



O-Pinion

Owatonna, 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

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	Wedgewood Cove
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Marriott				

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

July 3: No meeting

July 10: Nancy Ness, Director, Steele County Food Shelf and new officer inductions

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"

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Monday, June 26, 2017

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Kelly Schuller, President of Viracon.

BIRTHDAYS: Judy Plemel, June 25

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Jeff, South Africa

ROTARY NOTES

The new ROTARY INTERNATIONAL President is Ian H.S. Riseley from Sandringham, Australia. President-Elect is Sam F. Owori of Kampala, Uganda. The slogan for the new year is "ROTARY, MAKING A DIFFERENCE".

President Ian H.S. Riseley writes, "Eradicating polio is the ultimate in sustainable service. It is an investment that will yield not just a long-lasting but a *permanent* benefit, on a global scale. It is and must remain our Number 1 priority until the job is done." For 112 years, ROTARY has made a difference to more lives, in more ways, than we can ever count or will ever know. Today, each of us bears a torch, its flame lit by Paul Harris, that has been passed forward from generation to generation, in ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

Did you know? Through social worker and counseling staff at Owatonna High School, it is known that there are 28 current students that could be classified as not having permanent or secure housing. At the junior high, this number is 21.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna is addressing this problem. As Trinity Pastor, ROTARIAN Todd Buegler writes, "My heart sinks when I hear numbers like this....that there are young people who lack even the security of a place to stay, and aren't certain of where their next meal might come from." In response to teen homelessness, Trinity has opened the Husky Pantry, which already serves families from Wilson Elementary. The Husky Pantry has opened in the Trinity downstairs kitchen to serve these 28 high school young people and their families as a starting point. There will be regular hours where these high schoolers, identified by the high school social worker, can come to Trinity, be welcomed, and can select from shelves in the kitchen, food for themselves and/or their family to get them through the next few days. Pastor Todd says that one teen showed up the first week. "We are expecting that it will take some time for the Husky Pantry to become known to these kids, but it is now available for these young people over the summer."

How much fish do you eat a week? In one large study, having at least one fish meal a week was associated with a 60 percent reduction in the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. Other studies have found that eating fish slashes your chance of dying from heart disease by about a third.

So anyway: A group of golfing buddies, all in their 40's discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters because it wasn't far from the course, the waitresses were young, good looking, and wore short-shorts. Ten years later, at age 50, the golfing buddies once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters because the food and service was good, they had many TV's to watch the games on, and the beer selection was excellent. Ten years later, at age 60, the gang again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters because there was plenty of parking, they could dine in peace, and it was good value for the money. Ten years later, age age 70, they discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible, and had a toilet for the disabled. Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters because they had never been there before!

REMEMBER: NO MEETING NEXT WEEK, JULY 3.