



Owatonna Rotary Early Edition

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Owatonna Early Edition Rotary is a group of vibrant, committed members, well-connected throughout Owatonna, who come together with a can-do spirit and embody an attitude of getting their hands dirty to better the community and the world through a variety of activities and projects.

The group meets every Tuesday morning for breakfast at the Kitchen. While enjoying fellowship, we get the experience of listening and participating with speakers from the community representing such areas as industry, government, healthcare, and education.

The commitment includes coming to meetings as well as practicing the Fourway Test Basics of Rotary at your business and in your everyday life. Rotary is a fun way to meet fellow energetic, committed business people who share a passion to help others in need while conducting their lives in a highly ethical and professional manner.

Busy Week This Week!!

Date	Event Type	Program Assignment	Details
October 2	Candidate Forum		Statewide Candidates. 11:30 – 1:30.
October 3	Weekly Meeting		Humane Society & Beautification Committee
October 3	Highway Clean-Up		
October 10	Weekly Meeting	Scott Cody	Arlen Leader, R/C Airplane Club.
October 17	Weekly Meeting		Possibly "Membership Week"
October 24	Offsite Meeting		TBD

Thank you Chief LaDue

Owatonna Chief of Police Shaun LaDue was the guest speaker at our September 19 meeting. Chief LaDue discussed needed upgrades to the force, including upgrades to the Police Station.

Thank you, Chief LaDue.

Web Links

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Thank you Hy-Vee

Thanks to Max Dains and the Owatonna Hy-Vee for hosting the September 26 off-site meeting. A grand time was had by all.

Invoice Update

Bob Howell handed out invoices at the September 19 meeting. Please pay promptly. The Board has approved quarterly billing for 2007.

District 5960 Schedule

The most recent district newsletter is attached to the end of this newsletter, or you can find it online at:

http://www.rotary5960.org/Newsletter/Newsletter_2006-09.pdf

For full details, go to:

<http://www.rotary5960.org/>

Area Meeting Places and Times

Austin/Mondays/Noon/Holiday Inn	Greater Rochester/Wednesdays/Noon/Radisson Plaza Hotel
Janesville/Mondays/6 PM/St. Ann's Parish	Winona/Wednesdays/Noon/Westfield Golf Club
Rochester Risers/Tuesdays/7 AM/Hilton Garden Inn	Northfield/Thursdays/Noon/Northfield Golf Club
Red Wing/Tuesdays/St James Hotel	Rochester/Thursdays/Noon/Kahler Grand Hotel
Faribault/Wednesdays/Noon/Bernie's Grill	Waseca/Thursdays/Noon/Miller-Armstrong Bldg
Mankato/Wednesdays/Noon/Elks Club	Albert Lea/Fridays/Noon/Bombo's Restaurant at the Days Inn
North Mankato/Fridays/Noon/Garden Inn	www.rotaryclubone.org (cyber club make up electronically!)
Owatonna/Monday/Noon/Holiday Inn	

Current Members

W. Scott	Cody*	Lynne	Hobgood	Bill	Lawrence	Darren	Roemhildt
Steve	Custis	Bob	Howell	Nick	Lewis	Royal	Ross
Nancy	Deetz	Steve	Kasper	Jeff	Loveless	Karen	Snorek
Ron	Ensley	Mike	Keller*	Brad	Meier	Nicole	Suemnick
Marty	Hatfield	Jeremy	Kramer	David	Otterson	Brian	Whited*
John	Havelka	Kate	Krause	Brent	Quast		
Jim	Herzog	Greg	Krueger	Mike	Ritter	* = Past	President

