

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

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 and Lisa Havelka, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce/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, June 25, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: The "State of the City" will be our subject today with ROTARIANS Mayor Tom Kuntz and City Administrator Kris Busse.

BIRTHDAYS: Judy Plemel, June 25, Anne Lamb, June 27

ROTARY NOTES

The graduation reception for exchange student Johan will be held this Sunday, July 1, at 2:00 p.m. at the Owatonna Country Club. All ROTARIANS are invited and welcome!

The next RI Convention is scheduled for Lisbon, Portugal, June 23-26, 2013.

A half of a candy bar might not seem like a big deal. But consider a child who needs the polio vaccine. Just think: For the same price, you can save that child from polio through the ROTARY FOUNDATION. And, to you, it's no big deal. It's a BETTER deal!

ROTARIAN Mike Jensen is still looking for additional volunteers to man the food booth in the upcoming Historical Society Extravaganza on July 8. Contact Mike if you can help. Shifts start at 11:00 a.m. and run until 5:00 p.m....three different time slots at two hours each.

AROUND TOWN

Four former OHS athletes and one coach will be inducted into this year's OHS Athletic Hall of Fame. They are Craig Hartwig (Class of 1970), Mark Kristo (Class of 1972), Leilani Granowski O'Connor (Class of 1980) and OHS coach Tom Byrne. They will be inducted on September 7. There will be a short program in the afternoon at the high school small group forum and the five will be introduced during half time of that night's football game with Albert Lea.

The Steele County Free Fair invites you to the "Barn Bash" this Friday and Saturday on the Steele County Fairgrounds. Lots of great music outside and in the beer garden, beginning at 11 a.m. both days. There will be fair concessionaires on hand for a preview of fair food. A classic car, truck and tractor "cruise-in" will be held on Saturday.

BICYCLE NOTES

*From 2000 to 2009, the number of commuters who biked to work in the U.S. increased by 57%. One in every 200 U.S. commuters travels by bicycle.

The U.S. state with the highest percentage of commuters on bicycles is Oregon (2.1 percent) and the city with the highest percentage is Portland (5.5 percent). Bicyclists account for 1.8 percent of traffic fatalities in the United States.

China is the leading country for bicycle production, manufacturing 72 percent of all bikes. India, with 10 percent is a distant second.

If Sheila, Candy and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Sheila, Candy and Sarah. If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!