

The

O-Pinion



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

April 2

Beth Kallestad, Cannon River Watershed Partnership

April 9

Jacob Forster and Alex Anderson: "From a Student's Perspective"

April 16

Christy Tryhus: Simply Balanced Coaching and Training

April 23

STRIVE Students

April 30

Business Meeting/Camp RYLA student presentation

May 7

Kim Cosens: 2012 Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival

May 14

OHS National Honor Society: Speaker: Jeff Williams

May 23

Evening: ROTARY 90TH Anniversary Party (AT HISTORY CENTER)

May 28

Memorial Day: No meeting

June 4

Exchange Student Carla Presentation

June 11

Exchange Student Johan Presentation

June 18

Dave Marcoux: Bremer Foundation

June 25

Officer and Board Installation

July 2

Mayor Tom Kuntz: State of the City

July 9

Vicki Geetref: RFE Taiwan

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, April 2, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Beth Kallestad of the Cannon River Watershed Partnership.

BIRTHDAYS: Bill Kottke, April 2, Sam Woods, April 5, Loren Olson, April 6, Pat Casey, Todd Hale, Bryce Wahl, April 8

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to our April students: Sydney Jourdan, Larissa Voss, Mariah Howe, Alison VanPutten

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark, Carla de Oliveira Silva, Brazil

ROTARY NOTES

THE THEME FOR APRIL ON THE ROTARY CALENDAR IS "MAGAZINE MONTH". THE "ROTARIAN" MAGAZINE IS ONE OF ROTARY'S BEST RECRUITING TOOLS. SHARE YOUR COPY WITH A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER THIS MONTH.

AN ENDORSEMENT FROM CARSON

Johnny Carson, the once King of Late Night TV was eternally grateful to ROTARIANS, who stoked the confidence of a Nebraskan boy magician called "The Great Carsoni" as no one had before. "I was 14 when I earned my first fee...\$3.00 from the Norfolk ROTARY Club", he said. "Then I began to get a fee like that at picnics, county fairs, 4-H clubs, service clubs, Chambers of Commerce. Usually I'd following something like a demonstration of the fire department's new aerial ladder." At least when Carson climbed behind that great desk in the sky seven years ago, he knew he was an even tougher act to follow...all begat by ROTARIAN generosity.

ROTARIANS are invited to join Owatonna High School biology teacher Seth Muir as he brings to life his 2011 summer expedition to Belize in honor of Earth Day. As part of a Global Field Program, Seth will present his ongoing, international Master's degree experience and bring it home regarding what we can do to help the environment and build positivity in our community. He will be speaking in the Gainey Room at the Owatonna Public Library on Sunday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m.

THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 7 IS 'WORLD HEALTH DAY'. Disease prevention and treatment is an area of focus under the ROTARY FOUNDATION'S Future Vision Plan.

FROM RI PRESIDENT KALYAN BANERJEE

"ROTARY's "Reach Out to Africa" initiative seeks to increase ROTARY Club membership in Africa, mobilize African ROTARIANS to address local needs, and raise awareness of African issues among ROTARIANS in more developed regions. It is just one way to connect the people who need help with the people who want to give it but may not know where to begin."

So anyway: As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man with no family or friends. The cemetery was in the Kentucky back country. I got lost and being the typical man, didn't stop to ask for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt bad...apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I just started to play. The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this homeless man. As I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years!"