

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 30

Business Meeting: Presentation by Outbound Student Harmon Squires

August 6

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

August 13

Bryan Rossi, NOVATION Education Opportunities

August 20

RFE Outbound Team Presentation...Journey to Turkey

August 27

Business Meeting: Presentation by Outbound Student Christian Russell

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

October 22

Open

October 29

Business meeting/presentation on Foundation Month

November 5

Alyssa Anderson, Pork Ambassador

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, July 30, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A bit of club business will be taken care of and we will hear from former Outbound Exchange Student Harmon Squires.

BIRTHDAYS: Jerry Deetz, July 31, Tom Kuntz, Renee Lowery, Aug 1, Troy Klecker, Aug 2, Wes Kain and Doug Parr, Aug. 5.

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Dave Effertz is handling sign-ups for volunteers to man corners during the STRIVE 4-Mile Run being held on Saturday, August 18. We need your help!

From RI President Sakuji Tanaka: "August is Membership and Extension Month in ROTARY and I want all Rotarians to be able to send a unified message about what ROTARY is and why they joined. The key to increasing membership is for every ROTARIAN to be convinced that it's GOOD to be a ROTARIAN, and to convey that passion to others. In ROTARY, we have a tendency to be humble and keep our achievements to ourselves. But we must share them with those around us and with the world".

Joe Kovarik, District Governor, has announced that Karel Weigel, ROTARY Club of Rochester is the District Governor Nominee who is expected to serve as District Governor in the 2014-15 ROTARY year.

Announcing the next Fast for Hope cultural delegation to Nicaragua, October 13-21. This is 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 you are interested in participating in this life changing experience, attend an orientation program to be held on August 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Family Means, 1875 northwestern Ave. So, Stillwater, Minn. Training cost is \$10.00 which includes training materials and meal. To register, follow this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3V85F5P>.

AROUND TOWN

The Elks Lodge invites all ROTARIANS to their 11th annual "Show and Shine" car show this Saturday, August 4 on Vine Street in front of the Elks Lodge. Free will donation at the gate. Proceeds benefit ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) research.

Over 5,000 outdoor enthusiasts from all over the U.S. and Canada will be in Owatonna this week for the National Trappers Convention. The event is the largest gathering of trappers in the world. All activities are open to the public including the live music of Ray Dawson and the Bootleggers on Saturday night. A multi-day pass is available for purchase at the gate for \$10.00 per person. All children under 12 are admitted free.

The Owatonna Wal-Mart Wal-Mart Foundation has donated \$3,000 to the Owatonna Police Department Reserve Unit. ROTARIAN Tabby DeLeeuw is the manager of the local Wal-Mart.

AN INTERESTING FACT

Stunt woman Jolene Van Vugt of London, Ont. Broke a world land speed record when she clocked 46 mph in Sydney, Australia, on a motorized toilet. Canadians are reportedly so flush with pride they can't keep a lid on it!

I failed the mandatory Health and Safety Course at the Senior Center today. One of the questions was "In the event of a fire, what steps would you take?" "Damn big ones," was apparently the wrong answer.

PEACE THROUGH SERVICE