Club Schedules

Date	Program	Greeter	Prayer
3-Oct	Royal Ross	Krueger, Kramer	Keller, Mike
10-Oct	Scott Cody	Krueger, Kramer	Whited, Brian
17-Oct	Scott Cody	Krueger, Kramer	Suemnick, Nicole
24-Oct	Offsite Meeting		
31-Oct	Nicole Sumnick	Krueger, Kramer	Cody, Scott
7-Nov	David Otterson	Howell, Ritter	Lewis, Nick
14-Nov	Lynne Hobgood	Howell, Ritter	Meier, Brad
21-Nov	Daren Roemhildt	Howell, Ritter	Lawrence, Bill
28-Nov	Offsite meeting		
5-Dec	Ron Ensley	Lawrence, Hatfield	Krueger, Greg
12-Dec	Brian Whited	Lawrence, Hatfield	Otterson, Dave
19-Dec	Karen Snorek	Lawrence, Hatfield	Roemhildt, Darren
26-Dec	No meeting this week		
2-Jan	Steve Kasper	Hobgood, Havelka	Deetz, Nancy
9-Jan	Jeremy Kramer	Hobgood, Havelka	Ross, Royal
16-Jan	Brent Quast	Hobgood, Havelka	Keller, Mike
23-Jan	Offsite meeting		
30-Jan	Nancy Deetz	Hobgood, Havelka	Whited, Brian
6-Feb	Bill Lawrence	Herzog, Ross	Suemnick, Nicole
13-Feb	Greg Krueger	Herzog, Ross	Cody, Scott
20-Feb	Brad Meier	Herzog, Ross	Lewis, Nick
27-Feb	Offsite meeting		
6-Mar	Jeff Loveless	Lewis, Ensley	Meier, Brad
13-Mar	Bob Howell	Lewis, Ensley	Lawrence, Bill
20-Mar	Kate Krause	Lewis, Ensley	Krueger, Greg
27-Mar	Offsite meeting		
3-Apr	Marty Hatfield	Deetz, Krause	Otterson, Dave
10-Apr	Steve Custis	Deetz, Krause	Roemhildt, Darren
17-Apr	John Havelka	Deetz, Krause	Ross, Royal
24-Apr	Offsite meeting		
1-May	Neil Falken	Suemnick, Quast	Keller, Mike
8-May	Mike Ritter	Suemnick, Quast	Whited, Brian
15-May	Jim Herzog	Suemnick, Quast	Suemnick, Nicole
22-May	Offsite meeting		
29-May	Royal Ross	Suemnick, Quast	Deetz, Nancy
5-Jun	Nicole Suemnick	Steve Kasper	Cody, Scott

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GOVERNOR'S COLUMN

The very first thing I must say to all of you is THANK YOU - - I have had my HEART TOUCHED by so many of you in this time I have been on leave. And believe me, the phone calls, cards, and emails have meant so much to me. It pleases me greatly to hear you are moving forward to Lead the Way in meeting your projects and goals. Your work, effort, and heart will touch the hearts of not only all 3400 of our district Rotarians but just imagine how many hearts you will be responsible for touching.

September is New Generations Month. The inclusion of New Generations (the ones before yours!) will bring us enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Yes, age is one of the factors of Diversity which will reflect the face of your community. In Rotary programs that sponsor or serve youth are large resource pools to draw from such as Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars, Rotaract, Interact, and RYLA. A recent survey by Rotary stated that 85% of young people involved in these programs would like to join Rotary.

I am going to tell you a story about just one Rotarian of the thousands in the world who have come to us through these programs. You probably have met Grete Krohn or read about her (like in the September issue of The Rotarian, page 47). Grete was an Ambassadorial Scholar to Australia in 2003 and then became a District 5960 Rotaractor right after college. She transitioned to Twin Cities Nights Rotary Club as a charter member. There are many things about Grete that make us proud and happy to be able to say "I know her". Grete caught my eye a few years ago and I recognized the contributions she was already making and saw the potential for more. I was not alone. Grete was one of the plenary speakers at the RI Centennial Convention in Chicago. She was interviewed by Roger Climpson, one of Australia's best known and well respected television personalities. On that huge stage at McCormick Center she shared an articulate conversation with him about her experiences in Rotary. This year, at the Denmark/Malmo Convention she was asked to be a co-facilitator for the Rotaract Pre-Convention event. She humbly shares that while riding on a train in Copenhagen she met someone from the The Rotary Foundation and in the course of their conversation he asked her to represent RI at the RIBI LINK weekend for Ambassadorial Scholars studying in the United Kingdom. She is there right now delivering her presentations. I'm sure glad I asked her to be the District Chair for Ambassadorial & Peace Scholarships way back in Chicago! As I said, there are hundreds more like Grete out there – let's go get them.

I would recommend that you take the opportunity to meet Elisabeth Mendez from Brazil who is here on a three month Cultural Scholar exchange. She is an orthodontist with a PhD in oral and facial trauma surgery. She is here studying English at the Language Center of St Thomas in St Paul. You can reach her through her sponsor, Patti Dalen of the Roseville Club, Patti.e.dalen@healthpartners.com or 651-254-3062.

