

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

December 29 Business Meeting/Classification Talk Scott Limberg, Owatonna Live

January 5 Farewell from Tlotlo

January 12 Hamid Torabpour, Winter State Entertainment

January 19 Ouentin 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 Human Trafficking: Sister Anne

March 16 Human Rights Commission: Pastor Cindy Halverson

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

March 30 Internal club meeting

April 6 Open April 13 Open April 20 Open

April 27 Internal club meeting May 4 STRIVE graduation

May 11 OHS National Honor Society

ROTARY O'PINION

Editor: Todd Hale

Monday, December 22, 2014

THIS WEEK: A musical program to put you in the Christmas mood. Some of your favorite Christmas tunes will be played by our pianist ROTARIAN Kim Cosens. We will also enjoy holiday music by Greta Jacobson, a student at Owatonna High School. We will also hear a French carol from our in-bound French student Cindy Delemare.

<u>BIRTHDAYS:</u> Bill Regan, Dec. 21, Matt Ketelson, Dec. 22, Jenine Koziolek, Dec. 26, Kurt Welker, Dec. 27 <u>IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:</u> Aya Murakumi, Japan, Tlotlo Lestedi, South Africa, Cindy Delemare, France, Joao Bueno, Brazil

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Kayla Moothart, Hannah Olson, Aaron Tryhus, Brodie Thiede

CHRISTMAS IN POETRY

'Twas the night before Christmas and out on the ranch

The pond was froze over and so was the branch

The snow was piled up belly-deep to a mule.

The kids were all home on vacation from school,

And happier young folks you never did see—

Just all sprawled around a-watchin' TV

Then suddenly, around 8:o'clock,

There came a surprise that gave them a shock!

The power went off, the TV went dead

When grandpa came in from out in the shed

With an armload of wood, the house was all dark

"Just what I expected," they heard him remark.

"Them power line wires must be down from the snow.

Seems sorter like times on the ranch long ago."

"I'll hunt up some candles," said Mom. "With their light,

And the fireplace, I reckon we'll make out all right."

The teen-agers all seemed enveloped in gloom

Then Grandpa came back from a trip to his room,

Uncased his old fiddle and started to play

That old Christmas song about bells on a sleigh.

Mom started to sing, and first thing they knew

Both Pop and the kids were all singing it too.

They sang Christmas carols, they sang "Holy Night,"

Their eyes all a-shine in the ruddy firelight.

They played some charades Mom recalled from her youth,

And Pop read a passage from God's Book of Truth

They stayed up till midnight-and would you believe,

The Youngsters agreed 'twas a fine Christmas Eve.

Grandpa rose early, some time before dawn;

And when the kids wakened, the power was on.

"The power company sure got the line repaired quick

Said Grandpa...and no one suspected his trick.

Last night, for the sake of some old-fashioned fun,

He had pulled the main switch...the old Son-of-a-Gun!

So anyway: As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my E-mail?"