

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	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	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

Mark Fritsch, Owatonna Power Plant Re-Purposing

March 25

Business Meeting

April 1

Joan Ward, Hospice Grief Counselor

April 8

Owatonna Foundation presentation

April 15

Kathy Stutesman, Street Girls Aid Project in Ghana

April 22

STRIVE Student Recognition

April 29

Business Meeting/Presentation by Camp RYLA student

May 6

Melanie Nelson, EPES Report

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: Some business matters plus we will hear from Margie Gardner, Director and Brenda Haugen, Co-Director of Day by Day Adult Care in Owatonna.

BIRTHDAYS: Tom Dufresne, Jan 28, Jim Gute, Jan. 29, Steve Olsen, Feb. 1

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Corey Dolan, Emily Weltzin, Vanessa VanEngelenhoven and Spencer Versteeg

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

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Colton Schock, Will Kreutter, Jonah Noeldner, Shadarik Skala

FEBRUARY GREETERS: Dave Marcoux, Ken Henrickson, Sharon West

FEBRUARY INVOCATION: Tabby DeLeeuw

ROTARY NOTES:

The Early Edition ROTARY Club has changed its meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. at the fire hall.

Will you include The ROTARY FOUNDATION in your estate plans to forever be a part of ROTARY'S legacy of doing good in the world?

ROTARIANS AT WORK

ROTARIAN Peggy Ann Martin was observing a class at a village school outside Delhi, India when she happened to glance at the doorway. "I saw these ladies peering into the classroom," recalls Martin, a member of the ROTARY Club of Del Mar, California, who made the trip to research project opportunities. The women likely have never been in the classroom themselves, but they are relatives of students at the school, which was established by a local non-profit to serve families who subsist by picking through the trash to find recyclable materials. Once she returned home, Martin worked with her club to build a sanitation block for another school in the Delhi area. When girls reach puberty, Martin says, it is unsafe for them to attend schools without enclosed toilet facilities. The block, which has four separate toilets and is connected to the local water and sewer system, cost \$4,500, including maintenance training for school personnel.

FROM RI PRESIDENT SAKUJI TANAKA

"In ROTARY, we do not divide our work by nation, culture, or language. It does not matter what is printed in your passport. What matters is that you believe in "Service Above Self". But even in ROTARY, it is easy to think in terms of countries or communities. This project may help someone in my own community, or that project may help someone from Germany, or Kenya, or South Africa. Sometimes we think of different types of borders. This project, we think, helps the young. This helps the elderly. This helps people who are hungry, poor, or sick, or who have disabilities. The truth is that "Service Above Self" does not know such borders. When we serve, the impact is not limited to our community, or the community we are helping. We are not only helping the young, or the elderly, or this school or that orphanage. When we serve, we are helping all of humanity. The effects of what we do go on and on.

So anyway: Indian Chief Two Eagles was asked by a white U.S. Government official, "You have observed the white man for 90 years. You've seen his wars and his technological advances. You've seen his progress and the damage he's done. The chief nodded in agreement. The official continued, "Considering all these events, in your opinion, where did the white man go wrong?" The Chief replied, "When white man find land, Indians running it, no taxes, no debt, plenty buffalo, plenty beaver, clean water. Women did all the work, Medicine Man free, Indian man spend all day hunting and fishing and all night making love. The Chief leaned back and smiled, "Only white man dumb enough to think he could improve system like that."