

O-PinionOwatonna, Minnesota

ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

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

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Austin	Mondays	Noon	Holiday Inn
Janesville	Thursdays	Noon	Purple Goose Eatery
Owatonna Early Edition	Wednesdays	7 AM	Owatonna Fire Hall
Rochester Risers	Tuesdays	7 AM	Hilton Garden Inn
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Mariott

Winona Westfield Golf Club Wednesdays Noon Northfield Thursdays 12:15 United Methodist Ch. Great Rochester Wednesdays 12:10 Double Tree Hotel Rochester Thursdays 11:30 Holiday Inn Waseca Thursdays Noon Miller/Armstrong Wednesdays Wedgewood Cove Albert Lea Noon

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 15: Camp Ryla attendees

May 22: Margaret Sager, returning outbound from Brazil

May 29: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 5: Leticia farewell

June 12: Wenger Band Festival: Kim Cosens, Abigail Hansen, Minnesota Distinguished Young Woman of Year

June 19: Amy Rogganbuck: Community Services Director, Steele County

June 26: Kelly Schuller, President of Viracon plus new officer inductions

July 3: No meeting

July 10: Nancy Ness, Director, Steele County Food Shelf

July 17: Becca Sattler, returning outbound student from Columbia

July 24: Amanda Pederson, Breath of Hope Lung Foundation

July 31: Chase Smith, returning Outbound student from Japan

August 7: Preview of 2017 Steele County Free Fair: Jim Gleason

August 14: Ian Rubish, returning Outbound student from Norway

August 21: Ellen Haydon, Habitat for Humanity

August 28: Andrea Gaffke, "Safe & Sober in Schools"

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, June 12, 2017 Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: ROTARIAN Kim Cosens will preview the upcoming Wenger Marching Band Festival. We will also hear from the 2017 Minnesota Distinguished Young Woman, Abigail Hansen of Owatonna.

BIRTHDAYS: Kirby Knutson, June 11, Jerry Kopel, June 12 **IN-BOUND STUDENTS:** Jeff, South Africa, Leticia, Brasil

ROTARY NOTES

Thanks to ROTARIAN Katy Kreutter and the Owatonna Bus Company for supplying transportation all this past school year for our Student ROTARIANS!

Thanks to ROTARIAN Kim Cosens for providing piano accompaniment for our singing all during the ROTARY year. Thanks to ROTARIAN John Muellerleile for directing us.

Through ROTARY we can do so many things. We can make things better, not only for our own children but for all children. We have the opportunity to care for and lift up those who need us the most...whether they are in our own community or on the other side of the world!

For over 100 years, ROTARY members have been changing lives and improving communities all over the world. Celebrate the ROTARY FOUNDATION'S centennial year by making a contribution today and together, we can do good for 100 more. As Arch C. Klumph, founder of the ROTARY FOUNDATION said, "We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others."

The Owatonna High School Marching Band will be traveling to California this summer late this month. They will participate in the Pacific Palisades Parade and the Huntington Beach July 4 parade.

"Movies in the Park" will open in Central Park this Friday. This month's movie is "Trolls". Movies begin at sunset.

Bring the kids or grandkids to "Breakfast on the Farm" this Saturday at the Kasper Dairy Farm. The event is sponsored by the Steele County ADA (American Dairy Association). There will be free bus transportation to the farm from the fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

ROTARIAN Lois Nelson invites you to Medford Straight River Days this weekend. The Miss Medford Pageant is Thursday night and a city-wide parade is Friday night at 7:00. All weekend there will be activities for the entire family in Medford.

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time, I ran out of worms. Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth. Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog and put it in my bait basket. Now, the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back and it went limp. I released the snake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog. Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake with two more frogs! Life is good!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!