

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 7, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Guest speaker will be Dave Hietela, Academic Dean at Riverland Community College

BIRTHDAYS: Betsy Rossi, Jan 1, Pat Greenwood, Jan. 3, Earl Anbderson, Erin Felton and Tom Sager, Jan. 8, Tim Holland, Jan. 10.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Corey Dolan, Vanessa VanEngelenhaven, Emily Weltzin and Spencer Versteeg.

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

ROTARY NOTES

You will note that we have three weeks of open dates for programs in April...if you wish to reserve one of those dates for a program, let ROTARIAN Todd Hale know...first come, first served!

From RI President Sakuji Tanaka

“Do you know where your ROTARY pin is? Is it stuffed in a drawer somewhere at home? I am asking all of you to wear your ROTARY pin and to raise awareness of what the pin means. I believe having that pin on your lapel changes you. It makes you think more before you speak and before you act. It makes you remember, all the time, that you are a ROTARIAN...and that as ROTARIANS, we are here to help.

All of us should be ready to talk about ROTARY. When someone asks you about that pin, you should be ready to answer. What is ROTARY? What does ROTARY do? These are questions that each of us should be prepared to answer.”

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH!

ROTARIAN Pat Greenwood reports that applications are now 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.

A LOOK BACK: ROTARY'S work with youth dates back to the early 1920s when many clubs took part in “Boys' Week”. The event was part of an effort to promote development in education, citizenship, health and vocation, with ROTARIANS serving as mentors. By 1922, Boy's Week activities had spread throughout the world. Today, ROTARY offers support of younger generations worldwide.

THANKS TO ROTARIAN MIKE JENSEN FOR SENDING OUT THE O'PINION ON E-MAIL EACH WEEK AND FOR PRINTING THE BULLETIN YOU SEE ON THE TABLES.

So anyway: Several days ago as I left a meeting at a hotel, I desperately gave myself a personal PSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the door, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police, gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all. “Honey,” I stammered, (I always call him “honey” in times like these). “I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen.” There was a period of silence, then I heard his voice...he barked, “I dropped you off!” Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, “Well, come and get me.” He retorted, “I will, as soon as I convince this cop I have not stolen your car.” Yep, it's the golden years!