

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 30

Primary election candidates...County Commissioner..(lunch: 11:30)

February 6

Drs. Dan Paley and Keith Paley: Preventive Medicine After Age 50

February 13

Robin Miller: Humor in dealing with trauma

February 20

The new Koda Living Community

February 27

Business Meeting...(Meet at History Center)

March 5

Owatonna Police Department: Chief Keith Hiller

March 12

Visiting Angels Franchise...Craig Wahl (Meet at History Center)

March 19

Tanya Paley: Safe and Drug Free Coalition

March 26

County Commissioner Special Election Candidates

April 2

Beth Kallestad, Cannon River Watershed Partnership

April 9

Open Date

April 16

Christy Tryhus, Simply Balanced Coaching and Training

April 23

STRIVE Students

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, January 30, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will meet and hear from the candidates for District 5 County Commissioner primary election. Jeffrey Jackson of the Owatonna Peoples Press will moderate the questioning.

BIRTHDAYS: Justin Schultz, Jan. 30, Steve Olsen, Feb 1

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Alex Anderson, Rachael Wiebke, Jacob Forster and Connor Cordell

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark, Carla deOliveria Dilva, Brazil

STUDENT ROTARIANS COMING IN FEBRUARY: Emily Kasper, Anna Bastyr, Savannah Wunderlich, Ty Haley

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

INVOCATION FOR FEBRUARY : Dave Albrecht

ROTARY NOTES

A special welcome to our visitors today. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of ROTARY, contact President Dave Effertz or membership coordinator Earl Anderson for more information.

Who knows what ROTARY does? An average of 62 percent of non-ROTARIANS recognize the ROTARY name, but of those, only 37 percent have some familiarity with what ROTARY does, according to the results of a 2010 public image survey. RI commissioned the survey of about 1,000 people in each of six countries: Argentina, Australia, Germany, Japan, South Africa and the United States to gauge the general public's awareness and perception of the organization. The results are consistent with those of a similar survey conducted in 2006. While respondents had heard of ROTARY, they knew little about its activities.

Ordering out for pizza might not seem like a big deal. But consider 33 children waiting for polio vaccine. Just think: For the same price, you can help these children live free of polio through the ROTARY FOUNDATION. And, to you, it's no big deal. It's a *better* deal.

Upcoming RI conventions:

May 6-9, 2012: Bangkok Thailand

2013: Lisbon, Portugal

2014: Sydney, Australia

2015: Sao Paulo, Brazil

2016: Seoul, Korea

2017: Atlanta, USA

Moved by the story of four-year-old Parker Reck, who died after falling from a second-floor window, the ROTARY Club of Molalla, Ore. Joined with the boy's mother to prevent similar tragedies. The club helped launch Stop At 4" which encourages parents to install stops that allow windows to open no more than 4 inches. The campaign is developing materials, available at www.stopat4.com, to help families select safe windows.

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great! I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know...the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"