

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	Tuesdays	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	North Mankato	Fridays	Noon	Best Western Hotel
Mankato	Wednesdays	Noon	Old Main Village				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Date

March 12

March 19

March 26

April 2

April 9

April 16

April 23

April 30

May 7

May 14

May 23

May 28

June 4

June 11

Program

Craig Wahl: Visiting Angels Elder Services: AT HISTORY CENTER

Tanya Paley: Safe and Drug Free Coalition: MEET AT HISTORY CENTER.

Meet the 5th District County Commissioner Candidates (LUNCH; 11:30)

Beth Kallestad, Cannon River Watershed Partnership

Jacob Forster and Alex Anderson: "From a Student's Perspective"

Christy Tryhus: Simply Balanced Coaching and Training

STRIVE Students

Business Meeting/Camp RYLA student presentation

Kim Cosens: 2012 Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival

National Honor Society

Evening: ROTARY 90TH Anniversary Party

Memorial Day: No meeting

Exchange Student Carla Presentation

Exchange Student Johan Presentation

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 19, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our own member Tanya Paley, Director of the Safe and Drug Free Coalition, will be speaking.

BIRTHDAYS: Terry Schneider, Mar. 22, Melanie Nelson, Mar. 23

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Alyssa Holcomb, Kayla Docken, Audrey Sexter, Brianne Bernard

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Carla de Oliveira Silva, Brazil, Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark

ROTARY NOTES

MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH ON THE ROTARY CALENDAR.

This past Wednesday, NBC's "Rock Center with Brian Williams" presented a story about exchange student sexual abuse in the United States. The U.S. Department of State has assured us that ROTARY was not one of the programs of concern.

ROTARY and all members of the exchange committee including local exchange officers take their role very seriously when it comes to caring for exchange students. We bring them into our community and watch over them closely and are available to help at any time day or night because we live in the same community as the inbound students.

Unlike ROTARY, other organizations that host J-1 Visa students are allowed to have placement coordinators that live far from inbound students. In fact, the Department of State allows inbound students to live up to 120 miles away from their coordinator. No wonder some students have felt alone...it's because they have been alone.

ROTARIANS are in favor of strict guidelines with exchange students, even if it means that additional volunteers are needed to carry them through.

This feature last week casted exchange programs in a potentially negative light. You should be aware of ROTARY'S position on exchange students in case you are asked about it from friends and neighbors.

A health tip from Dr. Oz: Managing two simple numbers can drastically reduce your risk for heart disease and diabetes. Get your blood pressure down to 115/70 and strive for a waist size that equals half your height.

Question: Will you include the ROTARY FOUNDATION in your estate plans to forever be a part of ROTARY'S Legacy of doing good in the world? Receive a special invitation to join the Bequest Society by contacting 847-866-3100 or plannedgiving@rotary.org.

The Brooktree Municipal Golf Course opened this past Friday. This is the earliest date that the course has ever opened. The former earliest date was March 23, 2000. The Country Club will be opening soon.

Pete McEnaney, son of ROTARIAN Dr. Jim McEnaney is taking his Eagle River, Alaska Pee Wee hockey team to the National Tier II Pee AA tournament in Reston Virginia. The tournament is being held March 28-April 1.

Senior Bumper Stickers

*I'm retired...I was tired yesterday and I'm tired again today.

*When I was younger, all I wanted was a BMW. Now I don't care about the W.

*I was always taught to respect my elders. Now I don't have anyone to respect.

*I asked my wife if old men wear boxers or briefs. She said, DEPENDS.

*Senior Campbells new large type alphabet soup.

*I'm so old that whenever I eat out, they ask me to pay up front!

BACK AT THE COUNTRY CLUB FOR NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.