Touching Hearts

Dianne Nesvig, District Governor

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Date	Event to Remember
October 20	District Grants Subcommittee
October 30-November 5	World Interact Week
November 2-4	Camp Enterprise Camp Courage Anandale, Minnesota
November 11	District Foundation Event Midland Hills Country Club (6:00 pm) Roseville, Minnesota
November 17	District Grants Subcommittee
November 18	Asst Governor 07-08 Training
December 15	District Grants Subcommittee
January 19, 2007	District Grants Subcommittee
January 20, 2007	Midterm & Pre-PETS Stillwater, Minnesota
February 16	District Grants Subcommittee
February 16-17, 2007	On to Winnipeg Fort Garry Hotel Winnipeg, Canada
February 19-March 26, 2007	GSE team to Australia
February 23, 2007	102nd anniversary of Rotary! District Team Training
March 12-18, 2007	World Rotaract Week
March 16-17, 2007	Presidents Elect Training Session PETS (07-08 PE)
March 22, 2007	World Water Day
March 23, 2007	District Grants Subcommittee
April 13-17, 2007	Camp RYLA
April 19-21, 2007	District Conference Holiday Inn Owatonna, Minnesota
April 27, 2007	District Grants Subcommittee
April 30, 2007	District Assembly - Faribault location
May 4-30, 2007	GSE team to Ecuador
May 5, 2007	District Assembly - Shoreview location
May 8, 2007	District Assembly - St Croix Falls location

See more on the District 5960 Calendar
District 5960 "Calendar of Events"

On-line at: www.rotary5960.org

2007 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Saddle up, Partners, and join the Great Rocky Mountain Rendezvous in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 17-20, 2007. Have a life changing experience as you make new friends from around the world, learn more about Rotary and how you can make a difference in someone's life, and explore the Great Rockies or trace your family history at the Mormon Library.

Call Deb Oaks-Rentschler at Forest Lake Travel for airline and hotel reservation discounts. You will stay at Little America Hotel just 5 blocks from the Salt Palace Convention Center. A variety of rooms are available: Courtyard Rooms (\$119-129), Garden Rooms (\$149-159), Tower Rooms (\$169-179). This hotel will most likely be the site of the joint District 5950/5960 Reception to be held Saturday night, June 16 5:30-7 p.m. The website for the hotel is: www.littleamerica.com

Call Deb TODAY (URGENT, URGENT, URGENT) at 651-464-5092 or you may not be able to get this discount or this hotel. Then register for the convention online at www.rotary.org . Prices increase December 1, 2006 for convention registration.

NEW "CONTACT CENTER" SLATED TO OPEN ON OCTOBER 1, 2006

Fully operational on the 1st of October, 2006, The Rotary Foundation's new "Contact Center" will begin answering questions posed by Rotarians in the United States via a toll-free telephone number: 1-866-9ROTARY (that's 1-866-976-8279). This new pilot project, currently available only in the USA, will enable Rotarians to get their Foundation questions answered promptly.

The telephone Center will be staffed by Foundation personnel experienced in Humanitarian and Educational programs as well as Fund Development. If this new pilot project is successful, the service will expand to offer more options and more countries. Rotarians seeking contribution reports, questions on Matching Grants, Paul Harris Fellow recognition, and other general Foundation questions should be directed to the toll-free number first. The Contact Center is being managed by Clifton Healy.

THANK YOU FROM THE HAITI OUTREACH PROGRAM

Dear Governor Dianne Nesvig and friends:

On behalf of the thousands of Haitian people who benefit every day from our programs, and with the deepest appreciation of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to acknowledge and thank you for your very generous gift of \$22,000 dated 7/26/06 for the purchase of a replacement well drilling rig. Words are inadequate to express how grateful we are for such a substantial donation.

When we lost our cable toll rig in a flash flood in April, I'm sure you can imagine what an upset this was for us, as well as a serious set-back for our work in Haiti. Our two, well drilling rigs are in constant motion every working day, unless we have a mechanical breakdown. All of our employees were in a state of shock and great sadness; it literally brought tears to their eyes when they had to tell Neil Van Dine, our country director, what had happened. On their own they went back to the river, spent a number of days camping out there, and eventually pulled the wreckage out and brought it back to our headquarters building to salvage whatever they could.

Now, thanks to a number of our supporters, and specifically to your major contribution, a replacement rig was obtained, has been shipped and now is docked in Haiti. In only a few more days, we expect it will be released from customs. So we are confident that, even before I visit Haiti in the latter part of August, it will be in full operation, catching up where we left off in April, drilling wells for the Rotary/World Vision Safe Water Plus Program. I hope to bring back a photo of that activity when I return which I will send to you. We will be happy to place a sign on the vehicle, attributing it to your District in honor of your donation.

Please know of our gratitude for this generous gift that will enable us to continue our partnership in bringing clean and available water to thousands of people in Haiti. Thank you for your great support and your commitment to the people of Haiti.

