

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

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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
Nov. 4	Foundation Month: Presentation of Vern White Award
Nov. 11	Lesa Anderson: "Twelve Families for the Holidays"
Nov. 18	Open date
Nov. 25	Business Meeting
Dec. 2	Open Date
Dec. 9	Open Date
Dec 16	OHS Christmas Carolers;
Dec. 23	Christmas Show

Monday, August 26, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Business meeting plus we'll hear from Laura Heyne, Director of Junior Achievement in Owatonna.

BIRTHDAYS: None

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Daniil, St. Petersburg, Russia; Thor, Thailand; Andrea, Italy, Adish, India.

ROTARY NOTES

The Early Edition Club is sponsoring their annual Corn Feed tomorrow at the Eagles Club. Tickets will be available at the door for \$8.00.

The call is out for Mentors for this year's STRIVE program at the Owatonna High School. Meetings start in September and end in April...one per month on the 3rd Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. If you can help please contact ROTARIAN Tabby DeLeeuw at 363-1653.

ROTARIAN Charlie Herrmann sent me some interesting tidbits: Microsoft's co-founder, Bill Gates said, "Polio eradication is the result of an amazing effort. We're raising the money to get it done by 2018. This can be the second disease to be eradicated". Polio eradication is raising \$5.5 billion, of which the Gates Foundation is going to give \$1.8 billion. (Note: India is now determined to be "polio free" thanks to RI's intense fight against the disease.)

Here's another from Charlie: Auto sales are shifting into higher gear according to the Kiplinger Letter. This year's already brisk selling pace will accelerate into 2014, hitting levels not seen since the recession and restoring a once ailing industry to sound health. This year will finish up better than last; 15.6 million total sales vs. 14.8 million in 2012...for the fourth straight year of growth. What's more, a variety of vehicles are selling well, from compacts to full-size pickups. The only models not selling quickly are the biggest SUVs and sedans. Powering the re-bounce: Pent-up demand from consumers who have held on to old vehicles much longer than normal. Many would-be buyers who steered clear of showrooms during the recession are finally feeling confident enough to buy a new car, or they have no choice. The age of the average car on the road today is about 11 years...a record high. Low cost financing will seal the deal for many folks. Auto loan rates as well as leasing terms are very favorable. Leasing is at an all-time high..about 25%.

While automakers cheer rising sales, they face some bumps in the road, too. Higher fuel economy targets. So far, manufacturers have been able to comply with federal mileage mandates without too much trouble, but further fuel saving will come at a greater cost. So carmakers will economize production wherever possible, including selling the same basic car in multiple countries to cut costs and car prices. They'll also shift more production to areas with lower wages, especially Mexico.

The 2014 RI Convention will be in Sydney, Australia. Register at www.riconvention.org.

So anyway:

Ole: "Hello? Is dis da funeral home?"

Funeral home: "Yes?"

Ole: "My wife, Lena, died."

Funeral home: "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. We'll send someone right away to pick her up. Where to you live?"

Ole: "At the end of Eucalyptus Drive"

Funeral home: "Can you spell that for me?"

Ole: "How 'bout I drag her over to Oak Street and you can pick her up dere?"