

Rotary



O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

LIGHT UP ROTARY

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	Kahler Hotel
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill	Albert Lea	Wednesdays	Noon	Various Locations
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

February 16

Dr. Brad Thompson: Physical Medicine and Rehab.

February 23

Internal club meeting/Matt & Denise Tveite: Service on Mercy Ship

March 2

Literary Month: Owatonna Public Library

March 9

Human Trafficking: Sister Anne

March 16

Human Rights Commission: Pastor Cindy Halverson

March 23

Bob Showers... "The Twins at the old Met"

March 30

Internal club meeting

April 6

Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, President, Riverland Community College

April 13

United Way report: Tanya Paley, Dave Albrecht, Kim Schaufenbuel

April 20

Steele County Safe/Drug Free Coalition

April 27

Internal club meeting/John Klatt, Klatt Airshows

May 4

STRIVE graduation

May 11

OHS National Honor Society

May 18

Camp RYLA report/farewell from outbounds

May 25

No Meeting... Memorial Day

June 1

Kim Cosens: Wenger Band Festival/Aya farewell

June 8

Farewell: Joao and Cindy

June 15

Update on Camp Pillsbury/Vonda White

June 22

Jane Nyquist, Public Health Nursing

June 29

Induction of new officers

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 16, 2015

Editor; Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Pastor Cindy Halvorson who will speak on the mission of the Steele County Human Rights Commission.

BIRTHDAYS: Jennifer Libby, March 16

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Andrew Abbas, Kendra Cummins, Madeline Haberman, Kathryn DuFrene

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Joao Bueno, Brazil, Aya Murakumi, Japan, Cindy Delemare, France

ROTARIAN NOTES

Welcome to new members Jerry Kopel and Roger Wareheim!

An estimated 878 million people around the world...nearly half of them employed...live on less than \$1.25 per day. In India, ROTARY FOUNDATION alumna Hanna Warren is helping impoverished women weavers gain access to training, materials, and international markets..enabling them to earn a living wage. "There is n way I could be doing this work were it not for my scholarship," Warren says. "ROTARY scholarships are not a one-time donation; they are an investment in goodwill." Your contributions to the Annual Fund help the ROTARY FOUNDATION and its partners create sustainable solutions to end the cycle of poverty.

The next RI President is the first on record to come from Sri Lanka. K.R. Ravindran. He has selected the theme for the new year which is "Be a Gift to the World". He has indicated that in his view, eradicating polio remains our No. 1 goal. "Every member needs to keep their eyes focused on that."

A St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held at the Elks Club in Owatonna tomorrow evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Hospice Patient Care Fund. Featured will be an authentic Irish Menu of Corned Beef and Cabbage.

A Belgian Waffle brunch sponsored by the Kiwanis Club will be held this Sunday from 8:00 to noon at the VFW Club. Proceeds will benefit student scholarships and other local community needs.

ROTARIANS are invited to the History Center this Thursday at 7 p.m. for the first of a series of roundtable discussions featuring local Vietnam War veterans. The roundtable is being presented as part of the Vietnam exhibit that is currently on display in the History Center.

The History Center will also host the Gopher State Archeological Society and the largest annual artifacts show in the region this coming Saturday. The event is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offers an opportunity to see many of the region's largest and most complete private collections.

A bit of ROTARY history: Do you know what year ROTARY INTERNATIONAL voted to extend membership to women? It was 1980. Owatonna inducted its first women members in 1987 including Betsy Lindgren and Sabra Otteson, who are still members today. Sabra was the first, and up to this point, only, third generation family member to become a ROTARIAN in the Owatonna Club. Her grandfather, E.K. Whiting, was a charter member of the club. Her father, Bill Whiting, is still a member of our club.

A bit of Irish humor: An Irish priest, driving down to New York gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"