



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	12:15	Northfield Golf Club
Owatonna Early Edition	Wednesdays	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				
Mankato	Wednesdays	12:10	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

May 26	NO MEETING...MEMORIAL DAY
June 2	In-Bound Exchange Student Adish Hirve
June 9	Mike Schultz, CEO/Administrator, KODA Living Community
June 16	Dr. Steve Kubas, Owatonna Hospital Sleep Center
June 23	Nigel Watson, Camp Pillsbury
June 30	Business Meeting
July 7	Bill Donovan, Exec. Dir, Allina Hospice
July 14	Thor Thanormthin, Exchange Student from Thailand
July 21	Pat Heydon, Exec. Dir, Habitat for Humanity
July 28	Business Mtg, plus Dr. Brian Bunkers, David Berg, Mayo Health System
August 4	Miranda Schimek: Outbound returnee from Colombia
August 11	Lonna Lysne, RFE to Argentina
August 18	Holly Jorgensen, RDH: "Let's Smile, Inc."
August 25	Business Meeting
September 1	NO MEETING...LABOR DAY
September 8	Open
September 15	Open
September 22	United Way Campaign
September 29	Business Meeting

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, June 9, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Mike Schultz, CEO/Administrator, KODA LIVING COMMUNITY.

BIRTHDAYS: David Allard, June 8, Mike Brown, June 9, Kirby Knutson, June 11, Doug Belmore, June 13.

IN BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Tlotlo Lestedi, South Africa, Thor Thanormthin, Thailand, Adish Hirve, India.

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Jen Dunn Foster is looking for Counselors and Host Families for our three in-bound students coming for the 2014-15 school year. We will host a boy from Brazil, a girl from Japan and a girl from France. Three host families for each student to cover their year here are needed. The first family hosts from fair week to after Thanksgiving, the second family will host until about spring break and the third family until the departure. Counselors need to be ROTARIANS and the same gender as the student if not part of a team. Counselors can be one person or a husband-wife team (one of which is a ROTARIAN). The Counselor is the student's advocate providing a "safe place" to talk to throughout the year.

ROTARIAN Charley Herrmann will be the principal speaker at the Elks Lodge Flag Day ceremony this Saturday, June 14. The public is invited to the program which will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the lodge room. Preceding the program there will be a spaghetti dinner for \$6.00. All veterans will eat free. Reservations appreciated by calling the Elks by this Thursday, June 12...451-1395. The day observes the adopting of the U.S. Flag in 1777.

Owatonna ROTARIAN Dr. John Schoen passed away a week ago at age 95. He served as President of the Owatonna ROTARY club in 1955-'56.

Aren't we lucky! We are gathering on the day that Donald Duck debuted in 1934 in a short film by Walt Disney, an honorary member of the ROTARY Club of Palm Springs, Calif.

Got an idea for a theme slogan for the 2015 Steele County Free Fair. The fair board is seeking suggestions for the 2015 theme. If you have a suggestion, get it to the fair office. E-mail address is steelecountyfreefair@scff.org.

A ROTARY FACT

ROTARY is doing good in the world. Haiti has the highest infant and maternal mortality rates in the Western Hemisphere. To help prenatal care providers reach remote areas of the country, the ROTARY FOUNDATION provided a fully equipped medical jeep that can carry 11 volunteers. Now, women everywhere are getting the care they need. Your contributions to the Annual Fund help the ROTARY FOUNDATION improve maternal and child health worldwide.

Did you know? Through the years, ROTARY has become involved in many community projects, but perhaps one of the most remembered is the Christmas program which was held each year for the children at the State School. It included reindeer and Santa Claus who all came to Owatonna via the Rock Island Line.

So anyway: Lars was walking by the cemetery when he noticed Ole kneeling at a grave. Ole seemed to be praying with profound intensity and kept repeating, "Vhy did ya have to die? Vhy did ya have to die?" Lars approached him and said, "Ole, I don't vish to interfere with your grief, but this demonstration of pain is more than I've ever seen before. Who do you mourn so deeply? A child? A parent?" Ole took a moment to collect himself, then replied, "Lena's first husband."