

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

Date

Program

November 19

Peter Grant, Supt. of Public Schools

November 26

Business Meeting..Intro. of Exchange Students plus Camp Enterprise students Justin Peeters (noon club) and Kaitlyn Seykora (morning club) plus induction of new members.

December 3

Val Rose: OHS Options Program

December 10

Linda Christianson, Author and personal story about Polio/OHS Carolers

December 17

Holiday Show with Norrine Jensen

December 24

No meeting

December 31

No meeting

January 7

Dave Hietala, Academic Dean, Riverland

January 14

Alyssa Anderson: Steele County Pork Ambassador

January 21

Ibrahim Hussein: Somali American Cultural Society of Owatonna

January 28

Business Meeting

February 4

John Klatt: "John Klatt Airshows"

February 11

Update: Owatonna Clinic

February 18

Karen Kasper: "Farming Today"

February 25

Business Meeting: Fast for Hope Program

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, December 3, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Val Rose from the Owatonna High School will present the Options Program.

BIRTHDAYS: Betsy Lindgren, Dec. 3, Denny Meillier, Dec. 4, Dr. Beth Gilthvedt, Dec. 8

DECEMBER STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Trevor Carlson, Sara Jones, Kurtis Pierret and Miles Mulet.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Livia Getzner, Austria, Yolanda Marin, Spain

ROTARY NOTES

Question for bright ROTARIANS: Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S". (Answer below)

ROTARY HONORS MAN FOR ROLE IS 9/11 PARK

The man who inspired the construction of a 9/11 memorial in Marshall, Minn. has been named Citizen of the Year by the Marshall Sunrise ROTARY Club. Craig Schafer, an emergency response specialist for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, was honored by the club for securing a 10-foot, 600 pound steel beam from the fallen World Trade Center that later became the centerpiece of Marshall's 9/11 Memorial Park. Schafer plucked the beam from a Staten Island landfill in 2002 while inspecting the Trade Center ruins. City officials estimate that thousands of visitors have stopped at the park over the past year to pay respects to the nearly 3,000 firefighters, police officers and civilians killed in the 9/11 attacks.

Bring your spouse to lunch on December 17 for our special Christmas musical program with Norrine Jensen of Ellendale.

A bit of ROTARY history: At one time, the Owatonna ROTARY club observed an annual "Vocation Day". Students from both Owatonna and Marian High School visited specialists in their fields of vocational interests.

The Owatonna ROTARY Club sponsored a project called "Eyes for India". In the late 70's a search of the city turned up over 1,000 pairs of discarded spectacles that went to improve the eyesight of needy Indians in India. Chairman of the project was Dr. John Schoen, still a member of our club. Helping him were ROTARIANS John Alexander and Kennard Kaplan.

Did you know? The Owatonna ROTARY welcome song (#1 in our songbook) was written by OHS Orchestra teacher Arnold Krueger. Arnold was a ROTARIAN and was the club piano player. He wrote the song in memory of his father while on an airplane. His father, Arnold M. Krueger was a member of the Aberdeen S.D. ROTARY Club.

Answer to question above: Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with "S": Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts, snowboard.

So anyway: My wife and I were watching "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, "Do you want to make love?" "No," she answered. I then said, "Is that your final answer?" She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, "Yes.." So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend." And that's when the fight started.

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!