

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 14

University of Minnesota Alumni Association

November 21

Steven Resler, National Pork Board and Minn. Pork Producers

November 28

Business Meeting/Camp Enterprise Student

December 5

EPES: Melanie Nelson, John and Janet Lestock, Lanae Duffus

December 12

Dave Beaver, Manager, Owatonna Airport, OHS Christmas Carolers

December 19

Club Christmas Show with Patty Kark (wives/husbands/significant others invited)

December 26

NO MEETING

January 2

NO MEETING

January 9

Anita Pfiefer, Owatonna Postmaster

January 16

Barb Liebenstein, Midwest Dairy Association

January 23

Former Congressman Tim Penny: "What's Going on in Washington?"

January 30

Business Meeting

February 6

Open

February 13

Robin Miller: Humor is dealing with trauma

February 20

Michelle Rowley, Koda Living Community project in Owatonna

**REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY**

# OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, December 5, 2011

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** An EPES update with ROTARIAN Melanie Nelson, John and Janet Lestock and Linnea Duffus, who recently visited both EPES locations in Chile. EPES was founded by former Owatonna Karen Anderson, daughter of former ROTARIAN Dr. Frank and Sophie Anderson. EPES is an acronym for Educacion Popular en Salud or Public Education for the Masses.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dave Marcoux, Nov. 30, Dr. Beth Gilthvedt, Dec. 8

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Jeff Dufrene, David Kraus, Leah Filzen and Anna Leuning

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Carla deOliveira Silva, Brazil, Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark

## **ROTARY NOTES**

Welcome to our newest member, Dave Marcoux with Bremer Bank

The search is on for a ROTARIAN to serve as a race director for the STRIVE run in August. If you are interested, please contact ROTARIAN Dave Albrecht.

A reminder that the Owatonna High School Christmas Carolers will be appearing at our club meeting next week. They will be arriving about 12:15 p.m.

A reminder that wives/husbands are invited to our meeting on December 19 when Owatonna's Patty Kark will be presenting a show of holiday music. Please pay cash of \$11.00 for your guest's lunch.

ROTARIANS Steve and Rikki Olsen and Betsy Rossi and Lonna Lysne will be on the RFE Outboard Team to Turkey May 24-June 3, 2012.

## **FROM RI PRESIDENT BANERJEE**

"The first of our emphases in this ROTARY year is the family, because the family is where everything begins. It is where life begins, it is where our day begins, and it is where our ROTARY service must begin. Because it is the family, and not the individual, that is the building block of the community and of ROTARY. I encourage districts to welcome families at district conferences, to involve spouses and children in service projects, and to plan meeting times with families in mind. The more that families are involved in ROTARY, the more ROTARY will thrive...today and tomorrow."

This Wednesday, December 7, is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. This year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack that brought the United States into World War II. This Saturday, December 10, is Human Rights Day that commemorates the UN General Assembly's 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

A not-so-sober cowboy lay sprawled across three entire seats in the posh theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the cowboy, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The cowboy groaned but didn't budge. The usher became more impatient..."Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager." Once again the cowboy just groaned. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle and returned with the manager. Together, the two of them tried repeatedly to move the cowboy, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police. The police officer arrived and surveyed the situation and then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name.?" "Fred," the cowboy moaned. "Where ya from, Fred?" asked the officer. With terrible pain in his voice Fred replied, "...the balcony...."

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year!