

Rotary



O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD

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	Thursdays	Noon	Purple Goose Eatery	Northfield	Thursdays	12:15	United Methodist Ch.
Owatonna Early Edition	Wednesdays	7 AM	Owatonna Fire Hall	Great Rochester	Wednesdays	12:10	Double Tree Hotel
Rochester Risers	Tuesdays	7 AM	Hilton Garden Inn	Rochester	Thursdays	11:30	Holiday Inn
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill	Albert Lea	Wednesdays	Noon	Riverland College
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

Feb. 8	State of the City: Mayor Kuntz, Kris Busse
Feb. 15	Plans for school district construction
Feb. 22	Doug Loon, President, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Feb. 29	Jonathan Moore, Park Ranger/Partnerships and Volunteers
Mar. 7	Police Department update: Chief Keith Hiller
Mar. 14	James Rogers, Director of Irish Studies, St. Thomas College
Mar. 21	Alan Anderson, CO2 & Ocean Aridification
Mar. 28	Kathy Stutesman, "Stories from the Streets..Your Foundation at Work"
Apr. 4	Update: Mayo Clinic Health: Owatonna Update and Care Models
Apr. 11	Lois Nelson, Betsy Rossi: RFE to India
Apr. 18	Ray Stawarz-Visiting Cuba
Apr. 25	Julie Rethemeier: Federated Ins. New program on distracted driving
May 2	STRIVE graduates
May 9	OHS National Honor Society
May 16	Camp RYLA attendees
May 23	Russ Goette: "Eight Days in Heaven"
May 30	No Meeting...Memorial Day
June 6	Oscar and Nico, In-Bounds farewell
June 13	Micah Bigeagle: Outbound returnee

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Monday, February 15, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A discussion on construction plans and improvements for the Owatonna School District. Presenting will be Peter Grant, Tom Sager, Amy LaDue and Bob Olson.

BIRTHDAYS: Kelly Boomgarden and Charlie Herrmann, Feb. 17, Cory Michaelson, Feb. 20

FEBRUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS: Daniel Kaupa, Jacob Mundale, Evan Holt and Grace McClintock

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Beth from Zimbabwe, Nicolas from Chile and Oscar from Norway

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Dave Klawiter lines up volunteers to be greeters each month as well as the person who says the invocation. If you can help doing either one of these duties and even have a month in mind, let Dave know. You can call or text 676-1212 or e-mail him at pastordave@stjohnowatonna.org.

The ROTARY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND invests in ROTARY'S vision of a better world. Your tax-deductible gift provides ongoing funds for education, water, and sanitation, health, economic development and peace. What you give today secures ROTARY'S tomorrow.

A NOTE FROM RAY KLINGINSMITH, FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIR

As the 111th anniversary of ROTARY on February 23 approaches, I hope you will take the opportunity to spend the evening with some of your ROTARY friends, men and women, to talk about ROTARY, particularly the Foundation as it prepares for its centennial year in 2016-2017. I encourage ROTARIANS around the world to commemorate both the birthday of ROTARY and the 100th anniversary of THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. Just as ROTARY grew out of the idea of one individual, Paul Harris, the idea of ROTARY chats can be revived by individual ROTARIANS and clubs in a variety of ways.

Thanks to ROTARIAN Kim Cosens for playing the piano at our weekly meetings.

A reminder from Charlie Herrmann: "A great attitude becomes a great day, which becomes a great month, which becomes a great year, which becomes a great life." (Mandy Hale)

AROUND TOWN

ROTARIAN Greg Krueger has been appointed by the Mayor to the airport commission.

The Country Club will be closed February 15-March 20 for cleaning, however ROTARY will continue to be served here.

The Owatonna Exchange Club is seeking nominations for its Book of Golden Deeds award. Each year this award is given to a person who is sincere about helping the community, has an exceptional track record of continued unselfish giving and enjoys volunteering his or her time to help others. The award is not limited to a single volunteer, but can also be presented to a group of individuals. Nominations must be returned by March 10 to the Owatonna Exchange Club, Box 13, Owatonna, Mn. Nomination forms are available at City Hall or on the Owatonna Exchange Club Facebook page.

So anyway: A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain. They name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."