

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 22, 2011

Editor Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Syd Briggs, general manager of Steele-Waseca Co-Op Electric.

BIRTHDAYS: Kris Busse, Aug. 21

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Carla de Oliveira Silva, Brazil and Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark.

ROTARY NOTES

A chair for the Dictionary Project is being sought...if interested, let President Dave know.

The fair is over and preparations are already beginning for next year. Dates of the fair next year are August 14-19 with the slogan, "Biggest Reunion in the State of the Union".

ROTARIAN Dr. Kirby Knutson now joins the ranks of the retired. Kirby graduated from Owatonna High School in 1970 and returned to his home town after dental school. He opened his first practice in the First Federal Building (now Premier Bank) where he practiced for 19 years before building the current facility on 18th street. Kirby is looking forward to "doing some other things that he hasn't been able to do while working." Best wishes on a happy retirement Kirby!

This is the time of the year when bees become most active. Bumble bees, honey bees, wasps, hornets and even some buzzing flies are considered by many to be dangerous, or at least a nuisance. There are a few useful tips to avoid getting stung. Bright colors attract insects, so khaki is an ideal outdoor color and fabric. Do not wear perfume, scented lotion or hair spray, as these and food smells attract insects. Be careful when mowing your lawn, cutting vines or pulling weeds. Wear a hat, gloves, long sleeves, pants and be especially alert when going barefoot outside.

Don't swat at bees which are probably just investigating your arm or other body part. If you are in an open area and are attacked by stinging insects, try to run near or through shrubs and low hanging tree branches; the leaves and other obstacles will hinder the direct and speedy pursuit of the insects. If a stinging insect flies into your car, stop slowly and open all the windows. As some people are more sensitive to stings than others, do not underestimate the seriousness of the situation. Get medical help for highly allergic people soon after they are stung.

More test questions for old kids:

1. Red Skelton's hobo character was named _____ and Red always ended his television show by saying, "Good night and _____."
2. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about "the day the music died." This was a tribute to _____.
3. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.

So anyway: What I did this morning: This morning I waded across a raging river, escaped from a rattlesnake in the brush, marched up and down a mountain, walked through a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of a deep sandpit and ripped my pants on a fish hook cactus! My friend said, "Wow! You must be some outdoorsman!" "No," I replied, "Just a lousy golfer."

Answers to test questions for old kids:

1. Freddie the Freeloader, "Good Night and God Bless"
2. Buddy Holly, Big Bopper, Richie Valen
3. Sputnik