Yours very truly,

Dale Snyder, Executive Director

Haiti Outreach

www.haitioutreach.org

DIVERSITY REFLECTING THE FACE OF THE COMMUNITY

September is Hispanic Heritage Month - - the celebration of the contributions and achievements of the diverse cultures within the Hispanic community began in 1968. September was selected as September 15th was the formal signing of the Act of Independence from Spain in 1821 and the formulation of Central America. Central America was made up of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. September 16th is the Festival of Independence of Mexico from Spain in 1820. In America, Hispanic families are a growing part of the population and are actually the fastest growing group of American minorities. By the time Mario is ready to retire, it is projected one in four Americans will be Hispanic.

SWEDEN VISITS MINNESOTA THROUGH FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAM

A Friendship Exchange Team of seven persons from Sweden and Denmark visited our district from August 27 until September 7. Goran and Kristina Wallen, Rolf and Yvonne Palmquist, and Christina Kallum from District 2390 in Sweden, and PDG Arne and Jette Kromann from District 1450 in Denmark were hosted by Rotarian families from West St. Paul/Mendota Heights, Owatonna, Rochester, and Hudson.

While here, the team “saw the sights,” being graciously hosted by numerous Rotarians. Among the places visited were the Minnesota State Fair, the Guthrie Theater, the American Swedish Institute, the Mississippi River, the Twin Cities, and the Lanesboro area, including a tour of Amish farms. Some of them also took an airplane ride over southern Minnesota. On their last night here, the team, accompanied by Rotarians and spouses from Hudson, took a dinner cruise from Stillwater on the St. Croix River.

More important than sightseeing were the times spent with Rotarians and their families, those times of everyday experiences. At a homemade turkey dinner with all the trimmings, when sharing pizza on the porch, and at other casual times such as a picnic at a cabin in the woods, memories were made. These were the times to learn about each other’s cultures and to develop life-long friendships. As Rotarian Dave Olson of Mendota Heights who with his wife, Nancy, hosted Christina said, “There is no doubt in my mind that this exchange prompted the formation of some fast friendships and a desire to know more about each of these countries – America and Sweden – which on the surface may appear to be similar, but which have an intriguing undercurrent of differences.” Dave, who also served as the visit coordinator for his club, added. “We’ve all promised to keep in touch, and that’s a promise we will keep.” Rotarian Lonna Lysne, who was the visit coordinator for Owatonna and hosted Arne and Jette, echoed that sentiment in saying, “We had connected, felt like we discovered new friends for life and can only imagine ‘next time’ and it cannot come fast enough.”

Unfortunately, about a week into the visit while in Rochester, visiting team member Yvonne Palmquist slipped and broke her hip. The return home for her and Rolf was delayed about one week due to her surgery at the Mayo Clinic. Yvonne and Rolf are grateful for the help and kindness they received from Rotarians and their families during their extended stay in Rochester, and look forward to hosting our team members next spring when we send a team to Sweden from May 12 to 23.

This is the first Friendship Exchange for our district, and plans are already being made for others in the future. Information about Friendship Exchange is on our district website. You may also contact the Friendship Exchange Chair, Newell Krogmann at krogmann@earthlink.net.

ELK RIVER ROTARY DRAGON BOAT RACERS

Paddles at ready! The starting horn sounds and our drummer shouts DIG, DIG, DIG!! The race has started for the rookie Elk River Rotary Club's first race. The course is about a quarter mile long and the three other dragon boats in the heat are even with us. We settle into the steady race stroke and concentrate on the rhythm of the lead paddlers. Our goal is to be competitive in the bronze class of paddlers. We finish the first race and immediately started critiquing the race and working a strategy for the second race in the afternoon. Our strategy worked for the second race and our time improved.

The Superior, Wisconsin weather was perfect and what could be better then to be around an international group of about 1600 Rotary racers. We exceeded our expectations and finished in the middle of the Silver Class, the second level of teams. We placed 42nd overall in a field of 82 teams. The team building was wonderful and we have already signed up for next year.

The Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival is in its 5th year and is successful in its mission of raising money for local community needs. Festival organizers are the Superior Rotary Club and the Duluth Harbortown Rotary Club. This year the community partner is the Duluth Clinic Breast Cancer Program. The event was well organized, well attended and a great deal of fun.

