

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

February 13

Robin Miller: Humor in Dealing with Trauma

February 20

The New Koda Living Community: Terry Schneider

February 27

Business Meeting OFF SITE...MEET AT HISTORY CENTER

March 5

Owatonna Police Chief Keith Hiller

March 12

Craig Wahl: Visiting Angels Elder Services: MEET AT HISTORY CNTR

March 19

Tanya Paley: Safe and Drug Free Coalition

March 26

Meet the 5th District County Commissioner Candidates (LUNCH; 11:30)

April 2

Beth Kallestad, Cannon River Watershed Partnership

April 9

Jacob Forster and Alex Anderson: "From a Student Perspective"

April 16

Christy Tryhus, Simply Balanced Coaching and Training

April 23

STRIVE Students

April 30

Business Meeting/Camp RYLA student presentation

May 7

Open

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, February 13, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Robin Miller, alias “Tillie” who will present “Shenanigans with Tillie”, entertainment with thoughtful insights.

BIRTHDAYS: Kelly Boomgarden, Vilnis Giga and Charlie Herrmann, Feb. 17

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Emily Kasper, Anna Bastyr, Savannah Wunderlich and Ty Haley

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Carla de Oliveira Silva, Brazil, Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIANS in District 6960 (Florida) worked with high school students and other volunteers to package more than 1.3 million meals during a one-day Meals of Hope event. Over 70 percent of children in the ROTARY district receive free or reduced-price meals at school, but during the summer, many don't have enough to eat. The packaged meals, rice and bean casserole and macaroni and cheese, fortified with vitamins and minerals, went to local food banks, which distributed them over the summer months.

A partnership between the ROTARY Club of San Diego and nurses and doctors at Scripps Mercy Hospital has brought medical care to 9,000 people in remote Mexican villages since 1988. ROTARIAN volunteers include medical professionals, those providing logistical support, and members of clubs in Mexico. The Mercy Outreach Surgical Team has completed more than 40 week long missions, performing procedures to remove congenital tumors, correct cleft lips and palates and crossed eyes, and addressed other health problems.

This year marked the first annual winter coat drive, conducted by Owatonna Hospital employees. ROTARIAN Dave Albrecht is the CEO of our hospital. Over the past few weeks, employees of the hospital generously donated well over 100 pieces of outerwear including more than 50 coats and more than 50 gloves, hats and various winter items.

Is a child or grandchild of any of you in our membership making their mark in the world after high school graduation? Your editor will be dedicating his entire OPP column on April 1 to interesting news of what OHS grads are doing with their lives. I am collecting information from readers to include in this special column. It doesn't matter how long ago the person graduated or how old the person is. Just get the information to me by mail (632 14th St. S.E.), e-mail (thalescff@ll.net) or write it up and give it to me at a meeting.

Enter to win THE ROTARIAN'S seventh annual photo contest. Send shots that best convey the spirit of ROTARY. Contest runs thru February 29. For details, go to www.rotary.org/photocontest.

I start many of my concluding jokes in the O'Pinion with the statement “So anyway”. I first heard this from a ROTARIAN when he was president of our club. It was Doug Ruth, who usually started every meeting with a story which he began with “So anyway”.

So anyway: Two college basketball players were taking an important final exam. If they failed, they would not be allowed to play in the big game the following week. The exam was fill-in-the-blank. The last question read, “Old MacDonald had a _____.” Bubba was stumped. He had no idea. But he knew he needed to get this right. When the professor wasn't watching, he tapped Tiny on the shoulder. “Psst...what's the answer to the last question?” Tiny laughed. He turned to Bubba. “Bubba, you're so stupid. Everyone knows Old MacDonald had a FARM.” “Oh yeah”, Bubba said. “I remember now. He started to write the answer in the blank. He stopped, tapped Tiny's shoulder again and whispered, “How to you spell farm?” “You really are dumb Bubba. That's so easy. Farm is spelled E-I-E-I-O.”

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!!