

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	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	Noon	Marriott				

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### DATE

#### PROGRAM

February 11

Dr. Brian Bunkers, Owatonna Clinic Mayo Health System update

February 18

Karen Kasper "Farming Today"

February 25

Fast for Hope program: Bruce Boyce: MEET AT THE HISTORY CNTR.

March 4

Greg Zweber, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

March 11

Marlene Nelson: Homelessness in Owatonna

March 18

Mark Fritsch, Owatonna Power Plant Re-Purposing

March 25

Business Meeting/Classification talk

April 1

Joan Ward, Hospice Grief Counselor

April 8

Owatonna Foundation presentation

April 15

Kathy Stutesman, Street Girls Aid Project in Ghana

April 22

Open

April 29

Business Meeting/Czech GSE Team

May 6

STRIVE Student Recognition

May 13

OHS National Honor Society

May 20

Program by Exchange Student Livia Getzner/plus Camp RYLA report

May 27

No meeting...Memorial Day

June 3

Program by Exchange Student Yolanda Marin

June 10

Open

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Monday, March 11, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Homelessness in Owatonna...it's a bigger problem than you may think. Marlene Nelson, a Hospitality House board member will be our speaker.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Pat McDermott, March 11, Tom Effertz, March 15

**MARCH STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Jarrod Noubarth, Will Zimmerman, Connor Medvec, Kyle DuFrene

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Yolanda Marin, Spain, Livia Getzner, Austria

## **ROTARY NOTES**

Just a reminder of our cultural delegation trip to Nicaragua April 26 through May 5. The Fast for Hope steering committee has just returned from Nicaragua with exciting news and two special reasons to join this delegation:

1. As a result of 5960's presence in Nicaragua, a new ROTARY Club has been formed in Ciudad Sandino, which is a very poor, but vibrant community near Managua. The club has encountered certain class issues in Nicaragua in getting chartered by RI and the Cultural Delegation will be attending their Charter Night. There is no better way to show support for ROTARY and support for a club that deeply believes in "Service Above Self" than to be part of the delegation and to attend their Charter Night.
2. The community of El Corozo has accepted the District's invitation to be part of this initiative. We are beginning the process of assisting the community in identifying their specific needs and the solutions. The delegation will visit El Corozo and participate in the process **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 12.** To register, contact Jingle Mahan at [jingle@rotary5960.org](mailto:jingle@rotary5960.org).

## **Did you know?**

\*If caterpillars are placed in a circle, they will continuously follow each other around until death.

\*Several parts of Canada introduced a law that made "sorry" not a legal admission of guilt, because it's said so often.

Registration is now open for the 2013 District Conference on April 19 and 20 in St. Paul. Go to [www.rotary5960.org/registration](http://www.rotary5960.org/registration). You will need to enter the account name: "future". You will need to enter the password: your hands.

Paul Harris said it: "If it is to be the part of ROTARY to educate the individual, then in very truth it may be said that ROTARIANS shall be leaders of men." 1919 Convention in Salt Lake City.

You are invited to the Smoked Pork Chop dinner this Saturday at the Hy-Vee deli from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Proceeds go to the Steele County Free Fair barn fund. Tickets will be available at the door...\$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids 12 and under. Fair board members will be making Root Beer Floats for \$1.00.

A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerks called 911. Paramedics rushed him to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart by-pass surgery. He awakened to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clip board loaded with several forms. "How are you going to pay for your treatment? Do you have health insurance?" He replied, "No health insurance." The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?" He replied, "No money in the bank." Do you have a relative to help with the payments?" asked the irritated nun. "I have only a spinster sister, and she is a nun." The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God." The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."