

Rotary



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	12:15	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	12:10	Old Main Village				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

April 7	Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, President, Riverland Community College
April 14	Scott Golberg, Steele County Environmental Services: "Radon"
April 21	Lesa Anderson, Nurse Administrator, Owatonna Clinic
April 28	Business Meeting/State of City Report: Mayor Tom Kuntz, Kris Busse
May 5	Recognition of STRIVE students
May 12	National Honor Society: Speaker Jeff Williams
May 19	Camp RYLA students plus farewells from Outbounds
May 26	NO MEETING...MEMORIAL DAY
June 2	In-Bound Exchange Student Adish Hirve
June 9	Mike Schultz, CEO/Administrator, KODA Living Community
June 16	Dr. Steve Kubas, Owatonna Hospital Sleep Center
June 23	Holly Jorgensen, Let's Smile Inc.
June 30	Business Meeting
July 7	Bill Donovan, Exec. Dir., Allina Hospice Program
July 14	Thor Thanormthin, Exchange Student from Thailand
July 21	Pat Heydon, Exec. Dir, Habitat for Humanity
July 28	Dr. Brian Bunkers, David Berg: Mayo Health System, Owatonna
Aug 4	Open
Aug 11	Lonna Lysne, RFE to Argentina

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 31, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A busy day. Monthly business including farewell to March student ROTARIANS plus a presentation by Tlotlo Lestedi plus ROTARIANS Stephanie Olson and Kris Busse will address club visioning.

BIRTHDAYS: Bill Kottke, April 2, Sam Woods, April 5, Loren Olson, April 6

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Bria Wunderlich, Jeffrey Johnson, Carter McCauley, and Alex Liebl

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Tlotlo Lestedi, South Africa, Thor Thanormthin, Thailand, Adish Hirbe, India

APRIL STUDENT ROTARIANS: Madison Eggermont, Luke Owens, Kyndal Cox, Kalley Schwab

APRIL GREETERS: Mark Fritsch, Jenine Kozirolek

APRIL INVOCATIONS: Loren Olson

ROTARY NOTES

*The Board of Directors has voted to support the "Imagination Library", launched by country music star Dolly Parton and the Dollywood Foundation. The board approved allocating the total cost of the first year which amounts to \$6,500. Through this program, every child in Steele County, regardless of language, cultural or economic differences will develop a healthy love of reading, have a proficient vocabulary, and begin school with the early literacy skills that are important for academic success.

*In a multi-community study of the program, three important conclusions emerged: Between 66% and 75% of families reported that they read more frequently to their children after receiving the Imagination Library; the lower the family's income the greater the impact on frequency. For 34% of the families, the Imagination Library was the primary source of books in the home.

*All Steele County children will enter school with shared experiences by having read the same books as their peers. This will ease the transition to school and allow teachers to leverage these shared experiences.

*Over time, as more children graduate from the Steele County Imagination Library program, the school and workplace achievement gap will be dramatically reduced.

The Role of ROTARY: The Owatonna ROTARY Club will make an annual club contribution to support the costs of the program. During National Literacy Month (March), ROTARIANS will be given a chance to make an individual contribution to sponsor a child.

COSTS: Cost of books is \$25.00 per year per Steele County child which includes 12 books plus monthly shipping directly to the child's address. The first year, the number of children is estimated at 261 reflecting a total cost of \$6,525 which the board has authorized the club to pay toward the start-up of the program. The board will address the amount of yearly contribution each year.

The Board of Directors felt that this is an excellent program that directly benefits Steele County children and enthusiastically endorsed our club's involvement. ROTARIAN Tanya Paley is coordinating the program.

So anyway: Sister Mary, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a gas station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her the only gas can he owned had been loaned out but she could wait until it was returned. The nun was on the way to see a patient and didn't want to wait. She walked back to her car and looked for something she could fill with gas. She spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, she carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gas, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, Ole and Sven watched from across the street. Ole turned to Sven and said, "I don't know about you, but if it starts, I'm turning Catholic!"