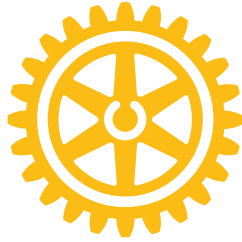


Rotary



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

Feb. 17	Mayor Tom Kuntz, Kris Busse "State of the City"
Feb. 24	Business Meeting/Fast for Hope Presentation
Mar. 3	Tim Boyer, 911 Call Center
Mar 10	Laura Ressler, Steele County Historical Society
Mar. 17	T.C. Carlyle, OHS Athletic Trainer
Mar. 24	Megan Proft, Executive Director, Owatonna Arts Center
March 31	Business Meeting
April 7	Dr. Atewologun, President, Riverland Community College
April 14	Scott Golberg, Steele County Environmental Services: "Radon"
April 21	Dr. Brian Bunkers and David Berg, Owatonna Clinic Update
April 28	Business Meeting
May 5	Recognition of STRIVE students
May 12	National Honor Society: Speaker Jeff Williams
May 19	Camp RYLA students plus farewells from Outbounds
May 26	NO MEETING...MEMORIAL DAY
June 2	In-Bound Exchange Student Adish Hirve
June 9	Open
June 16	Open
June 23	Open
June 30	Business Meeting

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, February 24, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Karel Weigal who will address ROTARY's work in Nicaragua.

BIRTHDAYS: Kelly Boomgarden, Vilnis Giga, Charlie Herrmann, Feb. 17, Matt Rutigliano, Feb. 24, John Mueller, Feb. 25, Ron Ensley and Susie Hoopes, Feb. 27.

STUDENT ROTARIANS, FEBRUARY: Last day for Kelly Moon, Anna Rahrck, Lisette Betti and Josi Segner

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Thor Thanormthin, Thailand, Adish Hirve, India, Tlotlo Lesetedi, South Africa.

MARCH STUDENT ROTARIANS: Jeffrey Johnson, Carter McCauley, Brian Wunderlich, Alex Liebl

MARCH GREETERS: Matt Rutigliano, Kerri Kuhn, Betsy Rossi

MARCH INVOCATION: Kim Westphal

ROTARY NOTES

A bit of ROTARY history: The Hotel Owatonna, which was in existence on Broadway for 83 years closed for business in August of 1963. The hotel was a long time location (since 1922) of the Owatonna ROTARY Club. The hotel property was purchased by the local First National Bank, (now U.S. Bank). The Hotel was originally owned by Dr. Morehouse followed by the Adsits and Sandersons. Fred Johnson entered the hotel business in Owatonna in 1916, later buying the Hotel Owatonna.

From Foundation Trustee Chair Dong Kurn Lee

"Because of ROTARY and its partners, the world has seen a 99 percent drop in the number of polio cases: from 350,000 children paralyzed every year to 223 in 2012. We are now combating an outbreak of polio in the Horn of Africa. Cases of polio were found in Syria. We all recognize that this presents a new and significant challenge to the process of eradication. The political and humanitarian situation in Syria is difficult and responding to this outbreak will be difficult as well.

"We have been told many times that we cannot end polio, that we will never do it. But we know better. We will conquer this challenge, as we have conquered so many before. We will stop these new outbreaks and we will continue to fight polio until we have reached every last child.

Right now, we have a funding gap of US \$1.5 billion over the next five years. To eradicate polio, that gap must be filled. We are not alone in this fight. We will not be the only ones to help find these new funds. This must be the responsibility of every country and every government. A polio-free world is within our grasp.

"All of us must be ambassadors for polio eradication. Every ROTARIAN should be lead by example by making a donation. We need to make sure that every ROTARIAN, in every ROTARY club, understands that we are truly this close to ending polio, and that every ROTARIAN understands that this is our chance to make history together.

ROTARIAN Jen Dunn-Foster is still looking for aunts-uncles for outgoing exchange students next year. These are people who keep in touch with our students and act as a sounding board for any problems they may be having, also making sure they receive birthday cards etc. from our club. If you can help, please let Jen know.

During his physical exam, a doctor asked a man about his physical activity level. "Well, yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk about 7 km through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the end of a lake, I pushed my way through brambles, I got sand in my shoes and my eyes. I avoided standing on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills. The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all, I drank eight beers." Inspired by the story, the doc said, "You must be one heck of an outdoors man!" "No," he replied. "I'm just a terrible golfer."

THE "STATE OF THE CITY" PRESENTATION BY MAYOR TOM KUNTZ AND KRIS BUSSE HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28.