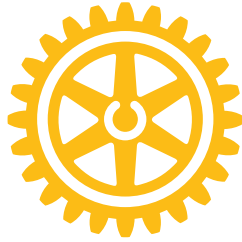


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Owatonna, Minnesota

ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

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

March 13: Tim Grant: "Personal Happiness is a Prerequisite for a Successful Life"

March 20: Leadership Owatonna

March 27: OHS Robotics Team

March 31: Celebration of Club's 95th birthday..Jefts Hall, Pillsbury

April 3: No meeting

April 10: Lynn Betzold: Honoring Choices: End of Life Living

April 17: Malika and Taha Muhammed: "We Survived Iraq and Turkey: Long Road to Freedom"

April 24: Chuck Jamison, retiring director of Young Life in Owatonna.

May 1: STRIVE graduates

May 8: OHS National Honor Society

May 15: Camp Ryla attendees

May 22: Dave Beaver, Airport Manager

May 29: No meeting... Memorial Day

June 5: Leticia farewell

June 12: Wenger Band Festival: Kim Cosens

June 19: Amy Rogganbuck: Community Services Director, Steele County

ROTARY

Friday, March 31, 2017

Editor: Todd Hale

Welcome to the 95th birthday celebration of the Owatonna ROTARY Club! This week, we'll feature some historical facts about the club.

The first president of the club in 1922 was George Beaty. The first female president of our club was Sharon West. She was followed by Sabra Otteson.

At the celebration for the club's 75th birthday, the anniversary committee consisted of John Schoen, Jonathan Zierdt, Lisa McGinnis, Jane Starman, Doug Brase, Trish Groesbeck, Bob Doyle, Bill Whiting, Ralph Carpenter, Dave Thomas, Sharon Stark and Todd Hale. Hale is the only person who remains a member. At that celebration, Elmer Reseland and Maxine Ronglien were presented with honorary Paul Harris Fellowships. There was also a 90th birthday celebration in May of 2002.

On May 26, 1922, the Owatonna ROTARY Club, endorsed by the Faribault club, was awarded its charter. Fifteen charter members were welcomed into the club in a ceremony held at the Owatonna Hotel. The charter officers were: George Beaty, President, Tom Kelly, Vice President, Louie Peterson, Secretary, and Mark Alexander, Treasurer. Other charter members were James Adair, Mike Brown, John Campbell, J.A. Dahne, Rudy Gericke, Sid Kinyon, Mike Leary, Del Mitchell, E.K. Whiting and Dr. Otto Ziegler.

Looking back at the 50's:

In 1952 the Owatonna ROTARY Club presented Earl Bruhn, Recreation Department Director, with a donation of new rescue equipment for the Lake Kohlmeier swimming pool.

In 1956, Larry Rietz and Jack Deviny were selected to represent the Owatonna ROTARY club at the Young Men's Conference presented by the St. Paul ROTARY club. The conference assisted students in choosing their vocation and planning their further education.

Looking back at the 60's

Arnold C. Krueger, orchestra director at the Owatonna High School and the club's piano accompanist, composed a new ROTARY welcome song in honor of his late father. Arnold R. Krueger. The song remains as #1 in the ROTARY song book.

Over the years, our club has met at several locations. The first location was the Owatonna Hotel. When the hotel was closed in 1963, the club moved to the Owatonna Inn. Later the club moved to the former Holiday Inn (later the Ramada) located just west of Perkins. The club also met at the current Holiday Inn near Cabela's before moving to the present location at the Country Club.

The welcome hedge planted by the Owatonna ROTARY club at the old highway 14 and Hoffman exit in 1992, has survived the years of improvements and changes and remains there today.

The first International Project under the chairmanship of ROTARIAN Chad Lange was a medical van in Madagascar. Donated funds of \$1500 were multiplied several times to make this project a success.

Tomorrow is April Fool's Day. It's like July 4th and Thanksgiving rolled into one....a day for Pop Pop snappers under the toilet seat, clear tape over the remote's sensor and other classics. You can also observe St. Stupid Day tomorrow!

THANKS FOR COMING TONIGHT!