

# ROTARY - update 12/7/2020

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My dear fellow Rotarians of Jefferson City Evening Rotary Club,

Welcome to December! Our last meeting we drew a bye as they say in sports tournaments. I did make a couple of calls and visit with some Rotary friends which was a good chance to catch up.

Two weeks until the winter Solstice. After that the days start getting longer again. An interesting point for any stargazers is the celestial event that is supposed to happen on December 21 where Jupiter and Saturn will be in close proximity in the western sky at sunset and look like a giant star. Hasn't happened in 800 years. Could this be the famed star of Bethlehem?

I think it will be worthy of taking some time the last week in December to do some sky watching.

Also don't forget that today December 7th as I write this is the 70th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pear Harbor. Shortly after that Japan attacked the island of Corregidor in the Philippines. I had patient one time who was in his 90's. He was wearing POW-MIA hat. I asked him.. "Sir what theater did you serve in?" his response was..... " I was on Corregidor when it fell, I survived the Bataan death march, I spent 3 1/2 years in a Japanese POW camp, and I get a little uncomfortable in small rooms with the door closed." I told him. "Sir it would be my honor to leave the door open for you" When I think I'm having a bad day... I just try and remind myself how it must have felt to be on Corregidor when the Japanese showed up.

It is my sincere hope that we can wrap this somewhat difficult and unusual year up with something that is good that is awe inspiring.

This week we have Jane Barnes with the Commission on Human Relations. Crayola Crayon's skin tone colors.

Meanwhile stay well.

Joe