

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	12:15	Northfield Golf Club
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	Open
Feb. 24	Business Meeting
Mar. 3	Tim Boyer, 911 Call Center
Mar 10	Open
Mar. 17	Open
Mar. 24	Open

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Monday, December 2, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: An update on the Owatonna Fire Department by Fire Chief Mike Johnson, plus holiday fire safety hints.

BIRTHDAYS: Denny Meiller, Dec. 4, Diane Holland, Dec. 6, Dr. Beth Gilthvedt, Dec. 8

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Luke Wanous, Martin Gleason, Brandon Krogman and D.J. Chatelaine

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Adish Hirve, India, Thor Thanormthin, Thailand

DECEMBER INVOCATION: Jen Dunn-Foster

ROTARY NOTES

The Paul and Jean Harris home, which lies outside of Chicago, is now owned by the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation, who purchased it in 2005. Through the efforts of that group and with the help of the ROTARY Clubs of Chicago and Naperville, the Harris home has been saved from demolition. RI President Ron D. Burton addressed this subject:

“Now it is up to us to protect this home for posterity, as a place for ROTARIANS to gather in the spirit of friendship and service. The RI Board has agreed to loan \$500,000 to the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation to assist with the restoration of this irreplaceable piece of ROTARY history. A goal of \$5 million has been set for the project, to complete the necessary renovations and to provide an endowment fund to allow the property to operate as a museum and historic site.

I am committed to the restoration of the home and hope you agree that this project is worthy of your support.”

President Burton and his wife, Jetta, have made a contribution to the ROTARY FOUNDATION to establish a donor advised fund to accept contributions from anyone who shares their love of ROTARY history, and their desire to preserve ROTARY'S past.

If you would like to join them, please go to www.rotary.org/daf and click on “How to Contribute”. Include the account name, “Paul Harris Home Preservation” and number 474. A gift of any size is welcome, and naming opportunities are available in the home and garden for those considering a larger gift.

DECEMBER IS ‘FAMILY MONTH’ ON THE ROTARY CALENDAR. GET YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY INVOLVED IN A CLUB PROJECT.

This Saturday is “National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day”. This year marks the 72nd anniversary of the attack that brought the United States into World War II.

THE NEXT RI CONVENTION IS IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, June 1-4, 2014.

The Canadian Pacific “Holiday Train” makes a stop in Owatonna on Park Drive next to the Owatonna Bus Co. this coming Friday, December 6 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The show in the boxcar stage starts at approximately 5:45 and ends at 6:15. Shuttle service will be provided free from parking lots at Lowes, Office Max and Wal Mart starting at 4:30 and ending at 7:00. Bring cash or food donations for the Steele County Food Shelf.

Football notes:

*When I went to a Catholic High School we had just one coach for football and basketball. He took all of us who turned out and had us run through a forest. The one's who ran into the trees were on the football team.