

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

November 14

University of Minnesota Alumni Association

November 21

Steven Resler, National Pork Board and Minn. Pork Producers

November 28

Business Meeting/Camp Enterprise Student

December 5

EPES: Melanie Nelson, John and Janet Lestock, Lanae Duffus

December 12

Dave Beaver, Manager, Owatonna Airport

December 19

Club Christmas Show with Patty Kark (wives/husbands/significant others invited)

December 26

NO MEETING

January 2

NO MEETING

January 9

Anita Pfiefer, Owatonna Postmaster

January 16

Barb Liebenstein, Midwest Dairy Association

January 23

Former Congressman Tim Penny: "What's Going on in Washington?"

January 30

Business Meeting

February 6

Open

February 13

Robin Miller: Humor is dealing with trauma

February 20

Michelle Rowley, Koda Living Community project in Owatonna

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, December 12, 2011

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Dave Beaver, Manager of the Owatonna airport. Dave will update us on what's been going on at the airport over this past year. The OHS Christmas Carolers will also serenade us at 12:15.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Jeff Dufrene, David Kraus, Leah Filzen, Anna Leuning

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark, Carla deOliveria Silva, Brazil

ROTARY NOTES

Another reminder that this next week, December 19, is our annual Christmas show. Patty Kark will be entertaining us with holiday music. Husbands, wives are invited. Please pay the lunch fee for guests in cash at the registration table.

A BIT OF ROTARY HISTORY

Paul Harris traveled the world on behalf of ROTARY, but when he was home, he enjoyed life's simpler pleasures. "We had our afternoon tea before a cheery coal fire, talking leisurely of the affairs of the day." Recalled his wife Jean in the February, 1955 issue of THE ROTARIAN. "By evening, Paul was ready to visit neighbors, whom he enjoyed best just dropping in."

For nearly 40 years, Paul and Jean Harris hosted ROTARY board meetings and entertained visiting dignitaries in their home on Chicago's South Side, which they affectionately called "Comely Bank" after the street where Jean grew up in Edinburgh, Scotland. Today, the house stands in disrepair, its walls stripped to bare studs, as the group of ROTARIANS that owns it struggles to raise the money for a restoration. "Comely Bank is the Mount Vernon of ROTARY..it's the home of our founder and it's too important an asset to not do something about it," says Robert Knuepfer, 2010-11 governor of District 6450 (Illinois) and president of the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation.

Did you know? Dr. Ed Frederick, a frequent visitor to our club has a perfect attendance record since he joined the Waseca club in 1964. He has also served as District Governor of ROTARY District 596.

Owatonna ROTARY dollars provided a medical van in Madagascar in 1992. This was our first International Project under the chairmanship of ROTARIAN Chad Lange. \$1500 of Owatonna money was multiplied several times to make this project a success of Madagascar. The Owatonna Club also helped Waseca with their project and the next year, Waseca assisted us with a project obtaining dental equipment in Nepal.

So anyway: Ole died. So Lena went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. The gentleman at the counter, after offering his condolences, asked Lena what she would like to say about Ole. She replied, "You just put 'Ole died'". The gentleman, somewhat perplexed said, "That's it? Just 'Ole died'? Surely, there must be something more you'd like to say about Ole. If its money you're concerned about, the first five words are free. We must say something more." Lena pondered for a few minutes and finally said, "OK, You put 'Ole died...boat for sale.'"

Lars: "Ole, stand in front of my car and tell me if da turn signals are working."

Ole: "Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes, No

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a 5-iron standing over a lifeless man. The detective asks, "Ma'am, is that your husband?" "Yes", says the woman. "Did you hit him with that golf club?" "Yes, yes, I did." The woman begins to sob, drops the club and puts her hands on her face. "How many times did you hit him?" "I don't know...five, six, maybe seven times...just put me down for a five!"