

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

August 1

Doug and Connie Ruth, trip to Ethiopia

August 8

Elmer Reseland/Jim Gleason: Preview of 2011 SCFF

August 15

K-8 Exploration...Owatonna Public Schools

August 22

Syd Briggs, General Manager, Steele-Waseca Co-Op Elec.

August 29

Business meeting

September 5

NO MEETING..LABOR DAY

September 12

Visit from Dist. Gov. Judy Freund

September 19

Introduction of new In-Bound Exchange Students

September 26

Business meeting

October 3

Books for Africa

October 10

November school district vote

October 17

Fred Senn, Fallon Worldwide

October 24

Anita Pfeifer, Owatonna Postmaster

October 31

Business Meeting/Preview of Foundation Month

November 7

Tim Penny, Southern Minnesota Initiative

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY!

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 1, 2011

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Doug and Connie Ruth will be our speakers as they share their story of traveling to Ethiopia with a delegation from Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna.

BIRTHDAYS: Renee Lowery, Tom Kuntz, Aug. 1, Marlene Levine, Aug. 4, Wes Cain, Doug Parr, Aug. 5

ROTARY NOTES

We are sorry to say farewell to member Marlene Levine who has taken a position with the management firm of U.S. Equities Realty in Chicago, which operates a 17 story residence for students, freshman to graduate law students. The building was developed by DePaul University, Columbia College, and Roosevelt University. All have facilities in the south loop in downtown Chicago. The building has retail on the first level, dining hall, conference center, and fitness studio on 3rd floor. We wish Marlene good fortune in the future!

Already ROTARIANS Dave Olson and Tabby Deleeuw are planning for the upcoming school year of STRIVE. They are now seeking volunteers to be mentors to the STRIVE students. Dates of the STRIVE sessions are Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 20, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, Mar. 20 and April 23 (at our ROTARY meeting). All sessions are in the OHS Plaza at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in mentoring, please check your schedule and if available, please e-mail Tabby at miketabby@msn.com or Dave at dolson@rkelec.com.

Update on our Youth Exchange students:

Harmon Squires is safely in India. Christian Russell is now in Brazil. (You can follow Christian at christianrussel93.blogspot.com. Diana and Leo are now back at home. Johan Wagner Frandsen from Denmark arrives Aug. 11 and Carla deOliveira Silva arrives on Aug. 13.

Here's another thing that will disappear in our lifetime. **Music**. This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. Greed and corruption is the problem. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalog items," meaning traditional music that the public is familiar with. Older established artists. This is also true on the live concert circuit.

Here's a test for old kids:

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind?
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on The _____ Show.
3. Get Your Kicks on _____.

So anyway: A couple goes for a meal at a Chinese restaurant and order the "Chicken Surprise". The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot. Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down. "Good grief, did you see that?" she asks her husband. He hasn't, so she asks him to look in the pot. As he reaches for it, again the lid rises and he sees two little eyes looking around before it again slams down. Rather perturbed, he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening and demands an explanation. The waiter said, "What you order?" The husband replies, "Chicken Surprise." "Ah! So sorry," says the waiter. "I bring you Peeking Duck!"

Answers to old kid quiz: 1. A silver bullet 2. Ed Sullivan 3. Route 66