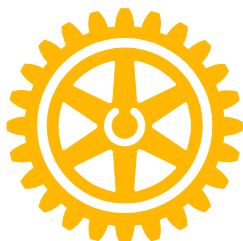


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O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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	Wedgewood Cove
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 16: Patrick Mader, author of "Minnesota Gold"

October 23: Minnesota Regional Railroads Assn.

October 30: Dr. Tyler Destere, Fountain Center Medical Director

November 6: Vern White Award

November 13: Rotary Foundation Month

November 20: Owatonna Forward

November 27: Mystery program

December 4: Farewell from Jeff, In-Bound Exchange Student

December 11: Bremer Foundation

December 18: Christmas Music by "Credit Report"...Rotarians Dave Williams and Ryan Gillespie

December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS...no meeting

January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!...no meeting

January 8: Pete Connor: Hospitality House

January 15: Roger Wareheim: Owatonna Brew Pub

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, October 23, 2017

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: ROTARIAN Brad Meier will introduce representatives of the Minn.Railroad Association.

BIRTHDAYS: Pastor Dave Klawiter, October 24

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Lydia Weisenburger, Erica Svenby, Kjerstin Anderson and Hannah Munch

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Jeff, South Africa, Nano, Indonesia

NOTES AND TIDBITS FOR ROTARIANS

A timeline in ROTARY'S quest to eradicate polio:

1979-early 80's: ROTARY undertakes a series of polio immunization campaigns throughout Southeast Asia and Latin America, beginning with one in 1979 in the Philippines and followed by similar activities Cambodia, Haiti, Morocco, Paraguay and Sierra Leone.

1985: ROTARY introduces PolioPlus-the first effort to immunize every child in the world with polio vaccine and aims to raise \$120 million. During its 1988 convention in Philadelphia, ROTARY announces it has raised \$247 million, more than double the target amount.

1988: ROTARY pushes forward the global resolution to eradicate polio at the 1988 World Health Assembly in Geneva. It also spearheads the launch of the Global Polio Eradication initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF.

2002-'03: ROTARY launches the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign with target of \$80 million. The campaign, netting \$135 million, eclipses ROTARY'S goal. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation contributes \$1 million when it honors ROTARY with its Gates Award for Global Health, its first gift to ROTARY'S efforts to eradicate polio.

2007: The Gates Foundation announces its first major grant to polio eradication....a \$100 million challenge to ROTARY promising to match funds raised by ROTARIANS.

2009: Bill Gates pledges an additional \$255 million at RI International Assembly, and ROTARY increases its fundraising goal to \$200 million.

2012: ROTARY raises \$228.7 million, surpassing the original goal of \$200 million. In the same year, Jeff Raikes, then CEO of the Gates Foundation, announces an additional \$50 million contribution to polio eradication efforts

2013: An announcement at the RI convention in Lisbon sets the stage for a new extension of the partnership between ROTARY and the Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation agrees to match 2-to-1 every dollar committed by ROTARY up to \$35 million per year, through 2018.

2017: On the heels of the success of the 2-to-1 matching grant, ROTARY and the Gates Foundation announce an increased combined pledge of up to \$450 million at the RI Convention in Atlanta. ROTARY'S new goal is to contribute \$50 million per year over three years. With a 2-to-1 match, the Gates Foundation's contribution will increase to \$300 million if ROTARY reaches its fundraising target.

So anyway: After being married for 50 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, "Fifty years ago, we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 23-year-old girl. Now, I have a \$750,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice big bed and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 73-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things. My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old girl and she would make sure I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV. Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve an old guy's problems!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!