



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 Marriott				

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	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	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

Monday, December 29, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our monthly business meeting plus a classification talk by ROTARIAN Scott Limberg, operator and producer of "Owatonna Live".

BIRTHDAYS: Betsy Rossi, Jan. 1, Pat Greenwood, Jan. 3, Andrea Stanley and Cindy Delemare, Jan. 4

IN-BOUND STUDENTS: Aya Murakumi, Japan, Tloto Lestedi, South Africa, Cindy Delemare, France, Joao Bueno, Brazil.

STUDENTS OF MONTH...JANUARY: Jackie Warehime, Elizabeth Wiebke, Owen Davis, Payton Knutson

GREETERS FOR JANUARY: Jim Brunner, Mike Brown, Dave Ramsey

INVOCATION FOR JANUARY: Barry Gillespie

ROTARY NOTES

Last week an honorary Paul Harris Fellow was presented to Tloto Lestedi, our in-bound student from South Africa.

Any donations to the ROTARY FOUNDATION for this year should be sent to Betsy Lindgren by Wednesday.

Sao Paulo, Brazil: June 6-9, 2015: **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:** Sao Paulo is the perfect venue for a ROTARY convention because Brazil, like ROTARY, reflects many different cultures and peoples who have made the country their home. Come for the fellowship, come to learn and be inspired, and come to meet and share ideas with ROTARY members and their guests. And you're sure to experience samba, the Afro-Brazilian musical form that expresses the vitality of Brazilian culture. So, bring your dancing shoes and prepare to join in a very special carnival celebration! www.riconvention.org.

From John Kenny, Foundation Trustee Chair: "The most important people in ROTARY are not the 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."

The Owatonna Diving Club will be making its traditional New Year's Day dive under the ice at the Kaplan Quarry on North Cedar. Diving will take place at 1:00 p.m. Public invited to come and watch.

Twenty two antlerless deer met their demise in the recent bow and arrow deer hunt in Owatonna parks.

New Year's Day marks the start of a new year according to the Gregorian calendar. It is a relatively modern practice. Although Romans began marking the start of their civil year on January 1 in their calendar, the traditional springtime opening of the growing season and time for major military campaigns still held on as the popular New Year celebration.

Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian calendar in 1582. It was adopted immediately in some areas of Europe but it was not used in various countries until even centuries later. For example, the United Kingdom and the United States started observing the Gregorian calendar in 1752 in which 11 days were dropped.

A couple of thoughts:

*It's scary when you are sleeping and start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

*A dog is truly a man's best friend. If you don't believe it, just try this experiment. Put your dog and your wife/husband in the trunk of the car for an hour. When you open the trunk, who is REALLY happy to see you!

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!