on maternity leave. I was stuck with the common dilemma many others face: How do I continue my ROTARY involvement with a new baby? Luckily for me, the board of the Lake Forest Park Club discussed it and now welcomes babies to regular meetings. I appreciate their open mind toward new things. I plan to set a good example of service to my son. Introducing him early to service work has increased his chances of being involved in his own community as he gets older."

An Irish story: Paddy and Mick get a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bag six. As Paddy and Mick start loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot says, "This plane can only take four of those." The two lads object strongly. "Last year we shot six and the pilot let us put them all on board...he had the same plane as yours." Reluctantly the pilot gives in and all six are loaded. However, even with full power, the little plane can't handle the load and down it goes, crashing in the middle of nowhere. A few moments later, climbing out of the wreckage, Paddy asks Mick, "Any idea where we are?" Mick says, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."