

Rotary



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	Old Main Village				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

Mar 10	Laura Ressler, Steele County Historical Society
Mar. 17	T.C. Carlyle, OHS Athletic Trainer
Mar. 24	Megan Proft, Executive Director, Owatonna Arts Center
March 31	Business Meeting/Presentation by Tlotlo Lesetedi, In-Bound student
April 7	Dr. Atewologun, President, Riverland Community College
April 14	Scott Golberg, Steele County Environmental Services: "Radon"
April 21	Dr. Brian Bunkers and David Berg, Owatonna Clinic Update
April 28	Business Meeting/State of City Report: Mayor Tom Kuntz, Kris Busse
May 5	Recognition of STRIVE students
May 12	National Honor Society: Speaker Jeff Williams
May 19	Camp RYLA students plus farewells from Outbounds
May 26	NO MEETING...MEMORIAL DAY
June 2	In-Bound Exchange Student Adish Hirve
June 9	Open
June 16	Open
June 23	Open
June 30	Business Meeting

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Monday, March 10, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Laura Ressler, Director of the Steele County Historical Society History Center.

BIRTHDAYS: Pat McDermott, March 11, Tom Effertz, Mar. 15, Jennifer Libby, March 16

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Jeffrey Johnson, Carter McCauley, Brian Wunderlich and Alex Liebl

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Thor Thanormthin, Thailand, Adish Hirbe, India, Tlotlo Lestedi, South Africa

ROTARY NOTES

The first Veteran's Roundtable will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. This program is sponsored by the History Center and will feature veterans telling of their service in the armed forces. Tomorrow's speaker will be Elmer Lamont who served on LST #611 in WW II. The public is invited...admission is free.

Running Wealth Management Group and the Minnesota Twins invites you to a 2014 Minnesota Twins preview, hosted by John Gordon, retired Twins broadcaster. The program will be held on March 19 at 11:30 a.m. here at the Owatonna Country Club. The guest speaker will be Dave St. Peter, President of the Minnesota Twins. Seating is limited. RSVP to Running Wealth Management Group at 952-843-4944.

You are invited to a BBQ rib dinner this Saturday, March 15, to be held at Hy-Vee in Owatonna. Proceeds will benefit the "Build the Barn" project on the fairgrounds. Hours are 5:00-8:00 p.m. A BBQ rib dinner and the trimmings will be served for \$10.00. Kid's tickets for a two piece chicken strip dinner are \$4.00. Fair board members will also serving root beer floats for \$1.00. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

\$20.00 raffle tickets will also go on sale at this event. Drawing for prizes and cash will take place on the last day of the fair, Sunday, August 17 in Fair Square Park.

March is Women's History Month. "Girlfriends" magazine selected a group of "Phenomenal Women" to salute in their spring issue. Two women from Owatonna were included including Mary Walbran, attorney, and our own Melanie Nelson. Once a classroom educator, in 1997 Melanie decided to use her own life lessons to embark upon a new career, that of entrepreneur. Melanie founded "Learning Zone Express" based in Owatonna, a company that has since become a leading national producer of health and nutrition education materials and one of the fastest growing privately held companies in the United States.

It hasn't come easy. During her seven years in business, Melanie experienced a fire in her building that destroyed one office, floods that decimated another, and a technology meltdown that wiped out company records. With each disaster, she's stood strong and even transformed the fire destroyed office space into a public space, Pocket Park. She's donated murals in Owatonna to showcase Owatonna's historical sites.

Women began campaigning for suffrage...the right to vote...in the United States in the mid-1800's, in marches, rallies, speeches and appeals to the state legislature and congress. They were dismissed, ridiculed, derided and often abused for their efforts. In 1920, the passage and ratification of the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution, which granted women the right to vote, brought success to their long 75-year campaign to be accorded equal citizenship rights. (Minnesota Historical Society)

More Airline Humor

After a particularly rough landing during a thunderstorm in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted!"