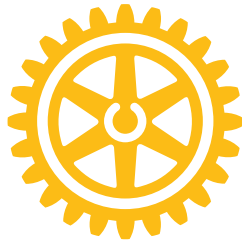


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AREA MEETING PLACES & TIMES

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 21, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Former Owatonna Alan Anderson from Northfield is making a return visit. Alan was in Owatonna last November talking about climate change. This time, he will address CO2 and ocean aridification.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Ryan Guenther, Lane Thiesse, Luke Bunkers and Zach Jorgenson

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

ROTARY NOTES

Ten visiting ROTARIANS from India's District 3030 will arrive in our District on May 12. They will be coming to Owatonna on Tuesday afternoon, May 17, and will be here through noon on May 19. There is one couple in the group, so we are in need of nine hosts for the two overnights. Two breakfasts will be needed to be provided by host families. If you would consider sharing your family and home with these visiting ROTARIANS, please contact ROTARIANS Lois Nelson (456-4673) or Betsy Rossi (390-4553).

It should be noted that we have four members in our club representing three generations of ROTARIANS. The Gandrud family and the Gillespie family boasts this honor. E.S. Gandrud was a ROTARIAN and served as club president in 1962-'63. His son, Dale Gandrud represents the second generation of ROTARY membership and recently Dale's son Mike joined the club representing the third generation of the Gandrud family memberships. The Gillespie family also is a three generation ROTARY family. Lud Gillespie served as president in 1982-'83. Barry Gillespie represents the second generation and Ryan represents the third.

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Stan Groff! Last week, Stan received the coveted Minnesota Morris Hursh award, issued by the Minnesota Social Service Association. The award honors those who have had a national impact on the delivery of health and human services on the national, state and local levels as well as their involvement with MSSA and other health and human service related professional groups.

Stan served as Director of Steele County Social Services for 25 years, coming to Steele County from Dakota County. He retired in 2005. In addition to his local duties, Groff served as President of the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators in 1983. He became MSSA President in 1996. He was one of the founders of the South County Health Alliance. From 2005-2007, Groff was a Product Development Consultant to South County Health Alliance and developed and brought to market a coverage product known as "Ability Care" which is a special needs basic care program for disabled in the 12 county area.

Are you interested in addressing community health needs in Steele County? You may wish to attend a community health dialogue, being held to address community health needs in Steele and Dodge Counties. It will be held this Thursday, March 24, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the History Center. A light breakfast will be offered at 8 a.m.

Experience the hospitality of Korea. Discover its rich culture and time-honored traditions. Taste delicious Korean cuisine and shop for the latest fashions and electronics. The convention is for all ROTARIANS and offers something for everyone. Come away with a renewed commitment to do more good and *Be a Gift to the World*. Early registration savings end March 31. Register at reconvention.org.

So anyway: An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son. "Yes Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son, do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."