

# **O-Pinion**

## Owatonna, Minnesota

## LIGHT UP ROTARY

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	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	Kahler Hotel
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill	Albert Lea	Wednesdays	Noon	Various Locations
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Mariott				

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

## **DATE**

November 10 Nora Rubish, Outbound returnee from Finsterwaide Germany

November 17 Dr. Keith Paley: Hernia Repair

November 24 Business Meeting...Camp Enterprise Students
December 1 Joe Devetter, Returning outbound to Spain

December 8 Shelly Rockman, South Central College, Faribault campus, OHS Carolers

December 15 Jenine Koziolek, Outreach Specialist, Fountain Centers December 22 Christmas musical/Greta Jacobson, Cindy Delemare December 29 Business Meeting/Scott Limberg, Owatonna Live

January 5 Farewell from Tlotlo

January 12 Hamid Torabpour, Winter State Entertainment

January 19 Quentin Smith, "Bike Across America"

January 26 Internal club meeting

February 2 Jennifer Libby, President, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

February 9 Mayor Tom Kuntz: State of the City

February 16 Dr. Brad Thompson: Physical Medicine and Rehab.

February 23 Internal club meeting

March 2 Literary Month: Owatonna Public Library

March 9 Open March 16 Open

March 23 Bob Showers..."The Twins at the old Met"

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, December 15, 2014 Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Jenine Koziolek, Outreach Specialist, Fountain Centers

**BIRTHDAYS:** Matt May, Dec. 18, Bill Regan, December 21

STUDENTS OF MONTH: Kayla Moothart, Hannah Olson, Aaron Tryhus and Brodie Thiede

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Tloto Lestedi, South Africa,l Aya Murakumi, Japan, Cindy

Delemare, France, Joiao Bueno, Brazil

#### **ROTARY NOTES**

ROTARIAN Tim Holland is a brewer of home made beer. He won this year's top spot with his Maple Stout beer at the prestigious Grand Brewfest held recently at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa. Tim competed with fellow Owatonna brewers Matt Kottke, Tim Pelton and Jon Hilstad.

YOU ARE INVITED to join other ROTARIANS in welcoming RI President Gary Huang for a very special "Light Up ROTARY" event. It's a reception and dinner at the St. Paul Hotel on Thursday, January 8. Cost is \$40.00. RI President Gary Huang will speak about the global reach of ROTARY and why supporting the ROTARY FOUNDATION is so important. Offer is valid until December 22. Check the RI website for online reservations.

## A note from John Kenny, Foundation Trustee Chair:

"There is so much to be done in our world...to educate the illiterate, feed the hungry, provide shelter to the homeless. Our world is still ill divided and the gap is not shrinking between the haves and the have-nots. But to whom much has been give, much is expected.

The most important people in ROTARY are not the board of directors or the trustees of our ROTARY Foundation, but the individual ROTARIANS working quietly in their clubs to assist those in communities who are less fortunate than themselves, for whom they know the need is great. This is ROTARY at its finest; ROTARIANS identifying a need and responding to it.

As we Light Up ROTARY, let us remember that the future of our Foundation is in your hands."

## **ARUND TOWN**

A book signing will be held this Saturday from 10:00-1:00 at the Little Professor Book Store by Kristin Holsworth, granddaughter of former ROTARIAN Buzz Kaplan, who wrote the book "R.W. "Buzz" Kaplan, the Life of an Adventurer." Books will be for sale and if you bought a book on line, you can stop down and have it signed by Kristin.

Next week is our Christmas musical program. ROTARIAN Kim Cosens will offer holiday music on the piano and OHS student Greta Jacobson will sing carols. We will also hear a French carol or two from our French Exchange Student Cindy Delemare.

A fifteen year old Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, "What is this, father?" The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life. I don't know what it is." While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a heavy set old lady in a motorized cart moved up to the walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. The doors opened and a young blonde stepped out. The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman said quietly to his son, "Go get your mother."