

# **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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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	Courtward by Mariott				

# **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### **DATE**

November 10	Nora Rubish, Outbound returnee from Finsterwarde Germany

November 17 Dr. Keith Paley: Hernia Repair

November 24 Business Meeting...Camp Enterprise Students
December 1 Joe Devetter, Returning outbound to Spain

December 8 Shelly Rockman, Exec. Dir., South Central College, Faribault campus December 15 Jenine Koziolek, Outreach Specialist, Fountain Centers/OHS Carolers

December 22 Christmas musical

December 29 Business Meeting/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 Open March 16 Open

March 23 Bob Showers..."The Twins at the old Met"

# **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, December 8, 2014 Editor: Todd Hale

<u>THIS WEEK:</u> Welcome to Shelly Rockman, Executive Director, South Central College, Faribault Campus Foundation. We will also enjoy the OHS Christmas Carolers who will join us shortly after noon.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dr. Beth Gilthvedt, Aya Murakumi, Dec. 8

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Kayla Moothart, Hannah Olson, Aaron Tryhus, Brodie Thiede

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Aya Murakumi, Japan, Tloto Lestedi, South Africa, Cindy Delemare,

France, Joiao Bueno, Brazil

# **ROTARY NOTES**

ROTARIAN Jen Dunn Foster has left her position with the county attorney's office. She is deciding what her next mission will be.

ROTARIAN Tim Holland was one of 5 Owatonna home brewers that swept the podium in beer making competition at the recent prestigious Grand Brewfest held at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa. Holland won the top spot with his delicious Maple Stout beer. Other Owatonna brewers who placed in the home brew competition were Matt Kottke, Jon Hilstad, Travis Hilstad and Tim Pelton.

Boston is home to one of the oldest and largest water systems in the U.S. and experts agree that those pipes also deliver some of the best-tasting tap water. The Boston Water and Sewer Commission beat out more than two dozen other cities in a taste test at the conference of the American Water Works Association. First convened in 1881, the organization's annual conference and exposition is the longest-running water conference in the world. (I'll bet they haven't tasted Owatonna's water...I'll bet we'd rank at the high end!)

# **AROUND TOWN**

\*The VFW in Owatonna is the collection point for frozen hams to be used on Christmas Day at the Community Dinner. If you wish to donate a ham bring them to the VFW Club before December 22.

\*The next Veterans Roundtable will be held tomorrow night at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 7:00. The speaker will be Edwin "Bud" Nakasone from White Bear Lake, an American of Japanese ancestry who viewed first-hand the attack on Pearl Harbor. He later served in the U.S. Army rising to the rank of Colonel in the Intelligence Service.

## **OTHER NOTES**

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar said it: "When I played for Coach John Wooden at UCLA, he used to say, "Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out." He wasn't just spouting the cliché of glass-half-full optimism. He didn't think he could win national championship by staring at posters of kittens dangling from clotheslines with the caption, "Hang in there, baby". Positive thinking was important, but not enough to achieve goals. He knew that real accomplishment was the result of observation, imagination, commitment, and discipline."

\*My wife said, "Watcha doin' today"? I said, 'Nothing" She said, "You did that yesterday." I said, "I wasn't finished."

\*Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

\*My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 and we have no idea where the hell he is!