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## Owatonna, Minnesota

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	Mondays	6 PM	St. Ann's Parish	Northfield	Thursdays	Noon	Northfield Golf Club
Owatonna Early Edition	Wednesdays	7 AM	Owatonna Fire Hall	Great Rochester	Thursdays	Noon	Kahler Grand Hotel
Rochester Risers	Tuesdays	7 AM	Hilton Garden Inn	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Albert Lea	Fridays	Noon	Ramada Inn
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill				
Mankato	Wednesdays	Noon	Marriott				

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### DATE

Aug. 26	Laura Heyne, Junior Achievement in Owatonna
Sept. 2	No Meeting...Labor Day
Sept. 9	Tom Wilson: Eagan ROTARY Ethics Program
Sept. 16	Steele County United Way
Sept. 23	Gary Campbell, District Governor
Sept. 30	Business Meeting/Rick Ormsby, Faribault Rotary Clu
Oct. 7	Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford
Oct. 14	County Information
Oct. 21	School Levy Question
Oct. 28	Business Meeting
Nov. 4	Foundation Month: Presentation of Vern White Award
Nov. 11	Lesa Anderson: "Twelve Families for the Holidays"
Nov. 18	Mick Ditlevson, Outboard to Denmark
Nov. 25	Business Meeting
Dec. 2	Mike Johnson, Owatonna Fire Chief
Dec. 9	Open Date
Dec 16	Open Date, plus OHS Christmas Carolers
Dec. 23	Christmas Show

**THIS WEEK:** A presentation by Steele County United Way

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jim Brunner, Sept. 17, Edna Ringhofer, Sept. 18

**STUDENT ROTARIANS AND IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** To be introduced

### **ROTARY NOTES**

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Lois Nelson who was a recent recipient of the Steele County United Way “Live United” award. The award is annual given to community members in Owatonna, Blooming Prairie, and Medford as part of the kick off for its annual campaign. ROTARIAN Evelina Giobbe, executive director of the Steele County United Way, said, “As we begin our campaign season, we think it’s important to pause and recognize people in Steele County for their commitment to community. Lois exemplifies how each and every one of us can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors by living united.”

This Friday, this year’s inductees into the Owatonna High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be honored at halftime at the evening football game. The inductees will also be honored at a reception open to the public at the high school at 3:00 p.m. There will be a program in the Small Group Forum at 4:00. Among the inductees this year is Mark Kottke, from the Class of 1975. Mark is the son of ROTARIAN Bill Kottke who was among the first class of inductees.

President Dave invites all ROTARIANS to Oktoberfest at St. John Lutheran Church this coming Sunday, September 22. There will be a Polka Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. followed by dinner, a farmer’s market and games. Food includes pork, brats and hot dogs.

ROTARIANS are invited to the annual AAUW “Taste of Steele County” to be held this Thursday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for age 12 and under. Food sampling coming from Torey’s, Steve’s Meats of Ellendale, The Bakery in Blooming Prairie, Central Park Coffee, Sportsman’s Grill, El Tequila, HyVee Deli, Mizuki Fusion, Old Town Bagels, Costas, Owatonna Elks and Eagles Clubs.

From ROTARIAN Keith Hiller: Want to learn more about the operation of our police department? Enroll in the Citizens Police Academy to be held Wed. evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. beginning September 25. This is an educational experience designed to give residents and business owners a unique opportunity to become better acquainted with members of the Owatonna Police Department and its day-to-day operations. Application forms are available on the OPD website at [www.ci.owatonna.mn.us/police](http://www.ci.owatonna.mn.us/police).

#### **From RI President Ron Burton**

“The newly designed ROTARY website is now on line. It is actually two sites: one for the family of ROTARY and another for people interested in finding out more about ROTARY. When YOU create an account and log on as a member, you’ll gain access to a host of new ROTARY tools. One I hope you’ll all use is “ROTARY CLUB CENTRAL” , an efficient and effective way for clubs to set goals, track their progress, and maintain continuity from one administration to the next.

For non-ROTARIANS, the new site will show what ROTARY is and what we do, highlighting the uniqueness of ROTARY and how ROTARY clubs strengthen their communities. They’ll be able to see a snapshot of different ROTARY projects and areas of service, find out more about how ROTARY works, and explore ways to get involved.”

Are you up to date on your dues? Any questions, talk to treasurer Jim Brunner.

A farmer is milking his cow and as he is milking, a fly comes along and flies into the cow’s ear. A bit later the farmer notices a fly in the milk and says, “Hmph. In one ear, out the udder!”