

# 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

February 23

March 2

March 9

March 16

March 23

March 30

April 6

April 13

April 20

April 27

May 4

May 11

May 18

May 25

June 1

June 8

June 15

June 22

June 29

Dr. Brad Thompson: Physical Medicine and Rehab.

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

Literary Month: Owatonna Public Library

Human Trafficking: Sister Anne

Human Rights Commission: Pastor Cindy Halverson

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

Internal club meeting

Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, President, Riverland Community College

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

Steele County Safe/Drug Free Coalition

Internal club meeting/John Klatt, Klatt Airshows

STRIVE graduation

OHS National Honor Society

Camp RYLA report/farewell from outbounds

No Meeting... Memorial Day

Kim Cosens: What's behind the Wenger Marching Band Festival/

Jane Nyquist, Public Health Nursing

Update on Camp Pillsbury/Vonda White

Open

Induction of new officers

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 2, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** March is Literary Month on the ROTARY calendar. This week, Owatonna Public Library Director Mary Kay Feltes will present several fellow citizens who will make short presentations on the subject of Literacy. Presenters include Edna Ringhofer: "Books to Go" through Healthy Seniors; Tanya Paley: Dolly Parton Imagination Library; Jeffrey Jackson, Poetry in his life; Renee Lowery, Electronic Books; Tom Sager, ROTARY Dictionary Project; OHS student Lupe Dutierrez, photography; Russ Dun Foster, President of the Library Board; Kris Busse, Importance of the library in our town; Shane Sattler, Smart Talk.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Ryan Gillespie, March 2, Dr. Jim McEnaney, March 3, Ibrahim Almugaiteeb, March 6

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Andrew Abbas, Kendra Cummins, Madeline Haberman and Kathryn DuFrene

**In-Bound Exchange Students:** Joao Bueno, Brazil, Aya Murakumi, Japan, Cindy Delemare, France

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

The Owatonna Business Women will hold its annual scholarship fundraiser this coming Friday, March 6 at the Steele County History Center. ROTARIAN Ann Miller is one of the nominees for the Woman of Achievement honor. Kim Ramsey, wife of ROTARIAN Dave Ramsey and Bonnie Krueger, wife of ROTARIAN Greg Krueger are also nominees. The other two nominees are Annette Frank and MaryAnn Higgins. Tickets for the event are available at Tri-M Graphics, Perfect Day Cakes & Bakery or by calling Theresa Anderson at 475-0967.

Your Board of Directors approved sending \$1,000 to the OHS Robotics team for expenses. Anyone wishing to donate individually can make checks to ISD #761 Robotics Team and sent to Val Rose at Owatonna High School.

Several of you have asked for an update on ROTARIAN Dr. Jim McEnaney: Brian McEnaney, Dr. Jim's son, tells me that they are on top of a waiting list at a memory care unit in Minnetonka which is near his daughter, Kathy. As soon as there is an opening they will be moving him to that facility. Brian says that one cannot converse with him anymore because he cannot put his thoughts into a sentence.

The Owatonna Commercial Historic District, roughly bounded by North Cedar, West and East Broadway, West Bridge and West Main was recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The district was listed in the National Register as a distinct example of a downtown business district that served as the commercial center of the county and region. The historic district consists of 12 city blocks, including Central Park which is the focal point of the district. The park is fronted by three properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places including the National Farmers' Bank on the north, the Steele County courthouse on the southeast and the City and Firemen's Hall on the south. The district consists of 91 properties, including 75 contributing buildings, one contributing park, 13 non-contributing buildings and two non-contributing sites. The contributing buildings range in date from 1876 to the late 1950's and reflect three significant building periods: the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century; the first three decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the period from 1930 to the late 1950's.

A man decides to join the circus. He shows up to demonstrate his skills to Morris, the circus impresario. "I have a most unusual act," he announces. He proceeds to climb a tall tower and jumps. He flaps his arms wildly, and finally his fall slows. He soars forward, then swoops upward, turns and swoops back again. Finally he stops in mid air and gently lowers himself to the ground landing softly on the toe of one foot. Morris stares blankly at him for a long time. Finally, he says, "Is that all you've got? Bird imitations?"