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Owatonna, Minnesota

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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	Kathy Stutesman, "Stories from the Streets..Your Foundation at Work"
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 7, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, Chief of Police, will give us an annual update on the Owatonna Police Department.

BIRTHDAYS: Laura Elvebak, March 6, Pat McDermott, March 11

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

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Beth from Zimbabwe, Oscar from Norway and Nicolas from Chile

ROTARIAN NOTES

Long time ROTARIAN Bill Whiting passed away recently. He had been residing in a nursing facility in Medford. Bill served as President of this club in 1948-1949. A memorial service will be announced in the future.

Last week over \$330.00 was collected to benefit our Exchange Student's east coast trip. Thanks to all...and thanks to ROTARIAN Charlie for starting the collection with his \$100 bill!

A note from ROTARIAN Lois Nelson: "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 the host families. If you would consider sharing your family and home with these wonderful ROTARIANS, please contact ROTARIANS Lois Nelson (456-4673) or Betsy Rossi (390-4553)

ROTARIAN Traci Schimek has announced that we will be hosting a student from Brazil next school year. If you are interested in being a host family, please contact Traci 456-6266.

The Board of Directors has made the decision that we will only host one In-Bound student next year. This decision was prompted by the difficulty of finding enough host families for the number of students we have been hosting.

Do you know? How are our Students of the Month selected? ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, who arranges for our guest students explains: "Students of the Month are selected by OHS staff during the month of May for the upcoming school year. Staff concentrate on selecting students that represent the ROTARY 4-WAY TEST and from a holistic perspective that includes, but is not limited to: academics, volunteerism, activities, athletics, employment history, leadership roles and character.

In May, the Board member assigned to the Avenue of Community Service meets with all of the students selected. They hear a short presentation regarding ROTARY, what to expect at the monthly meetings and at that time they sign up for the upcoming year.

The Owatonna Bus Company and its member Kathryn Kreutter and past member, Bill Regan, provide free bus service to our meetings for the students. That is Service Above Self!!.

So anyway: A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine on a Harley Davidson motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was waiting for the service manager. The mechanic shouted across the garage: "Hey Doc, can I ask you a question?" The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish it works just like new. So, how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?" The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over and whispered, "Try doing it with the engine running."