

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

July 30

Business Meeting: Presentation by Outbound Student Harmon Squires

August 6

Preview: 2012 Steele County Free Fair: Jim Gleason and Todd Hale

August 13

Bryan Rossi, GSE trip to France

August 20

RFE Outbound Team Presentation...Journey to Turkey

August 27

Business Meeting: Presentation by Outbound Student Christian Russell

Sept. 3

No meeting: Labor Day

Sept. 10

District Governor Visit from Joe Kvarik

Sept. 17

Stormy Trom, Director, Steele County Food Shelf

Sept. 24

Business Meeting

Oct. 1

School Board Candidates

Oct. 8

City Council Candidates

Oct. 15

State House and Senate Candidates

October 22

Preview: United Way Campaign: Evelina Giobbe

October 29

Business meeting/presentation on Foundation Month

November 5

Alyssa Anderson, Pork Ambassador

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 13, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Bryan Rossi who will speak on the GSE trip to France.

BIRTHDAYS: Chad Lange, Aug. 15

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Keith Hiller will be one of the judges at the fair this week in the Salsa Judging. Police Chief Hiller will join Fire Chief Mike Johnson and Sheriff Lon Thiele as judges

17 Mentors are going to be needed for this fall's STRIVE program at the Owatonna High School. If you are interested, contact ROTARIAN Dave Olson. The program involves one hour long meeting monthly with your STRIVE student.

A note from RI President Sakuji Tanaka

"Every ROTARIAN has a specific moment that stands out and has a special meaning. Some people refer to this as their 'ROTARY MOMENT'. I believe it is very important to share this moment with others. Fact and numbers can only go so far, but sharing a personal experience can open doors and build friendships.

That's why I decided to create some sample messages that I call 'ROTARY MOMENTS'. You can use these one-minute and three-minute messages to answer the question, 'WHAT IS ROTARY?' in a way that is most personal to you. They will help you talk about the projects you've been involved in, how they've helped your community, and what's been most meaningful to you." The messages are available for free download at www.rotary.org/tellingyourstory.

Did you know? ROTARIAN Bill Whiting's father, E.K. Whiting was a charter member of the Owatonna ROTARY Club. ROTARIAN Sabra Otteson, Bill's daughter, was one of the first women members to join the Owatonna ROTARY Club. Sabra was the first, and so the only, third generation family member to become a ROTARIAN at the Owatonna Club.

AROUND TOWN

The Steele County Free Fair opens this Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. If you are bringing children or grandchildren, the Steele County Sheriff urges you to stop by the Sheriff's office on the fairground and pick up a child's I.D. tag. This greatly enhances the efforts in locating a lost child that may become separated from you.

A re-organization of the Owatonna Community Orchestra is in the works. The orchestra has not been performing the last several years do to lack of a director. A director has been obtained. Bruce Gleason from St. Thomas University will assume the director duties and is planning to present a concert in April, 2013. Musicians old and new are welcome, no auditions are necessary. Rehearsals will be Monday evenings at the high school approximately six weeks before the concert.

The Steele County Blades junior hockey team, is searching for more billet families to host hockey players during the upcoming season. Players pay a fee to the family for expenses and billet families also receive free admission to home games. If you are interested, call Mark Woodrich at 390-4079.

So anyway: Ole and Lars were looking at a Sears catalog and admiring the models. Ole says to Lars, "Haff yew seen da beautiful girls in dis catalog?" Lars replies, "Ya, dey are very beautiful. And look at da price!" Ole says with wide eyes, "Wow, dey aren't verra expensive. At dis price, I'm buying vun." Lars smiles and pats him on the back. "Good idea! Order vun and if she's as beautiful as she is in da catalog, I vill get vun too." Three weeks later, Lars asks his friend, "Did yew ever receive da girl yew ordered from dat Sears catalog?" Ole replies..."No, but it shouldn't be long now. Her clothes arrived yesterday!"