

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

December 10

Linda Christianson, Author and personal story about Polio/OHS Carolers

December 17

Holiday Show with Norrine Jensen

December 24

No meeting

December 31

No meeting

January 7

Dave Hietala, Academic Dean, Riverland

January 14

Alyssa Anderson: Steele County Pork Ambassador

January 21

Ibrahim Hussein: Somali American Cultural Society of Owatonna

January 28

Business Meeting/Margie Gardner: Day by Day Adult Daycare

February 4

John Klatt: "John Klatt Airshows"

February 11

Dr. Brian Bunkers, Owatonna Clinic Mayo Health System update

February 18

Karen Kasper "Farming Today"

February 25

Fast for Hope program

March 4

Greg Zweber, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

March 11

Marlene Nelson: Homelessness in Owatonna

March 18

Presentation by Owatonna Foundation

March 25

Business Meeting

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, December 10, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: The Owatonna High School Christmas Carolers will serenade us shortly after noon today. Our speaker will be Linda Christianson, an honorary Paul Harris Fellow given to her for her work in educating children in many school settings about Polio and the struggles it presents. Linda was paralyzed from the waist down at the age of 6 months as a result of Polio and learned to walk on crutches of which she managed to throw away after several operations. She has written her story in a book entitled "All the Steps I have Taken." She is excited to learn of ROTARY'S commitment to eradicate polio. Linda is a sister to ROTARIAN Lonna Lysne. The title of her address today is "How to Overcome Polio Challenges...Past and Present."

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Trevor Carlson, Sara Jones, Kurtis Pierret and Miles Mulet

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Livia Getzner, Austria, Yolanda Marin, Spain

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIANS Dave Effertz and Tom Sager are heading up plans for the dictionary distribution to 3rd graders at the Owatonna schools. They will be passing along more information on how you can help in this distribution project.

A REMINDER THAT SPOUSES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND NEXT WEEK'S MEETING WHICH WILL BE A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRESENTED BY NORRINE JENSEN. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD PAY THE \$11.00 FOR GUEST MEALS AT THE DOOR.

Applicants are now being sought for the new global grant scholarship from ROTARY DISTRICT 5960. Worth \$30,000 annually, this exclusive scholarship will help fund a graduate-level student from the district to pursue educational and service dreams generating impact in the areas of ROTARY'S new future vision focus: *Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, *Disease prevention and treatment, *Water and Sanitation, *Maternal and child health, *Basic education and literacy, *Economic and community development.

Applications are now available at www.rotary5960.org (click on Foundation tab). Qualified candidates must submit completed application for review and support by their local ROTARY Club by March 15, 2013. Approved candidates need to submit their final application via e-mail to Bill Gladdis by April 19, 2013. Interviews for district finalists will be conducted on May 4, 2013 in the Twin Cities. Scholarship recipients will then be able to study at an international university starting fall, 2014.

NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS ON DECEMBER 24 AND 31.

A bit of ROTARY history: At one time, a Christmas gift exchange was always held the last meeting before Christmas. ROTARIANS would bring a humorous wrapped gift to the meeting. Gifts were then passed around the room to members...when the music stopped, the gift you were holding was yours. Then each ROTARIAN had to stand up and reveal his gift. One that I can remember that brought the house down was a book on contraception methods which was received by Msgr. Henry Speck!

So anyway:

Lars was on a trip and as he passed through the customs station he was asked if he had any pornographic literature. "Vell, no sir," said Ole. "I haven't even got a pornograph!"

"What is yer favorite rock group, dad?" asked little Lena, his teenage daughter. Ole scratched his head and thought for a long time. Finally he replied, "I guess it's Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota."