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Owatonna, Minnesota

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Meeting each Monday 12:10 p.m. - Owatonna Country Club

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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
Janesville
Owatonna Early Edition
Rochester Risers
Red Wing
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Mondays Thursdays Wednesdays Tuesdays Tuesdays Wednesdays Wednesdays Noon Holiday Inn
Noon Purple Goose Eatery
7 AM Owatonna Fire Hall
7 AM Hilton Garden Inn
Noon St. James Hotel
Noon Bernie's Grill
11:55 Courtyard by Mariott

Winona Northfield Great Rochester Rochester Waseca Albert Lea Wednesdays Noon
Thursdays 12:15
Wednesdays 12:10
Thursdays 11:30
Thursdays Noon
Wednesdays Noon

Westfield Golf Club United Methodist Ch. Double Tree Hotel Holiday Inn Miller/Armstrong Riverland College

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

Nov. 23 Camp Enterprise Students

Nov. 30 Stephen Cantwell & Fred Bettner, Beauterre Recovery Institute

Dec. 7 Carollee Smith: Identity Theft/OHS Christmas Carolers

Dec. 14 Alyssa Sattler, returnee from Spain/Doug Loon, Mn. Chamber President

Dec. 21 Christmas program: Kim Cosens, Dave Williams

Dec. 28 Luke Owens, Returnee student from Italy Jan. 4 Nick Beck, Student Returnee from Italy

Jan. 11 Michele Redman, Director, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Jan. 18 "From the Rink to the Brink", lady hockey players hike the Grand Canyon

Jan. 25 Beermaking...Matt Kottke, Tim Holland

Feb. 1 Bruce Boyce, RFE to Brazil

Feb. 8 State of the City: Mayor Kuntz, Kris Busse
Feb. 15 Jennifer Libby, Chamber of Commerce
Feb. 22 Police Department update: Chief Keith Hiller

Feb. 29 Business Meeting...Future of this club Mar. 7 Literary Month: Public Library

Mar. 14 James Rogers, Director of Irish Studies, St. Thomas College Mar. 21 Alan Anderson: CO2 and Ocean Aridification

Mar. 28 Rotary Foundation

ROTARY O'PINION

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Monday, November 30, 2015

<u>**THIS WEEK:**</u> Welcome to Stephen Cantwell and Fred Bettner of the Beauterre Recovery Institute, now located at the former Gainey Center.

<u>BIRTHDAYS:</u> Betsy Lindgren and Roger Warehime, Dec. 3, Denny Meillier, Dec. 4, Diane Holland, Dec. 6. <u>STUDENT ROTARIANS:</u> Last day for Laura Bloomenrader, Elena Bueltel, Riley Arthur and Thomas Borgerding

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Nicolas Valenzuela, Chile, Oscar Christiansen, Norway

JOTTINGS FOR ROTARIANS

At the recent Board of Directors meeting, concern was expressed regarding the lack of homes being volunteered to host in-bound exchange students. Example: Niko has no second family as yet and is due for a new home in a few weeks, Bethany arrives in January has zero families arranged at this time. The board strongly recommends accepting NO inbound students in the future unless all three families are pre-determined. It was also suggested that perhaps a year with no exchange would serve to galvanize our community. There will be discussion of this with the club.

A task force of club members will be formed beginning no later than January, 2016, to more clearly define board roles, club expectations of members and overall club mission.

Luke Madson has resigned from the club due to work conflict.

The ROTARY District has announced a trip to India to participate in the February, 2016 Polio National Immunization Days. The program will travel to Delhi, India, where ROTARIANS will participate in the polio National Immunization Days activities and attend other related ROTARY events. Date of departure is Friday, February 12. Return on Tuesday, February 23. The group is limited to approximately 35 people. Confirmation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Material can be accessed at www.HowardTours.net.

Owatonna will be a busy place for holiday activities this weekend. Here's a quick listing:

Friday, December 4:

- *Christmas in the Village of Yesteryear: 4:30-8:30 p.m.
- *Soup and chili supper: History Center: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- *Peder Eide and band Christmas Concert: 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church
- *A Christmas Carol: Little Theatre of Owatonna: 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 5

- *Hometown Holiday Breakfast sponsored by Owatonna Chamber of Commerce...VFW Club..8:00-11:00 a.m.
- *Shop with Santa: St. John Lutheran Church...8 a.m. to noon
- *Artisan Market: History Center: 10:00-2:00.
- *Christmas in the Village: Village of Yesteryear: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- *Sons of Norway Norwegian Meatball Supper: 5:00-7:00 p.m. at History Center

Sunday, December 6

- *Historical Holiday House Tour: Noon-5:00. (ROTARIAN Dennis and Julie VonRuden's home is one of the featured houses).
- *Arts Center holiday display: 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- *Canadian Pacific Holiday Train: Arrives at 4:15 p.m. at Park Drive crossing by Owatonna Bus Co. Bring a non-perishable food item for Steele County Food Shelf.
- *Star of Hope Lighting Ceremony to benefit Hospice House: 5:00 p.m. at Daybreak Community Church

A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol per year. That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon! Kind of makes one proud!