

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	Kristy Allen, Beez Kneez in Minneapolis
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; Chuck Jamison speaker
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 29, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Kristy Allen of the Beez Kneez in Minneapolis

BIRTHDAYS: Ryan Gillespie, March 2

FEBRUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Dan Kaupa, Jacob Mundale, Evan Holt and Grace McClintock

IN-BOUND STUDENTS: Oscar (Norway), Nicolas (Chile) and Beth (Zimbabwe)

MARCH STUDENT ROTARIANS: Lane Thiesse, Ryan Guenther, Luke Bunkers and Zach Jorgenson

MARCH GREETERS: Diane Holland, Jerry Kopel, Dave Williams

MARCH INVOCATIONS: Ryan Gillespie

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Our in-bound exchange students are in the midst of earning money for the upcoming East Coast trip. These students are not allowed to have a job due to VISA restrictions, however, they can do chores such as babysitting, cleaning, painting, etc. to earn some money for their trip. If you need anything done around the house where one of these students could earn a few dollars, contact Traci at 456-6266. If you would like to donate, these funds will be divided up based on the hours the students worked.

WHY A LEAP YEAR?

This is a leap year and today is the additional 29th day of February. February 29 crops up every four years, but do you know what a leap year is? Here's a history lesson to all ROTARIANS:

A leap year, where an extra day is added to the end of February every four years, is due to the solar system's disparity with the Gregorian calendar. A complete orbit of the earth around the sun takes exactly 365.2422 days to complete, but the Gregorian calendar uses 365 days. So leap seconds, and leap years, are added as a means of keeping our clocks (and calendars) in sync with the Earth and its seasons.

Why is the extra day in February and not another month? All the other months in the Julian calendar have 30 or 31 days, but February lost out to the ego of Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus. Under his predecessor Julius Caesar, February had 30 days and the month named after him – July, had 31. August had only 29 days. When Caesar Augustus became Emperor he added two days to “his” month to make August the same as July. So February lost out to August in the battle of the extra days.

What if you're born on February 29? The chances of having a leap birthday are one in 1,461. People who are born on February 29 are referred to as “leaplings” or “leapers”. In non-leap years, leaplings choose to celebrate their birthday on either February 28 or March 1 while purists stick to February 29 for the occasion. Some suggest those born just after midnight on February 29 should celebrate their birthdays on February 28 while those born just before midnight on March 1 should celebrate on that day. About 4.1 million people around the world have been born on the 29th.

HOMETOWN SAMPLER THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is the Hometown Sampler to benefit the Steele County Foodshelf. The concert, held at the Little Theatre auditorium, benefits the Steele County Foodshelf. Admission is a non-perishable item or a cash donation for the food shelf. Featured groups will be Hot 'N Bothered, Mile 5, Bad Tangerines and The Gogs. This year's goal is to raise at least \$23,000 or \$1,000 for every year the Sampler has been presented. The concerts will be presented at 7 p.m. on Friday, 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Oldie jokes:

*My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

*It's scary when you are sleeping you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

*These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, “For Fast Relief”