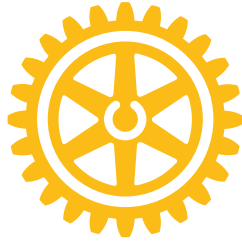


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AREA MEETING PLACES & TIMES

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

May 23

Russ Goette: "Eight Days in Heaven"

May 30

No meeting... Memorial Day

June 6

In Bound Student Farewell: Oscar and Nico

June 13

Micah Bigeagle: Returnee from India: Kim Cosens, Band Festival

June 20

Jay Haapala: AARP Fraud Fighter

June 27

Induction of New Officers and Board

July 4

No Meeting

July 11

Sheriff Lon Thiele

July 18

Jennifer Libby, Chamber of Commerce

July 25

Breezaine Bigeagle: Outbound to Mexico

August 1

Jim Gleason: SCFF Preview

August 8

Jackie Wareheim, Outbound returnee from Paraguay

August 15

Open

August 22

Open

August 29

Chris Coleman, St. Paul Mayor

Sept. 5

No meeting... Labor Day

Sept. 12

Mike Jensen: Culturfest Preview

Sept. 19

United Way kickoff

Sept. 26

Owatonna Foundation

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, May 23, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Russ Goette who will recount his near death experience when he suffered a heart attack. His presentation is entitled "Eight Days in Heaven".

BIRTHDAYS: Michelle Redman, Shane Sattler, Dr. Penny Vizina, Ken Wilcox, May 22, Stephen Smith, May 23, Kerri Kuhn, May 27, Scott Limberg, May 28.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Cameron Trupe, Trevor Duerr, Bailey Kruesel and Isaac VandeZande

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

ROTARY NOTES

Thanks to all who helped with the Shredding Event this past Saturday...a report will be given by Earl Anderson.

There will be no meeting next week...Memorial Day holiday. Let's dedicate our O'Pinion to a ringside seat to history:

*The first German serviceman killed in WWII was killed by the Japanese (China, 1937). The first American serviceman killed was killed by the Russians (Finland, 1940). The highest ranking American killed was Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair, killed by the U.S. Army Corps.

*The youngest U.S. serviceman was 12 years old: Calvin Graham, USN, was wounded and given a dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age. His benefits were later restored by act of Congress.

*At the time of Pearl Harbor, the top U.S. Navy Command was called CINCUS ('sink us'); The shoulder patch of the U.S. Army's Infantry division was the swastika. Hitler's private train was named 'Amerika'. All three were soon changed for PR purposes.

*More U.S. servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. While completing the required 30 missions, an airman's chance of being killed was 71%.

*Generally speaking, there was no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target. For instance, Japanese Ace Hiroyoshi Nishizawa shot down over 80 planes. He died while a passenger on a cargo plane.

*German ME-264 bombers were capable of bombing New York City, but they decided it wasn't worth the effort!

*German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet.

*The last marine killed in WW2 was killed by a can of Spam. The marine was on the ground as a POW in Japan when rescue flights dropping food and supplies came over, the package came apart in the air and a stray can of Spam hit him and killed him.

*The Owatonna Memorial Day parade begins next Monday at 9:30 a.m. from the corner of Elm and School...then south on Elm to the Four Seasons. The Memorial Day program begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Four Seasons Center.

Finally, I hope this poem has the same effect on you as it did on me...then my forwarding it will be worth the effort. "Walk with Me By the Water"...a beautiful poem about growing older. Damn, I forgot the words!