

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
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	Open
April 20	Open
April 27	Internal club meeting
May 4	STRIVE graduation
May 11	OHS National Honor Society

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Monday, January 5, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We start the new year with a farewell from Tlotlo Lesetedi who will be leaving soon for home in South Africa.

BIRTHDAYS: Andrea Stanley, Cindy Delarame, Jan. 4, Earl Anderson, Erin Felton, Tom Sager, Jan. 8, Tim Holland, Jan. 10

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

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

ROTARY NOTES

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Cindy Scheid who has been named a two year winner of the Five Star Wealth Manager award, administered by Crescendo Business Services. She is credentialed as a registered investment adviser or a registered investment adviser representative and is active as a credentialed professional in the financial services industry for a minimum of five years.

THE ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a ROTARIAN, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through ROTARY to: mentor young people, help those with special needs and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on ROTARY or other ROTARIANS.
5. Not seek special business or professional advantages from other ROTARIANS.

ROTARY clubs in 10 Illinois counties worked together on a ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT GRANT project last year to teach communities about dyslexia. Led by the ROTARY Club of Urbana, the clubs teamed up with 25 public libraries to host screenings of the HBO documentary "Journey Into Dyslexia and discussions on the subject. The grant from the ROTARY District and a donation from the ROTARY Club of Champaign helped purchase boxes of educational resources for the libraries, including books, videos, and materials with strategies for welcoming people with learning disabilities.

With the help of an ornate flowery float, ROTARY was in front of millions of eyeballs as people watched the Rose Parade. This year's theme was "Changing Lives Through Clean Water".

AROUND TOWN

This year Steele County Toys for Tots served 527 families for a total of 1,269 children in Steele County. The Steele County Family to Family-Adopt a Family program served 48 families and a total of 117 children.

So anyway: There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large trouble making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig."Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he says menacingly, as I burst into tears. "Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd cry. I can't stand to see a man crying." "This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man...and then my dog bit me. So, I came up to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; and then you show up and drink the whole damn thing! But, hell, enough about me...how are you doing?"