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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	Tuesdays	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	North Mankato	Fridays	Noon	Best Western Hotel
Mankato	Wednesdays	Noon	Old Main Village				

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### Date

#### Program

Sept. 17

Stormy Trom, Director, Steele County Food Shelf

Sept. 24

Business Meeting

Oct. 1

School Board Candidates

Oct. 8

City Council Candidates

Oct. 15

State House and Senate Candidates

October 22

County Board Candidates

October 29

Business meeting/presentation by United Way

November 5

Chris Herzog: Rotary Foundation Month

November 12

Program by U. of M. Alumni

November 19

Peter Grant, Supt. of Public Schools

November 26

Business Meeting/Introduction of new Exchange Students

December 3

Open

December 10

Open

December 17

Holiday Show

# ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, September 17, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Stormy Trom, Director of the Steele County Food Shelf.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jim Brunner, Sept. 17, Edna Ringhofer, Sept. 18, Bill Thompson, Sept. 20

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** McKenna Hansen, Kellen Glynn, Emily VonWald and Lara Butler

**IN-BOUND STUDENTS:** Livia Getzner, Austria, Minako Itamoto, Japan, Yolanda Sabater, Spain

## **ROTARY NOTES**

If you can help by picking up the song books from your table and bringing them to the greeter's table, it would be appreciated.

Here's a note about a former exchange student, Outbound to India ('06-'07) Kaia Duffus graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in Chengdu Shi, Sichuan, China. Kaia is now in Malaysia, working as a volunteer for Young Adults in Global Mission (part of the ELCA). She will spend a year there and has a blog where we can follow her physical and spiritual journey at [kaiamalaysia.wordpress.com](http://kaiamalaysia.wordpress.com) or drop her a line at [kaiaduffus@hotmail.com](mailto:kaiaduffus@hotmail.com) to wish her well in her endeavors.

ROTARIAN Doug Ruth's photography is featured in the fall "Healing Arts" display at the Owatonna Hospital. Doug has enjoyed photography for many years and though he's had no formal training, he's learned a good deal about the craft through trial and error. Doug's favorite images are those with strong, colorful, and graphic abstractions. The strongest influences in his work come from painters, especially those from the abstract and impressionistic movements where images are rarely rendered literally. Viewing art exhibitions over the years, he's found these art traditions are the ones that most moved him and are reflected in many of his images.

A ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE with District 5080, British Columbia: This outbound trip runs May 21-June 2, 2013. This district is located in British Columbia, Canada. The ideal number of participants in this exchange is eight to ten and applicants must be ROTARIANS, spouses and/or friends. Applications are being taken now for this 2013 exchange. They are available on the District website.

From RI President Sakuji Tanaka: "Many of you know that we now have five Avenues of Service in ROTARY. The fifth, and newest, is "New Generations Service." There are many ways to serve through this avenue. All of the work we do to educate children, to improve maternal health, to help families live healthier lives...all of this is service to New Generations. We also serve New Generations by working to eradicate polio, helping to ensure that future generations of children will be born into a polio-free world. Our youth and young adult programs are a very important part of this Avenue of Service. We must remember that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. By helping to develop young leaders and bringing younger members into our clubs, we strengthen communities and ROTARY's future."

## SEPTEMBER IS "NEW GENERATIONS MONTH" ON THE ROTARY CALENDAR

For nearly 100 years, the ROTARY FOUNDATION has helped clubs promote peace, improve lives and encouraged study abroad. In 2013, it still will!

You will note that the December 17 meeting is reserved for a holiday musical program. Do you know of a group or person that would like to present a program of Christmas songs for our meeting? Let Todd know.

I was visiting my son last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century," he said. "I don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPad." I can tell you this...that fly never knew what hit him!