



O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Meeting each Monday 12:00 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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November 27: Gaylene Steckelberg: Co-Director: LTO production: Snapshots: Moments, Memories and Music

December 4: Farewell from Jeff, In-Bound Exchange Student

December 11: Bremer Foundation

December 18: Christmas Music by “Credit Report”:...Rotarians Dave Williams and Ryan Gillespie

December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS...no meeting

January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!...no meeting

January 8: Tim Penny: The political climate in Washington

January 15: Roger Wareheim: Owatonna Brew House

January 22: Darci Stanford: Owatonna Brain Training Center

January 29: Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Public Schools

February 5: Tim Truelson, Owatonna Park and Rec...”We All Play”

February 12: Mayor Tom Kuntz, Kris Busse: State of the City

February 19: Bob Randall: “Modern Workforce”

February 26: Open

March 5: Open

March 12: Open

March 19: Open

March 26: Open

April 2: Open

April 9: Open

April 16: Open

April 23: Open

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Monday, December 4, 2017

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: It won't be long before Jeff will leave us to return home to South Africa. Today we will hear his farewell address to the club.

BIRTHDAYS: Betsy Lindgren and Roger Warehime, Dec. 3, Denny Meillier, Dec. 4, Diane Holland, Dec. 6, Dr. Beth Gilthvedt, Dec. 8

STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR DEC: Welcome to Bretton Ruitter, Bryce Knutson, Scott Kingland and Sheldon Jensen

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Jeff, South Africa, Nado, Indonesia

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A message from RI President Ian H.S. Riseley: "We seem to be far from the goal of obtaining peace in the world. Yet hope endures, as long as there are people willing to work for a more peaceful future...not only through their governments, but also beside them and beside each other. Today, ROTARY is better placed than ever to have a real and lasting impact for peace: through our peace-focused programs, such as ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS, and through every area of our service. Water, sanitation, health, education and economic development are all interrelated and part of the complex interactions that can lead to conflict, or avert it. To best leverage our service in all these areas, and to maximize their impact for peace, it is essential to understand these interactions and plan our service accordingly. We have a simple goal: to help ROTARIANS find new ways to strengthen our abilities to build peace."

Did you know? There once was a boxing ring in the basement of the pool hall (Wagner's Lunch) in downtown Owatonna. According to pool hall owner Dan Kubista, the ring was not designed to host public boxing matches. Men who got into arguments upstairs were sent down below to "duke it out" and settle the matter. The ring is no longer there, but the hangers for the punching bags remain.

There is still a need for mentors to participate in this year's STRIVE program. The commitment is one hour per month for the months of January-May. The program will run from 10:07 a.m.-11:07 a.m. and is held in the OHS Options area. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge, experience and advice to one of our seniors at Owatonna schools, please contact Michelle Krell.

The 2017 Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, December 16. If you are interested in participating in a field or feeder count, contact Darryl Hill at 451-5073.

The Canadian Pacific "Holiday Train" makes a stop in Owatonna tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. It will stop at the crossing in the Industrial Park between the Owatonna Bus Co. and Wengers. There will be a program of entertainment on a stage on the north side of the tracks. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Steele County Food Shelf.

Les Abraham of Owatonna continues to rehab from his stroke. He is now located at Fairview Acute Rehabilitation Center, 2512 south 7th Street, Minneapolis, Mn. 55454.

Jim Gleason will begin three weeks of daily radiation treatments as he continues to recuperate from brain surgery. He is home in Owatonna at 1235 Cherry St.

Hey ROTARIANS. Senility ain't bad. I wrap my own Christmas presents, I never watch re-runs, I can hide my own Easter eggs and I get to meet new people every day.