

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 AT HISTORY CENTER FOR TOUR

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: MEET AT HISTORY

March 26

CENTR.

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

Kim Cosens: 2012 Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, February 27, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Laura Ressler, Director of the Steele County Historical Society, will update us on the new history center and provide a tour of the building.

BIRTHDAYS: Ron Ensley, Susie Hoopes: Feb. 27, Jim McEnaney, Mar. 3.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Emily Kasper, Anna Bastyr, Savannah Wunderlich and Ty Haley.

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

NEXT MONTH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Alyssa Holcomb, Kayla Docken, Audrey Sexter, Brianne Bernard

INVOCATION FOR MARCH: Judy Plemel

GREETERS FOR MARCH: Bruce Paulson, John Connor, Sabra Otteson

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARY'S District Conference is April 13 and 14 in River Falls, Wisconsin with the theme, "Embracing Humanity: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things." The conference will start on Friday, April 13 and noon and go through Saturday the 14th. For information and to register on-line go to www.rotary5960.org. The club will pay your registration fees.

A ROTARY club in Austria found a sweet way to support a community project: a 365 foot long pastry created by a local bakery and displayed on a "pastry coaster" specially designed and built by two club members. The club sold pieces of the pastry, raising money for medical equipment for a Red Cross ambulance, which now sports the club's logo.

A new feature of the weekly bulletin to digest with your meal:

FACTS YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN

Question: Are there whirlpools in the ocean? If so, are they a threat to ships?

Answer: Whirlpools do exist, both on the surface of the water and submerged. Most aren't powerful enough to capsize a sizable vessel, but they can pose a threat to inexperienced boaters. Many have a vortex that pulls downward. One example is Japan's Naruto whirlpool, which draws daily crowds of onlookers. Another, near Norway, is the Salstraumen Maelstrom, said to be the world's strongest. Not far away is the Moskstraumen, made infamous by Edgar Allan Poe and Jules Verne. The whirlpool Garofalo is located in the waters between Sicily and mainland Italy. We Americans have one of our own...Old Sow...between Main and New Brunswick.

A reminder that if you come in later than the greeters are at the table, be sure and scan your badge so that your attendance is credited. The scanner is left on the table for your convenience.

So anyway: When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer....always something more important to me. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish, you might as well sweep the driveway." Doctors say I will walk again, but I'll always have a limp.

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK AS WE SLIP INTO MARCH!