

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
June 18	Dave Marcoux, Bremer Foundation
June 25	Mayor Tom Kuntz/City Administrator Kris Busse: "State of the City"
July 2	New officer and board installation
July 9	ROTARY Friendship Exchange Inbound Team from District 2430-Turkey
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

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Monday, July 9, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to the ROTARY Friendship Exchange In-Bound Team from District 2430-Turkey.

BIRTHDAYS: Dr. John Schoen, July 13

ROTARY NOTES

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Don Larson, who along with his wife Maxine, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 5.

The slogan for this ROTARY year is "Peace Through Service" Put Peace Through Service at the forefront of your ROTARY work this year and to commit to a ROTARY goal of a more peaceful world!

Our club contributed \$500 to the Early Edition Club for next year's fireworks display.

Have you sent in your dues? There are a number of dues that have not yet been paid. We now have close to \$15,000 on the books. Please send in your dues ASAP. Remember, our club now accepts credit cards.

AROUND TOWN

ROTARIAN Keith Hiller reminds you that the 4th annual Minnesota Night to Unite celebration will be held on Tuesday, August 7 in Owatonna. The Owatonna Police Department encourages you to participate in this great celebration of community, crime prevention and strong police/community partnerships. A strong community makes for a safe community. Celebrating Minnesota Night to Unite with the Owatonna Police Department and your neighbors is a positive way to build and nurture our community by starting quite literally in your own front yard! Have a neighborhood party. Contact Pamela Roberts at 774-7200. Registration deadline is Tuesday, July 31.

CURTAIN RODS

On the first day, she sadly packed her belongings. On the second day, she had the movers come and collect her things. On the third day, she sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining-room table, by candle-light, she put on some soft music, and feasted on a pound of shrimp, a jar of caviar and a bottle of spring water. When she'd finished, she went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten shrimps dipped in caviar into the hollow center of the curtain rods. She then cleaned up the kitchen and left. On the fourth day, the husband came back with his new girl friend and at first all was bliss. Then, slowly, the house began to smell. They tried everything...cleaning, mopping and airing out the place. Vents were checked for dead rodents, and carpets were steamed cleaned. Air fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which time the two had to move out for a few days, and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpet. Nothing worked! People stopped coming over to visit. Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit. Finally, they couldn't take the stench any longer and decided they had to move, but a month later, even though they'd cut their price in half, they couldn't find a buyer for such a stinky house. Word got out, and eventually even the local realtors refused to return their calls. Finally, unable to wait any longer for a purchaser, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place. Then the ex-wife called the man and asked how things were going. He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely and said that she missed her old home terribly and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for having the house. Knowing she could have no idea how bad the smell really was, he agreed on a price that was only 1/10th of what the house had been worth...but only if she would sign the papers that very day. She agreed, and within two hours his lawyers delivered the completed paper work. A week later the man and his girl friend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home...and to spite the ex-wife, they even took the curtain rods!

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