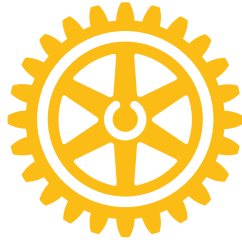


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ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

September 4: No meeting...Labor Day

September 11: Brad Meier "School to Work" plus Mike Jensen: Preview of Culturfest

September 18: United Way; Preview: "For a Day Foundation Charity Run"

September 25: Dave Beaver, Manager, Owatonna Airport

October 2: Visit from District Governor, Kyle Haugen

October 9: Little Theatre of Owatonna: "How a Production Comes Together"

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

October 23: Minnesota Railroad 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

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, September 25, 2017

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Dave Beaver, Manager at the Owatonna Airport

BIRTHDAYS: Peter Grant, Sept. 24, Kim Kosens, Sept. 28, Stephanie Olson, Sept 29.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Greta Jacobson, Audrey Revier, Michelle Benson and Payton Wunderlich

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Jeff, South Africa and Nado, Indonesia

ROTARY NOTES

A note from RI President Ian H.S. Riseley: "The 2018 convention in Toronto already promises to be one of our best ever. Inspiring speakers are being scheduled, great entertainment, fascinating breakout sessions, and a wide variety of activities across the city. There will be something for everyone in Toronto. The deadline for discounted early registration is December 15. There is an additional discount for registering online." Dates will be June 23-27.

How is the fair theme picked each year? The theme for the 2018 fair is "A Century Scene in 2018". The question is often asked how the theme is picked. Public input is sought in January and February for the following year's theme. March 1st, a committee looks through all the suggestions and decides what the theme will be and then the work of having a design related to the theme begins.

The 2018 theme is "A Century Scene in 2018" was suggested by Naomi Jirele.

ROTARIAN Todd Hale is retiring from his duties at the Steele County Free Fair as of September 30. Todd has been in charge of publicity and advertising at the fair since 1990. In the early 90's he assumed the responsibility of booking acts for the three free entertainment stages. Most fairgoers are unaware of the work that is done in the months prior to the fair. They mostly relate his voice over the fair PA system as "a tradition" at the fair. Todd has indicated he will help with the public address announcing when fair time rolls around.

October 1-7 is known as "Public Power Week". The Owatonna Public Utilities invites all ROTARIANS to an open house at the Owatonna power plant on Thursday, October 5 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be refreshments, and building tours from 9 a.m. to noon and 2:00-5:00 p.m.

ROTARIAN Laura Resler reminds ROTARIANS that October 1-7 is Owatonna Foundation Week. The public is invited to join in several festivities. On Wednesday, October 4, the Foundation will host their Legacy Luncheon to honor those donors who have included the Owatonna Foundation as part of their estate plan or made a contribution through the "Living Legacy" program. The lunch will feature the annual presentation of the "Spirit of the Community Award" which will go to ROTARIAN Jerry and Carol Dietz. The "Breakfast for Professionals" will be held on Thursday, October 5, at the Owatonna Arts Center. Also on Thursday, the public is invited to attend a special Foundation Week tradition at the Wine and Beer Tasting Event. Tickets are available in advance at \$15.00 or \$20.00 at the door and can be purchased from the Foundation Office on Park Square.

Friday night, October 6, OHS cheerleaders will be tossing out t-shirts courtesy of Court Sports and More during halftime of the Owatonna-Rochester Century game. Saturday, the Foundation office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Park Square. Don't miss the Mystery Photo contest!

Finally: When I came home from playing golf, my wife had left a note on the fridge. "It's not working," she wrote. "I can't take it anymore...gone to stay with my mother." I opened the fridge...the light came on, and the beer was cold. I never did find out what she was talking about."