

# **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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		AR	EA MEETING	PL/	ACES & TIME	S			
Austin	Mondays	Noon	Holiday Inn		Winona	Wednesdays	Noon	Westfield Golf Club	
Janesville	Mondays	6 PM	St. Ann's Parish		Northfield	Thursdays	12:15	Northfield Golf Clu	
Owatonna Early Edition	Wednesdays	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						
Mankato	Wednesdays	12:10	Old Main Village						

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### DATE

Nov. 25	Business Meeting/Camp Enterprise Students Morgan Malo & Isaac Torres
Dec. 2	Mike Johnson, Owatonna Fire Chief
Dec. 9	Glen Meger: Trends in funeral services today. Also OHS Carolers
Dec 16	Tim Penney, Director, So. Minn. Initiative.
Dec. 23	Christmas Show with Emma Hellevik of Medford
Dec. 30	Business Meeting
Jan. 6	Owatonna Clinic
Jan. 13	Joe Bass, Union Pacific "Operation Lifesaver"
Jan. 20	Diane Dulaney, RN: "Aroma Therapy"
Jan. 27	Business meeting
Feb. 3	Program on: "Fast for Hope"
Feb. 10	Free Clinic of Steele County: Anne Draeger
Feb. 17	T.C. Carlyle, OHS Athletic Trainer
Feb. 24	Business Meeting
Mar. 3	Tim Boyer, 911 Call Center
Mar 10	Open
Mar. 17	Open
Mar. 24	Open

#### **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, December 23, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

**<u>THIS WEEK:</u>** Our yearly Christmas program. Welcome to Emma Hellevik of Medford. Emma has a beautiful voice and was featured last year on the Fair Square Park stage at the Steele County Free Fair. Emma will share music of the season with us. Welcome to any guests we have with us today.

**<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>**: Bill Regan, Dec. 21, Jenine Koziolek, Dec. 26, Kurt Welker, Dec. 27. <u>STUDENT ROTARIANS</u>: Luke Wanous, Martin Gleason, Brandon Krogman and D.J. Chatelaine <u>IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS</u>: Adish Hirve, India, Thor Thanormthin, Thailand

#### **ROTARY NOTES**

We will have our In-Bound student from South Africa arriving in January. Jen Dunn Foster needs a medium winter coat and winter boots. If you can help, check with Jen on exact sizes.

The Owatonna Scuba Diving Club will conduct their annual ice dive at the Kaplan Quarry on North Cedar on New Year's Day. Diving will commence at 1:00 p.m. In the early days, this dive took place below the dam on the Straight River in Morehouse Park, however with the new design, the water is not deep enough to accommodate the diving. The dive has also taken place at Lake Kohlmeier.

ROTARY AT A GLANCE: Members: 1,220,115 Clubs: 34,558

At one time, the Owatonna ROTARY Club exchanged gifts at their Christmas meeting. Under the direction of ROTARIAN Dr. A.J. Olson, members would bring mostly gag gifts. Christmas music would be played and the gifts were rotated around the room until the music stopped. The gift you had in your hand was the one you opened.

Getting around Sydney and its environs will be a cinch for ROTARIANS attending the 2014 RI convention, June 1-4. From May 29 to June 5, convention goers can travel free on public transportation within a 150 mile radius of the city's central business district, courtesy of the government of New South Wales. In addition to easing travel to and from the convention venue at Sydney Olympic Park, the free pass will allow you to reach city sites such as the Royal Botanic Gardens, the opera house and the Queen Victoria building...or ride a trail across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, which is the world's tallest steel-arch bridge. Attendees will receive ther passes at registration.

The OBJECT OF ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: 1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; 2. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each ROTARIAN'S occupation as an opportunity to serve society; 3. The application of the ideal of service in each ROTARIANS personal, business, and community life; 4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

So anyway: I was watching the Super Bowl with my 92 year old grandfather. The team scored a touchdown. They showed the instant replay. He thought they scored another one. I was gonna tell him, but I figured the game he was watching was better.

FROM YOUR OFFICERS AND BOARD: A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!