

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

January 7

Dave Hietala, Academic Dean, Riverland

January 14

Alyssa Anderson: Steele County Pork Ambassador

January 21

Ibrahim Hussein: Somali American Cultural Society of Owatonna

January 28

Business Meeting/Margie Gardner: Day by Day Adult Daycare

February 4

John Klatt: John Klatt Airshows based in Owatonna

February 11

Dr. Brian Bunkers, Owatonna Clinic Mayo Health System update

February 18

Karen Kasper "Farming Today"

February 25

Fast for Hope program

March 4

Greg Zweber, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

March 11

Marlene Nelson: Homelessness in Owatonna

March 18

Presentation by Owatonna Foundation

March 25

Business Meeting

April 1

Open

April 8

Open

April 15

Open

April 22

STRIVE Student Recognition

April 29

Business Meeting/Presentation by Camp RYLA student

May 6

Melanie Nelson, EPES Report

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, January 14, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from the Steele County Pork Ambassador, Alyssa Anderson.

BIRTHDAYS: None this week

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Corey Dolan, Vanessa VanEngelenhoven, Emily Weltzin, Spencer Versteeg

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

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Jen Dunn Foster has announced that we will have three outbound students going overseas next year. Nora Rubish, daughter of Jim and Renee Rubish will spend her junior year in Germany, Joe Devetter, son of Colleen Devetter and John Devetter will spend a gap year before college in Spain and Miranda Schimek, daughter of Traci and Randy Schimek will spend her senior year in Columbia. All students currently attend OHS.

A ROTARY club and high school students in Duluth are hoping to gather 9,000 people to break a world record for making snow angels. The attempt will be on the morning of February 9 at the University of Minnesota Duluth campus. Organizers say the current record is 8,963 snow angels, set in North Dakota.

The members of the ROTARY of Duluth Club 25 and students at Proctor High School are hoping that "Make Your Mark: Angels for a Cause" will do more than just set a record. They're asking participants to donate \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family to help an organization that works on development projects in Ethiopia.

Applications are available for a ROTARY Friendship Exchange from ROTARY District 5960 to British Columbia from May 21 through June 2, 2013. Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2013 and are available on line at the District 5960 website under the program heading, "RFE, Future Exchanges."

Our own Kim Cosens and the Southern Minnesota REAL Big Band will be featured in a Steele County History Center fundraiser USO Dinner and Dance, Friday, January 25 at the History Center. Culver's will be providing a Roast Beef dinner. Also featured will be the Blooming Prairie and Owatonna High School Jazz Bands. Our club will be assisting in serving that night. If you can help, please contact ROTARIAN Renee Lowery.

A LOOK BACK: It was in 1999 when ROTARIAN Sabra Otteson was named as the 1999 Arts Industry "Leader of the Year" by the Printing Industry of Minnesota. The award recognized an individual who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the printing industry.

The next RI Convention is in Lisbon, Portugal, June 23-26.

FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION HAS SUPPORTED PEACE THROUGH EDUCATION. IN 2013, IT STILL WILL FIND NEW WAYS TO SPONSOR SCHOLARS WITH NEW ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANTS.

So anyway: Sven and Ole, two Minnesota engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walks by and asks what they were doing. "Ve're supposed to find da height of dis flagpole," said Sven, "but ve don't haff a ladder." The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her pocket book, took a measurement, and announced, "Twenty one feet, six inches," and walked away. Ole shook his head and laughed, "Ain't dat just like a voman! Ve ask fer da height and she gives us da length!" Sven and Ole have since quit their engineering jobs and are currently serving in the U.S. Senate.

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!