



O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD

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	Holiday Inn
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill	Albert Lea	Wednesdays	Noon	Riverland College
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

July 13

Paul Mooty: CFO, Faribault Woolen Mill

July 20

Joanne Rosener: Fast for Hope

July 27

Darren Reed: Safe & Drug Free Coalition

Aug. 3

2015 Steele County Free Fair Preview: Jim Gleason

August 10

Sarah Floy, returnee: Germany, Maddy Lyken, returnee: South Africa

August 17

District Governor Marlene Gargulek visit

August 24

Terry Kerber, Author: "The Inspiring Story of a Black Cyclist"

August 31

John Hausladen, Pres: Minnesota Trucking Association

Sept. 7

Labor Day: No meeting

Sept. 14

Tim Holland, Matt Kottke: Brewing Homemade Beer

Sept. 21

Jenine Koziolk, Outreach Specialist, Fountain Centers

Sept. 28

Business Meeting

Oct. 5

Foundation Week

Oct. 12

Pat Heydon, Habitat for Humanity

Oct. 19

Information on School Referendum

Oct. 26

Business Meeting

Nov. 2

Camp Enterprise Student

Nov. 9

Open

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, July 6, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Scott Limberg and Carol Kasper will speak about the upcoming "Feed My Starving Children" Owatonna Pack, which will be held Oct 23 and 24 in Owatonna.

BIRTHDAYS: Katy Kreuter, July 9

ROTARY NOTES

Can you help in the concession and food booth at the upcoming Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza? If so, let Renee Lowery know.

Last week it should have been mentioned that Shane Sattler has undertaken the responsibility for In-Bound students as the club's Youth Exchange Representative.

The International ROTARY convention in 2016 will be held in Seoul, Korea, May 26 to June 1.

A MESSAGE FROM NEW RI PRESIDENT K.R.RAVINDRAN

"We in ROTARY aspire to great deeds. We admire those who have great gifts to humanity" Abraham Lincoln, who gave the gift of human dignity to the downtrodden; Mother Teresa, who gave the gift of compassion to the forgotten; Mahatma Gandhi, who gave the gift of peaceful change to the oppressed. Their very lives became gifts to the world. We can be inspired by their example. We can be inspired to ask, 'How can I, in the life that I live, without neglecting the responsibilities that are so dear to me...how can I, too, become a gift to the world? We have only one chance at our lives. And we will have only one chance at this new ROTARY year. This is our time. Let us grasp it. Let us *Be a Gift to the World.*"

There is still a need for homes for incoming In-Bound Students. Contact ROTARIAN Gen Dunn Foster.

FAIR NOTES

The Aurora Diner, the Steele County Fair's only inside sit-down full service dining, is observing its 50th anniversary at this year's fair. The diner has been a part of the fair since 1965 when the fair board contacted the Aurora Lutheran Church to see if the church would be interested in building a food stand to serve the open class dairymen, hog men and 4-Hers near the barns. Two weeks after the board's request the diner was up and running from 6 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Since the building of the initial diner there have been three additions built, in 1972, 1984 and 1988.

When the diner first opened, ladies of the church provided home made pies that were often baked in their homes. As the years went by, state regulations stated that all food and pies had to be prepared on site, so additions were made to the kitchen to accommodate this. Now everything is made at the diner. It opens at 6 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m. Many other churches and organizations offer volunteer help.

So anyway: A woman runs a red light and crashes into a man's car. Both cars are demolished, but amazingly no one was hurt. After they crawl out of their cars the woman says, "Wow, just look at our cars. There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unharmed. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days." The man agrees completely. The woman continues, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but my bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." She hands the bottle to the man, who opens it, drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on and hands it back to the man. The man asks, "Aren't you having any?" The woman replies, "Nah, I think I'll just wait for the police." Adam ate the apple too...Men will never learn!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!

