

FROM THE DIRECTOR



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Community

It's been an honor to share the mission of our organization while speaking at two local service organization meetings recently.

Instead of focusing on who we are – here's who we are not.

We are not an elite organization - we are an organization driven to empower our members and the community regardless of socioeconomic standing. The people building a bridge are just as important as the land on both sides, the buildings hugging it, and the people that cross it as a means to making life more simpler.

We are not judgmental – come as you are. Everyone has a right to express themselves. We will encourage and enhance dedicated talent while also providing a platform for art advocacy for everyone as our community evolves.

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Please, do not misinterpret the importance of travel and the experience of immersing yourself into another culture. It cannot be stressed enough how great of a gift it is to oneself to push your comfort level and experience any type of foreign travel - domestic or not. However, sometimes what we need to empower us is right in front of us. There are opportunities to perform service work in our back yard and there are businesses we can support that encourage our local economy to blossom; when we enrich the soil in an honest and sustainable way – more than just the vegetation thrives.

Engaging in reality is taken for granted the more virtually connected we become. When all of our senses experience a pleasant sensation and we perceive them in unison we are truly connected. That is what the arts have become, sensory stimulation that slows our perception of time and absorbs into each cell of our being.

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Service above self: thank you to all the volunteers that make the Waseca Art Center run smoothly, we couldn't do it without you. It's inspiring to see such wonderful people continue to give back to our community. There are plenty of things you could be doing with your time, you could be spending it with family and friends - it's an honor to share it with you.

To those of you that assist other causes by generously giving your time, thank you. Thank you for passing that quality onto your children. We seem to have crossed a threshold; technology that was supposed to connect us has segregated and tuned us out, it also gave us the ability to fill our daily schedules in 5-minute increments. We are stretched further and change happens quicker than each phone update.

Please, take some generous time and disconnect with your loved ones – spend some actual face time with them and make beautiful memories that embed in your DNA – pass on traditions or create some with whomever you enjoy spending time with. ///

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