



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 9, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: What are the trends today in the funeral industry? What should a person know when planning a funeral? These and other questions will be addressed by ROTARIAN Glen Meger, owner of the Brick-Meger Funeral Home. Glen will also bring along his son Mike who has recently joined the business. We will also enjoy the holiday music from the Owatonna High School Christmas Carolers at 12:15.

BIRTHDAYS:None

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

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

ROTARY NOTES:

From the ROTARY calendar: Roald Amundsen became the first person to reach the South Pole in 1911. The ROTARY Club of Oslo, Norway, made him an honorary member in 1926.

A note from Dong Kurn Lee, RI FOUNDATION Trustee Chair:

“December is Family Month, a time when we pay special attention to ROTARY’S large and expanding family. ROTARY is not just our members, it includes spouses and children of ROTARIANS. It also encompasses the dozens of community non-profits and non-governmental organizations that ROTARY has forged partnerships with. The family of ROTARY is millions strong, and it continues to grow as we keep developing new ties.

One thing we all know in ROTARY is that we can do more together than we can alone. Together, we have a tremendous reach. We need to ensure that ROTARY keeps growing, in all the branches of our family. When we partner with local NGO’s and other organizations, we gain more knowledge and more insight. We add to our resources and our abilities. And we build more bridges of understanding, friendship, and cooperation. By partnering with others throughout the world, we not only can achieve more than we set out to do but also can grow the ROTARY family.

We have learned through our long history in the fight against polio how effective such partnerships can be. Our many global partners have made polio eradication possible, and have helped us achieve a great deal of good along the way. This is an important lesson, and it is one we must build on in the years ahead.”

The holiday Christmas Bird Count is this Saturday, December 14. The count is under the direction of Darryl Hill. Anyone wishing to participate, either in a feeder count or a field count should give Darryl a call at 451-5073.

The Owatonna Sons of Norway/Nortonna Lodge, will host a Norwegian Meatball Supper tonight from 5:00-7:00 at the Elks Club. Tickets are available at the door...\$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 and under.

Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently, and there was concern that they have died from Avian Flu. A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and to everyone’s relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts. However, during the detailed analysis, it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird’s beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues was determined that 98% of the crows have been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

MTA then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills.

The Ornithological Behaviorist very quickly concluded the cause: When crows eat road kill, they always have a look,-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout “Cah”, not a single one could shout “Truck!”

Scientific deduction at its finest.