

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

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| 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/Classification Talk: Keith Hiller

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 15, 2011

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Teri Preisler and Amy LaDue who will inform us about the K-8 Exploration program that our kids in K-8 will be exposed to this year.

BIRTHDAYS: Chad Lange, Aug. 15, Lonna Lysne and Bill Whiting, Aug. 19

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: A special ROTARY welcome to Carla de Oliveira Silva from Brazil and Johan Wagner Frandsen from Denmark.

ROTARY NOTES

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH ON THE ROTARY CALENDAR.

Mentors are being sought for this year's STRIVE program at Owatonna High School. Dates of the Mentor-Student meetings are September 27, October 25, November 22 December 20, January 24, February 21, March 20 and April 23. If you are interested, please contact ROTARIANS Tabby DeLeuw or Dave Olson.

This coming Saturday, August 20, is the ROTARY 4-Mile Run to benefit the STRIVE program. ROTARIAN Dave Albrecht can still use a few volunteers...so contact him if you can help.

This is fair week. Here are some tidbits about this year's fair:

*The Rotary 4-Mile Run will feature two of Team USA Minnesota's elite runners, Emily Brown and Megan Hogan.

*Scooter rentals and wheelchairs will be available in the handicapped lot off Park Street.

*There are over 100 food stands at the fair.

*The fair has been free since 1927 and is Minnesota's largest county fair.

*A free shuttle bus from downtown and also from the industrial park to the fair for noon lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 to 1:30.

*The high dive show featuring the Human Torch will be presented daily at 2:30, 5:30 and 9:00 p.m. with a 7:30 show added on the weekend.

*The Alexander Lumber "All American Lumberjack Show" is sponsored by ROTARIAN Denny Meillier.

*Two free shows for kids will take place in Fair Square Park on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Wednesday morning the show will start at 10:15 a.m. with the Rad Zoo amphibians followed by "George the Juggler". Friday morning's show features Ronald McDonald beginning at 11:00 a.m.

*The fair features 320 commercial booths plus over 200 vendors from 25 states.

*Look for the "Puddle Jumpers"...the strolling geese as they make their way around the fair.

*Bring the kids and grandkids to the Exotic Petting Zoo where they can experience one on one with exotic animals, plus Camel and Pony rides are available.

*On the Monday evening after the fair, the entire fair board gathers to discuss this year's fair and to jot down suggested improvements for next year.

*Fair dates next year are August 14-19

Test for old kids correction! Last week I mentioned the slogan..."Nestle's makes the very best_____". I said coffee, but ROTARIAN Charlie Herrmann set me straight...it was Chocolate.

* 1. Satchmo was America's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.

* 2. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?

Two Cajuns were waiting at the bus stop when a sod truck rolled by with rolls of turf. Boudreaux said, "I'm gonna do dat when I win da lottery." "What's dat?" asks Thibodeaux. "Send da lawn off to be mowed."