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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

Apr. 4	Owatonna Mayo Clinic Update: Dr. Brian Bunkers
Apr. 11	RFE Trip to India: Betsy Rossi and Lois Nelson
Apr. 18	Ray Stawarz: Trip to Cuba
Apr. 25	Julie Rethemeier: Federated program on Distracted Driving
May 2	STRIVE grads
May 9	National Honor Society: Chuck Jamison, speaker
May 16	Camp Ryla Students
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	Helene Neville: Runner across the Continental United States

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, May 2, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Recognition and honors will go to students involved in the STRIVE program.

BIRTHDAYS: Josh Meillier, May 1

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to our May Student Rotarians: Trevor Duerr, Cameron Trupe, Bailey Kruesel and Isaac VandeZande

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

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

If you are planning to attend the welcome dinner for the RFE team from India on Tuesday, May 17 at the Owatonna Arts Center, you should RSVP by May 10 to Kim Ramsey at 455-1058 or kimmerleier@hotmail.com.

It's coming...May 21...the annual noon ROTARY Shredding Project to be held north of the old Wal-Mart building from 9:00-1:00. Free will donation to the STRIVE program. If you wish to help, see ROTARIAN Earl Anderson.

Jim Hunt from White Bear Lake is the incoming District 5960 President

VALUABLE WOMEN IN ROTARY

Our club values the members of women from our community. R.I. President K.R. Ravindran addressed that subject in the May ROTARIAN magazine:

“We have had women in ROTARY for only the last quarter of our history, and it is no coincidence that those years have been by far our most productive. In 1995, only 1 in 20 ROTARIANS were women; today, that number has risen to 1 in 5. It is progress, but it is not enough. It is only common sense that if we want to represent our communities, we must reflect our communities, and if we want to serve our communities fully, we must be sure that our communities are fully represented in ROTARY.

“ROTARY’s policy on gender equality is absolutely clear. Yet nearly one-fifth of our clubs still refuse to admit women, usually by claiming that they simply cannot find women who are qualified for membership. I would say that any ROTARIAN who makes this argument, or believes it, himself lacks the two most basic qualifications for ROTARY membership: honesty and good sense.

“A club that shuts out women shuts out much more than half the talent, half the ability, and half the connections it should have. It damages not only its own service but our entire organization by reinforcing the stereotypes that limit us the most. It leads our partners to take us less seriously, and it makes all of ROTARY less attractive to potential members, especially the young people who are so crucial to our future.

To tolerate discrimination against women is to doom our organization to irrelevance. We cannot pretend that we still live in Paul Harris’ time, nor would he ever want us to. For, as he said, ‘The story of ROTARY will have to be written again and again. Let us see to it that the story we write is one of which he would be proud.’”

THINGS ROTARIANS MIGHT WANT TO KNOW..(and maybe not)

*You can add years to your life by keeping a positive attitude about aging and continuing to feel useful and happy. You’ll most likely live about seven extra years according to a Yale University survey.

*Does squinting help you see more clearly? Yes. Narrowing your eyes slightly changes their shape so only a limited amount of light can enter, which helps you focus.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. :”But why?” they asked. “Because,” he said, “I can’t stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer.”