

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

Program

March 12

Craig Wahl: Visiting Angels Elder Services: AT HISTORY CENTER

March 19

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

March 26

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

April 2

Beth Kallestad, Cannon River Watershed Partnership

April 9

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

April 16

Christy Tryhus: Simply Balanced Coaching and Training

April 23

STRIVE Students

April 30

Business Meeting/Camp RYLA student presentation

May 7

Kim Cosens: 2012 Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival

May 14

National Honor Society

May 23

Evening: ROTARY 90TH Anniversary Party

May 28

Memorial Day: No meeting

June 4

Exchange Student Carla Presentation

June 11

Exchange Student Johan Presentation

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 26, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear a question-answer session with the two candidates for District 5 County Commissioner. Welcome to Doug Hughes and Nina Huntington.

BIRTHDAYS: Sorry, none this week

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last week for Alyssa Holcomb, Kayla Docken, Audrey Sexter and Brianne Bernard

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

APRIL EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Sydney Jourdan, Larissa Voss, Mariah Howe, Alison VanPutten

INVOCATION LEADER FOR APRIL: Kirby Knutson

GREETERS FOR APRIL: Doug Parr, Stephanie Olson, Susie Hoopes

ROTARY NOTES

Recently on NBC, "Rock Center with Brian Williams" presented a story about exchange students sexual 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 it if means that additional volunteers are needed to carry them through.

The NBC feature put 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.

From the Owatonna Police Department comes a listing of the top 10 stolen vehicles in Minnesota in 2010 as determined by the National Insurance Crime Bureau: 1) 1994 Honda Accord; 2) 1995 Honda Civic; 3) 1994 full-size Chevrolet pickup; 4) 1999 Toyota Camry; 5) 1995 Acura Integra; 6) 2000 Dodge Caravan, 7) 1995 Saturn SI; 8) 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass/Supreme/Ciera; 9) 2002 Ford Explorer; 10) 1993 Toyota Corolla. Criminals do favor certain makes and models. Thieves target a wide range of popular passenger vehicles, often seeking parts from older models to sell on the black market, or the entire vehicle for scrap metal or cash.

Some ROTARY history

In June of 1992, ROTARIAN Joe Shea shot a record 35 on the back nine of the Country Club which was par. Witnesses were ROTARIANS Jim Dombrosky and Jerry Deetz.

Speaking of Deetz...Jerry threw out the first ball of the Minnesota Twins game on July 14, 1992. That day was known as UNICAL DAY and Deetz was the Brand Chairman for the Marketers Association of UNICAL in Minnesota and South Dakota.

Remember the Burma Shave signs you used to see along the two lanes roads? We had some on old highway 65, now county road 45 outside Owatonna. Signs like: *Brother speeder, let's rehearse. All together: Good morning nurse: BURMA SHAVE; *Cautious rider to her reckless dear: Less have less bull and a little more steer! BURMA SHAVE; *The midnight ride of Paul for beer led to a warmer hemisphere. BURMA SHAVE; Around the curve, lickety-split. Beautiful car, wasn't it? BURMA SHAVE.