

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 17, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** This is the last meeting in the year 2012. Welcome to our guests today! We'll be treated to a program of holiday music by Norrine Jensen of Ellendale. Norrine is well known for her vocal talents. She has played in the Owatonna Jazz Band, the Armond Rezac Band and for numerous other musical programs.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Bill Regan (80<sup>th</sup>), Dec. 21, Kurt Welker, Dec. 27, Sonja Duruji, Dec. 31, Betsy Rossi, Jan. 1, Pat Greenwood, Jan. 3

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

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

## **ROTARY NOTES**

NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 24 OR 31! OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 7.

ROTARIAN Justin Schultz has resigned from the club. He has taken a new position with Wells Fargo in Bloomington.

Marlene Gargulak, ROTARY Club of Rice Lake, has been selected as District Governor Nominee of District 5960 for the ROTARY year of 2015-16.

## **SOME ROTARY HISTORY**

During the 1990's the club honored ROTARIANS Bill Whiting, Bob Barnard, Harry Wenger and Dr. John Schoen for 50 years of ROTARY service. In 1992, the club established its first international service project with a \$1500 donation, to be matched by ROTARY FOUNDATION funds to provide a medical van in Madagascar. Also in 1992, the club funded the "Welcome" shrub on I-35. That shrub still remains. In 1993, the club initiated the two bell meeting opening procedure.

In June of 1992, ROTARIAN Joe Shea shot a record 35 on the back nine of the Country Club. ROTARIANS Jim Dombrosky and Jerry Deetz were witnesses.

ROTARIAN Jerry Deetz threw out the first ball at the Minnesota Twins game on July 14, 1992. That day was UNICAL Day and Deetz was the Brand Chairman for the Marketers Association of UNICAL in Minnesota and South Dakota. UNICAL gave away 15,000 baseballs that day to fans arriving at the dome.

Did you know? Dr. Ed Frederick, who often joins us as a "make-up" ROTARY meeting has had perfect attendance at ROTARY since he joined the organization in 1964.

## **AROUND TOWN**

No where to go on Christmas Day? Remember the Owatonna Community Christmas Dinner will be served at the VFW Club in Owatonna beginning at 11:00 a.m.

So anyway: My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes," she sighed. He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said. "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And then the fight started.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! SEE YOU IN 2013!