

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

December 29	Business Meeting/Classification Talk Scott Limberg, Owatonna Live
January 5	Farewell from Tlotlo
January 12	Hamid Torabpour, Winter State Entertainment
January 19	Quentin Smith, "Bike Across America"
January 26	Internal club meeting/Classification talk: Matt Ketelson
February 2	Jennifer Libby, President, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce
February 9	Mayor Tom Kuntz: State of the City
February 16	Dr. Brad Thompson: Physical Medicine and Rehab.
February 23	Internal club meeting
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	Open
April 13	United Way update
April 20	Steele County Safe/Drug Free Coalition
April 27	Internal club meeting
May 4	STRIVE graduation
May 11	OHS National Honor Society

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Monday, January 19, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Quentin Smith who will talk about his Bike Across America journey.

BIRTHDAYS: Gregg Draeger, Andy Michaelitz, Jan. 20, Glen Meger, Jan 25

JANUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS: Jackie Wareheim, Elizabeth Wiebke, Owen Davis and Payton Knutson

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

ROTARY NOTES

Last June, when Wayne Koppa, a ROTARIAN from Grayling Michigan announced he was raising money to fight polio by riding his BMW 650 motorcycle from coast to coast, he didn't mean from the East Coast to the West. He meant the "hard way"...from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska to Key West Florida. To complete the 5,800 mile seven-day journey (though he actually covered 13,170 miles in 20 days starting and ending the ride in Grayling), he rode 12 to 15 hours each day and went through three sets of tires. His efforts paid off: The retired Michigan National Guardsman raised over \$34,000 including an anonymous \$15,000 contribution of Bob Gandolfi, a past governor of District 6290, who had passed away the month before. With matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Koppa's efforts yielded more than \$100,000 for PolioPlus.

"Failure is bewildering and confusing. You must regain confidence by succeeding in something, however small." Helen Keller, American author and political activist.

AROUND TOWN

ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, Chief of Police, announces that applications are being accepted to fill vacancies in the Police Reserve Unit. A Police Reserve Officer is a volunteer position that works under the direction of sworn police personnel at the Owatonna Police Department. Duties may include: a uniformed support service to the patrol and investigations divisions through traffic direction and control, attending community policing events, park patrol, house watch, assisting with crime scene security, emergency call out to assist with missing person searches, prisoner custody assignments and other critical incidents requiring a uniformed presence. An in-service training program is required although they are not trained to be a police officer or become involved in hand to hand combat or respond to high risk hostile situations.

To be eligible, the applicant must be at least 18 years of age, hold a valid Minnesota driver's license, be a citizen in good-standing, consent to a criminal background check and commit to a minimum of 8-10 volunteer hours per month.

Applications must be received by February 1.

ROTARIAN Evelina Giobbe has retired as of January 1 as Director of the Steele County United Way. She has held that position for 11 years. She has now formed her own consulting firm called "EMG Consulting". Kim Schaufenbuel has replaced Evelina in this position and is a newly proposed member.

A doctor, a lawyer, a priest and a little boy were on an afternoon flight aboard a small private plane when suddenly the engine stopped. The pilot grabbed a parachute, told passengers they'd better jump, then bailed out. But only three parachutes remained. The physician grabbed the first one and before he jumped said, "I'm a doctor, I save lives, I must live." The lawyer took the second and on exit said, "Lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long life and yours is still ahead of you. Take the last parachute and go in peace." "Don't worry father," the little boy replied. "The smartest man in the world just took off with my backpack."

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!