

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	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	Noon	Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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PROGRAM

February 11

Dr. Brian Bunkers, Owatonna Clinic Mayo Health System update

February 18

Karen Kasper "Farming Today"

February 25

Fast for Hope program: Bruce Boyce: MEET AT THE HISTORY CNTR.

March 4

Greg Zweber, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

March 11

Marlene Nelson: Homelessness in Owatonna

March 18

Mark Fritsch, Owatonna Power Plant Re-Purposing

March 25

Business Meeting/Classification talk

April 1

Joan Ward, Hospice Grief Counselor

April 8

Owatonna Foundation presentation

April 15

Kathy Stutesman, Street Girls Aid Project in Ghana

April 22

Open

April 29

Business Meeting/Czech GSE Team

May 6

STRIVE Student Recognition

May 13

OHS National Honor Society

May 20

Program by Exchange Student Livia Getzner/plus Camp RYLA report

May 27

No meeting...Memorial Day

June 3

Program by Exchange Student Yolanda Sabater

June 10

Open

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, February 18, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A ROTARY welcome to Karen Kasper, who, along with her husband Peter, farms in Steele County. Karen will talk about the topic "Farming Today", which is brought to us by farmer-lead organizations that include Minnesota Farm Bureau, Minnesota Corn Growers Association and Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotions Council. Her presentation will cover: *How today's farming practices are helping farmers raise better food while improving animal care and protecting the environment; *How farmers contribute to the local economy and how they've become leaders in global food marketplace; *How farming continues to evolve by using science and technology to do more with less land, energy and water.

TODAY IS PRESIDENT'S DAY, COMMEMORATING THE BIRTHDAYS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND GEORGE WASHINGTON.

BIRTHDAYS: Matt Rutigliano, Feb. 24

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Jonah Noeldner, Will Kreutter and Shad Skala

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Yolanda Marin, Spain, Livia Getzner, Austria

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Bill Kottke has been moved to the new KODA facility and will remain there for at least another month.

ROTARY Founder Paul Harris said it in 1915: "It's a grand thing in this period of the world's history, when great nations are at war, to see two such standards raised aloft as have been raised by two of the world's great organizations. 'Truth and Service' herald the dawn of a new day."

Advice for healthy ROTARIANS: Whether finned, feathered or furry, pets are good for your health. People who own pets have healthier hearts and make fewer visits to the doctor. During times of stress, a pet can lower blood pressure. Pet owners are more physically fit and tend to be less lonely or fearful than those without pets. And if you want to get in shape, dogs make better exercise partners than humans...they never want to skip a walk. "Animals provide us with much of the same kind of social support that people do," says Alan Beck, director of Purdue University's Center for the Human-Animal Bond. And, they're always there when you need them.

Kind of reminds me of the old saying, "Lock your spouse and your dog in the trunk of the car of a hot summer day. When you open the trunk, which one is glad to see you?"

Here's a suggestion for a great evening's entertainment. The Owatonna High School drama department will present "The Music Man" this Thursday-Saturday nights and a Sunday afternoon matinee. With a cast that is darn near professional and a wonderful orchestra backing them up, it's a Twin City type show that costs you just \$7.00 for a ticket. Tickets are available at the door or after 10:00 a.m. to noon from Curt Matejcek at the tennis court doors on the south end of the high school.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS, DR. RON WILSON AND LUKE MADSON!

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust". That's when the fight started.

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!