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY PAUL HARRIS FELLOW NORTHFIELD ROTARIAN, RICK MAUS

In September the Northfield Club presented fellow Rotarian, Richard Maus, with a Paul Harris Fellow. This PHF is a result of the money donated by club members for Polio Eradication. Richard was acknowledged for his hard work and spirit of service. Richard donated a box of his books, "The Lucky One" to our club members. He then asked us to read the book and then come to his presentation about three weeks later, ready to ask questions and donate money for the fight against polio.

The money collected that day was sent to the Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Partners fund, to help developing countries to get the polio vaccine to rural areas, where there is often no refrigeration. Polio Plus Partners funds are used for the electric refrigerators that are put in regional capitals, the kerosene refrigerators that are placed in strategic rural villages, the portable coolers that are packed with ice to take to even more remote distribution centers, and even the small carrier bags that are filled with ice for those vaccinators who are walking or biking into remote hamlets that cars cannot reach.

Richard Maus has not only talked the talk, he took hundreds of hours to sit down and put his own inspiring story on paper and publish it. "The Lucky One" has received positive reviews in the Twin Cities papers and is slated to be reviewed in the Chicago Tribune very soon. We shared Richard's story with Rotary International and an upcoming issue of "The Rotarian" magazine is including it in a feature about Rotarians who are also polio survivors and have written about their life experiences. It turns out that Richard is not alone in his mission, but his voice is an important one.

None of this would have happened if Richard Maus had not had the courage and gumption to sit down with pen and paper and write this powerful book. This Paul Harris Fellowship is just a tiny gesture of appreciation from the members of the Northfield Rotary Club for his hard work, his dedication and his eloquent advocacy in the fight against polio. At the time that Richard gave his talk, he was not yet a Rotarian. Now that he has joined our ranks, we're all the stronger and can count on him to bring his passion and commitment to all of our many endeavors. In a very real sense, we're now the lucky ones.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2009-10 NOMINATIONS

Continuity is often mentioned by Rotary International and District leadership. This is partially accomplished in District 5960 by the selection process and timing for nominating the incoming District Governors.

Nominations for District Governor for the 2009-2010 Rotary year are being taken now by mail to Lee Finholm, 256 Cannon View Drive, Red Wing, MN 55066. Applications are being accepted with post marked no later than 01 December 2006.

The selection will take place on 16 December 2006 at the Northern Star Council Building, Boy Scouts of America, 393 Marshall Avenue in St Paul, Minnesota.

The requirements and application form can be found on the District website www.rotary5960.org or contact the District Office or Lee Finholm.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

For all Rotarians and Clubs that remit their dues
and send contributions to North America

Effective 1 October 2006, lockbox addresses are changing for Rotary International,
The Rotary Foundation. For a complete listing of clubs and districts affected by this
change in mailing address, please consult Rotary's website: www.Rotary.org

Please take note of our new mailing addresses below.

For Rotarians and clubs that remit payments and contributions to the US:

Send membership dues and payments to Rotary International:

Rotary International
14255 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

Send contributions to The Rotary Foundation:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

NEW TOOL-FREE TRF CONTACT CENTER

In October, The Rotary Foundation Contact Center will begin taking general inquiry
calls and emails for The Rotary Foundation and its programs from Rotarians, clubs
and districts in the United States and Canada.

Call 1-866-9ROTARY or E-mail: contact.center@rotary.org to check on your
donations and recognition points, deadlines for grants and applications, contact
names for your applications and more.

The TRF Contact Center is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., CST

ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 FIFTH ANNUAL FOUNDATION EVENT

Saturday – November 11, 2006
6:00pm – 10:00pm
Midland Hills Country Club

Midland Hills Chicken
Touching Hearts Birthday Cake!

\$40.00 per person

Keynote speaker Ray Klinginsmith

Owatonna Rotary Club. PO BOX 394 Owatonna, MN 55060

Rotary Foundation Past Trustee 2002-2006

“ The Luck of the Draw”

Silent Auction

District grant projects

Youth Exchange students

Go to www.rotary5960.org to print registration form and send to Jingle

Click on “Foundation Event Nov 11”

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?????

COME AND HAVE SOME ROTARY FUN!!

PROMOTING ROTARY’S AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Who better to promote Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarships Program than its scholars? Attracting and selecting suitable scholars is the most critical stage of the scholarships program. While it is important to promote the program through traditional PR channels, remember that current scholars and Rotary Foundation alumni can be the most powerful spokespeople for the Ambassadorial Scholarships program. Please find a guide to promoting the program below.

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/259en.pdf>

If you have questions, please contact,

Grete Krohn, Ambassadorial/Peace Scholarships Chair

krohn@clynch.comn or 612-872-7587 (H)