

Rotary



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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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	Kahler Hotel
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill	Albert Lea	Wednesdays	Noon	Various Locations
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

February 16

Dr. Brad Thompson: Physical Medicine and Rehab.

February 23

Internal club meeting/Matt & Denise Tveite: Service on Mercy Ship

March 2

Literary Month: Owatonna Public Library

March 9

Human Trafficking: Sister Anne

March 16

Human Rights Commission: Pastor Cindy Halverson

March 23

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

March 30

Internal club meeting

April 6

Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, President, Riverland Community College

April 13

United Way report: Tanya Paley, Dave Albrecht, Kim Schaufenbuel

April 20

Steele County Safe/Drug Free Coalition

April 27

Internal club meeting/John Klatt, Klatt Airshows

May 4

STRIVE graduation

May 11

OHS National Honor Society

May 18

Camp RYLA report/farewell from outbounds

May 25

No Meeting... Memorial Day

June 1

Kim Cosens: What's behind the Wenger Marching Band Festival/

June 8

Jane Nyquist, Public Health Nursing

June 15

Update on Camp Pillsbury/Vonda White

June 22

Open

June 29

Induction of new officers

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, February 23, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Club Meeting, plus Matt & Denise Tveite who served two years on the Mercy Ship

BIRTHDAYS: John Muellerleile, Feb. 25, Ron Ensley, Feb. 27

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Matt Kingland, Bailey Leppert, Abby Bendorf and Samantha Laatsch

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Joao Bueno, Brazil, Aya Murakumi, Japan, Cindy Delemare, France

MARCH STUDENT ROTARIANS: Andrew Abbas, Kendra Cummins, Madeline Haberman, Kathryn DuFrene

MARCH GREETERS: Jen Dunn-Foster, Betsy Rossi, Matt May

MARCH INVOCATION: Dave Olson

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS:

The Steele County Historical Society invites ROTARIANS to hear Anne Cummins Peterson, Museum Director of the Minnesota State Public School Orphanage Museum this Thursday at 7:00 at the History Center. She will talk about how the Minnesota State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children came to Owatonna.

SECOND LANGUAGES

Do you know what the most widely spoken language is? No, it's not English, it's Mandarin Chinese which has nearly two billion native speakers. English is the most popular second language, which has 335 million native speakers. More than one billion people are studying English today; it is the most studied foreign language in China. In the United States, Spanish is the most studied. Chinese in seventh.

The easiest languages for native English speakers to master include Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Italian. Each requires 23-24 weeks, or about 600 class hours, to become proficient. The hardest languages for native English speakers are Arabic, Korean, and Japanese, which require 88 weeks or 2,200 class hours.

Young children are assumed to be the best language learners: They have twice as many brain synapses as adults and haven't yet burdened their minds with such things as remembering social security numbers or learning to drive a car. The researchers say their real edge is a heightened ability to mimic pronunciation: Studies show that, with ample practice and instruction, adults learn new languages almost as well as kids do, except for pronunciation. Also, adult learners have to master much more vocabulary than kids to seem proficient.

A BIT OF ROTARY HISTORY

Did you know? ROTARIAN Bill Whiting, who still attends meetings regularly, was president of the Owatonna ROTARY Club in 1948-1949. His daughter, ROTARIAN Sabra Whiting, was president in 1993-1994.

In the 1970's only men were allowed to join ROTARY. In 1975, a special handbook was published by the district: "So Your Husband is a ROTARIAN?" The handbook explained the history and purpose of ROTARY. Wives of ROTARIANS were referred to as "ROTARY ANNS" and were encouraged to get together occasionally for coffee, lunches or special parties.

So anyway: A little silver haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started." Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when finished?" The lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster." Her neighbor decides to go over and help. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster. Secondly, let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh.....let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box!"