

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
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 19, 2011

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to our guests! Today we will enjoy the festive music of the season compliments of Patty Kark of Owatonna. Patty will also have some CD's available if you are interested in purchasing one.

BIRTHDAYS: Bill Regan, Dec. 21, Kurt Welker, Dec. 27, Betsy Rossi, Jan. 1, Pat Greenwood, Jan. 3

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

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Carla deOliveira Dilva, Brazil, Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark

JANUARY STUDENTS OF MONTH: Alex Anderson, Rachel Wiebke, Jacob Forster, Connor Cordell

ROTARY NOTES

A reminder that we will NOT be meeting for the next two Mondays. Our next meeting will be on January 9

GREETERS FOR JANUARY: Ann Miller, Jim Wendorf, Anne Lamb

INVOCATION FOR JANUARY: Dave Williams

A BIT OF OWATONNA ROTARY HISTORY

A ROTARY tradition in this club for many years was the exchange of gifts among ROTARY members. ROTARIAN Dr. A.J. Olson coordinated the event. ROTARIANS would bring gifts (mostly joke gifts) to the club on the Monday closest to Christmas. The gifts would all be put on a table. Members then passed then all around the room several times. When the music finally stopped, your gift was the one you had in hand. Then each ROTARIAN would be asked to open his gift for all to see. It brought lots of laughs and holiday gaiety to the club meeting.

ROTARY founder Paul Harris met with fellow ROTARIANS in the basement using a table made of plywood resting on sawhorses. At one meeting, he hosted six of the world's first ROTARIANS: Robert Fletcher (designer of the ROTARY emblem, Harry Ruggles, (initiator of club singing), Sylvester Schiele, (first president of the ROTARY club of Chicago, Bernard Arntzen and Rufus Chapin.

Openings for speakers: March 19, April 2, 9 and 16, May 21.

District Governor Judy Freund has announced that Gary Campbell, ROTARY Club of Anoka has been selected as District Gov. nominee for the year 2014-15. The challenge deadline for this nominee is Monday, December 26.

So anyway: I pointed to two old drunks sitting across the bar from us and told my friend, "That's us in 10 years." He said, "Sorry buddy, that's a mirror!"

The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side. She said, "What are your golf clubs doing here?" He looked at her and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

A few thoughts:

*I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

*The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

*I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

*I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring, but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voice-mail. What did you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away?

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! SEE YOU ON JANUARY 9!