

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

July 16

Penny Vizina: Care of your eyes

July 23

Brad Meier, Liza Havelka: Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

July 30

Business Meeting

Aug. 6

Preview: 2012 Steele County Free Fair: Jim Gleason, Todd Hale

Aug. 13

Brian Rossi: Executive Dir. Novation Education Opportunities

Aug. 20

RFE Outbound Team Presentation...Journey to Turkey

Aug. 27

Business Meeting/Christian Russell, Outbound Student

Sept. 3

No meeting: Labor Day

Sept. 10

District Governor Visit from Joe Kvarik

Sept. 17

Open

Sept. 24

Business Meeting

Oct. 1

School Board Candidates

Oct. 8

City Council Candidates

Oct. 15

State House and Senate Candidates

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, July 16, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our own member, Penny Vizina, will address care of your eyes

BIRTHDAYS: Greg Krueger and Connie Ruth, July 16, Sharon West, July 17

ROTARY NOTES

Announcing our next "Fast for Hope" cultural delegation to Nicaragua, October 13 through 21 (MEA Week) Open to all ROTARIANS in district 5960, their spouses, significant others, siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. All children must be 14 years of age as of October 1, 2012. If interested in participating in this life changing experience or simply to learn more, the first step will be to attend an orientation program to be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 6 as well as the July 31 event. The July 31 event will take place from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Stillwater at 1875 Northwestern Ave. So. Ten dollars covers training materials and meal. The August 6 training is held at the same location in Stillwater with a \$10.00 cost for materials and meal. This is a required event.

To register for the July 31 event, follow this link: www.surveymonkey.com/s/3LD925C.

The 9th annual 4-Mile Run to benefit the ROTARY STRIVE program will once again be held in conjunction with the Steele County Free Fair on Saturday morning, August 18 at 9:00 a.m. This year's run is being sponsored by: Owatonna Noon ROTARY, Owatonna Hospital, ISD 761 and the SCFF. The run will be held on a certified course that starts and finishes on the stadium track at Owatonna High School and traverses through the East residential area of Owatonna. Proceeds from the event are used to support scholarship awards to Owatonna High School Seniors involved in the STRIVE program. Advance registration fee (by August 15) is \$210.00. Race day registration fee is \$25.00.

Kid's 400/800 M runs will be held on the OHS track at 8:15 a.m. race day only with a registration fee of \$1.00 from 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Volunteers will be needed to man the corners where the run passes. Watch for sign-up information.

We'll have some special guests with us next week. Leo Roux former Exchange Student (2010-'11) from France and his parents Bruno and Anita and little brother Louis will join us. Also joining us will be Sarah Moser, former Exchange Student from Switzerland (2008-'09).

NEW ROTARY YEAR RESOLUTIONS: BUILD PEACE, PREVENT DISEASE, PROVIDE CLEAN WATER, SUPPORT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, PROMOTE LITERACY AND GROW LOCAL ECONOMIES.

This Wednesday, July 18, is "Mandela Day". Nelson Mandela, who received the ROTARY award for World Understanding and Peace in 1997, was the first black president in South Africa.

So anyway: Ole and Lena had the Torkelsons over for Lutefisk and Lefse. Torkelson liked it with plenty of melted butter and pepper. Lena couldn't find the pepper, so she rummaged through the cupboard and found a container she thought was pepper. The next day, Ole and Lena discovered it accidentally was gunpowder. So, Ole called Torkelson on the phone and told him of the mistake. "Vell, I'm glad to find out what happened, because when we got home last night, I leaned over to tie my shoe and I accidentally shot da cat!"

I was in a London Pub on a Saturday night. Had a few drinks! I noticed two very large women by the bar. They both had strong accents, so I asked, "Hey, are you two women from Scotland?" One of them turned to me and screamed, "It's WALES you IDIOT!" So, I immediately apologized and said, "Sorry, are you two whales from Scotland?" That's all I remember.