

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	Wednesdays	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				
Mankato	Wednesdays	Noon	Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

July 8	Quentin Smith, Outbound Exchange Student
July 15	Ibrahim Almugaiteeb, Saudi Arabia
July 22	Dr. Pat Greenwood, author, book on Steele County Doctors
July 29	Business meeting
Aug.5	SCFF preview: Jim Gleason
Aug.12	Mary Steidler, Steele County Humane Society
Aug. 19	Jane Nyquist: Public Health Nursing... "Tobacco Prevention"
Aug. 26	Laura Heyne, Junior Achievement in Owatonna
Sept. 2	No Meeting... Labor Day
Sept. 9	Tom Wilson: Eagan ROTARY Ethics Program
Sept. 16	Steele County United Way
Sept. 23	Gary Campbell, District Governor
Sept. 30	Business Meeting/Rick Ormsby, Faribault Rotary Club
Oct. 1	Meet the Candidates, City
Oct. 14	County Information
Oct. 21	School Levy Question
Oct. 28	Business Meeting

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 12, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Mary Steidler of the Steele County Humane Society.

BIRTHDAYS: Greg Schultz, Aug. 13, Chad Lange, Aug. 15,

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARY Districts 5950 and 5960 will host "Minnesota Lynx End Polio Now" on Saturday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Target Center as the Lynx vs Chicago Sky. This is the final home game of the Lynx. A portion of ticket sales will go to RI to help end this horrible disease worldwide. Deadline to reserve tickets is August 16. Go to the District 5960 website to order tickets.

A note from Nora, outbound exchange student to Germany:

"I am really excited this day has finally come! I would like to thank you so much for all the help you have given me this year. Because of you and your help, I learned about the exchange program and discovered that this program is an amazing and life changing experience to have! I look forward to sharing stories and memories with you in the future. I will also send my quarterly reports to you when I send them to my country officer. Feel free to share my blog, nora-inb-deutschland.blogspot.com with the club. Thanks again for all you have done. I am truly proud that I get to represent the Owatonna ROTARY Club."

ROTARIAN Pat Greenwood reminds you of the 2014 ROTARY Friendship Exchange with District 4240 in Costa Rica. The outbound exchange is from January 9-19 and the inbound exchange (to the U.S.) is May 15-25. These exchanges are for ROTARIANS and family members/significant others as outlined in the application. If interested, please submit your application (on-line on the ROTARY District 5960 website no later than September 20, 2013. If questions, call Cheryl Kohout at cherylkohout@aol.com or 651-442-7986.

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Tom Kuntz, Mayor of Owatonna, on being recognized for his efforts to improve Owatonna's economic climate. He was honored with the Excellence in Service Award by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities during the coalition's annual convention recently in Bemidji. The award is given each year to a city leader who demonstrates knowledge, leadership and active participation in coalition program areas during the course of the year. Kuntz was honored for his work speaking with legislators and arranging meetings with Gov. Mark Dayton about regional transportation concerns.

Announcing the Paul Harris/Vern White Award to recognize a non-ROTARIAN whose life and actions exemplify the spirit of the motto "Service Above Self" and exhibits the characteristics that represent the values of the Four Way Test. Submission forms will be made available to ROTARIANS.

From RI President Ron D. Burton: "We're not asking just anyone to join ROTARY. We're looking to attract busy, successful, motivated people who care. We're asking them to take their valuable time and give it to ROTARY. So if they say yes, and they join our club, then we'd better be showing them that their time in ROTARY is well spent.

So anyway: Sven and Ole are walking home from the tavern late at night and they head down the railroad tracks. Sven says, "This is the longest flight of stairs I ever climbed in my life!" Ole says, "Yeah, it's not the stairs that bother me, it's these low railings."

How do you know when an Iowan has been using your computer? There are eraser marks on the screen.

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!