

# **O-Pinion**Owatonna, Minnesota

# **ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY**

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                       | Thursdays  | Noon  | Purple Goose Eatery  | Northfield      | Thursdays  | 12:15 | United Methodist Ch. |
| Owatonna Early Edition           | Wednesdays | 7 AM  | Owatonna Fire Hall   | Great Rochester | Wednesdays | 12:10 | Double Tree Hotel    |
| Rochester Risers                 | Tuesdays   | 7 AM  | Hilton Garden Inn    | Rochester       | Thursdays  | 11:30 | Holiday Inn          |
| Red Wing                         | Tuesdays   | Noon  | St. James Hotel      | Waseca          | Thursdays  | Noon  | Miller/Armstrong     |
| Faribault                        | Wednesdays | Noon  | Bernie's Grill       | Albert Lea      | Wednesdays | Noon  | Riverland College    |
| Greater Mankato                  | Wednesdays | 11:55 | Courtyard by Mariott |                 |            |       |                      |

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

#### **DATE**

July 18 Matt Ketelson, Chairman of Board: Chamber of Commerce

July 25 Jackie Warehime, Outbound returnee from Paraguay

August 1 Jim Gleason: SCFF Preview

August 8 Breezaine Bigeagle, Outbound returnee from Mexico
August 15 Alfred Zdrazil: Reduction of domestic violence
August 22 Minnesota Vikings Super Bowl Host Committee

August 29 Chris Coleman, St. Paul Mayor

Sept. 5 No meeting...Labor Day

Sept. 12 Mike Jensen: Culturefest Preview

Sept. 19 United Way kickoff

Sept. 26 Anne Cummins, Federal Correction Institution, Waseca

October 3 Owatonna Foundation Week

October 10 Candidates: County Commissioner

October 17 Candidates: City Council
October 24 Candidates: School Board

October 31 Candidates: State House and Senate
November 7 Awarding of Vern White Award

November 14 District Gov. Visit

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Editor: Todd Hale

Monday, August 22, 2016

<u>THIS WEEK:</u> Like the Steele County Free Fair, planning takes place months before the event. Today we'll hear from the Super Bowl Host Committee, represented by Alex Tittle, VP of Business Connect and Community Affairs, who is coordinating plans for the 2018 Super Bowl in Minneapolis.

**BIRTHDAY:** Kris Busse, August 21, Chris Herzog, August 27

### **ROTARY NEWS NOTES**

The ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday, October 23. The program will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation and the legacy of Arch Klumph. Enjoy a special performance of the Cleveland Orchestra and attend a dinner with featured speakers RI President John Germ and RI Foundation Chair Kalyan Banerjee. Visit <a href="www.trf100.org">www.trf100.org</a> for tickets and more information.

Founded in the midst of a world war, the ROTARY FOUNDATION grew up during a global depression and a second world war to become one of the world's leading foundations. Its story is one of vision, compassion and generosity. Together, ROTARIANS are attacking poverty, disease, and lack of education, and bringing peace through grant-funded projects in our areas of focus.

The 2016 fair is over. Tonight the fair board will meet to briefly discuss how the fair went, any problems that have to be addressed for next year...the goods and bads of this year. (hopefully not many bads!) The fair dates for next year are August 15-20 with the slogan, "Scream and Moo with Lots to Do".

### Do you read books? Reading books may help you live longer

Reading books is tied to a longer life, a new report said. Researchers used data on 3,635 people older than 50 and divided them into three groups: those who read no books, those who read books up to 3 and a half hours a week and those who read books more who did not read. Those who read for up to 3 and a half hours a week were 17% less likely to die over 12 years of follow-up, and those who read more than that were 23% less likely to die. Book readers lived an average of almost two years longer than those who did not read. They found a similar, but weaker, association among those who read newspapers and periodicals. "People who report as little as a half-hour a day of book reading had a significant survival advantage over those who did not read," said the senior author, Becca Levy, a professor of epidemiology at Yale. Owatonna Library Hours are 9-9 Mon, Tues. and Thurs and 9 to 5 Wed, Fri and Sat.

This Friday, August 26, is National Dog Day. Come to a special observance at Lake Chase Dog Park this Friday night from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring your family and four legged friend for live music, a bounce house and concessions from Country Girl Cooking, Kona Ice, and Ozzie's Cotton Candy. Bring your own lawn chair and beverages. Did you know? The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$16,100.

ROTARIAN Keith Hiller reminds ROTARIANS that again this year the Owatonna Police Department will be hosting a Citizen's Police Academy, beginning September 26 and running through November 14. The academy will meet Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center. It is designed to give residents and business owners a unique opportunity to become better acquainted with members of the Owatonna Police Department and its day to day operations. Applications for the academy will be accepted through September 21. For more information, call Pam Roberts at 774-7200.

So anyway: A traveling salesman rings a doorbell. Ten year old little Johnny answers, holding a beer and smoking a fat cigar. The salesman says, "Little boy, is your mother home?" Little Johnny tapes his ash on the carpet and says, "What do you think?"