



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

Feb. 17	Mayor Tom Kuntz, Kris Busse “State of the City”
Feb. 24	Business Meeting/Fast for Hope Presentation
Mar. 3	Tim Boyer, 911 Call Center
Mar 10	Laura Ressler, Steele County Historical Society
Mar. 17	T.C. Carlyle, OHS Athletic Trainer
Mar. 24	Megan Proft, Executive Director, Owatonna Arts Center
March 31	Business Meeting/Presentation by Tlotlo Lesetedi, In-Bound student
April 7	Dr. Atewologun, President, Riverland Community College
April 14	Scott Golberg, Steele County Environmental Services: “Radon”
April 21	Dr. Brian Bunkers and David Berg, Owatonna Clinic Update
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	Open
June 16	Open
June 23	Open
June 30	Business Meeting

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 3, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Tim Boyer, Director of the 911 call center for Rice and Steele Counties

BIRTHDAYS: Jim McEnaney, March 3, Ibrahim Almugaiteeb, March 6

STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR MARCH: Welcome to Jeffrey Johnson, Carter McCauley, Brian Wunderlich and Alex Liebl

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

ROTARY NOTES

MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH ON THE ROTARY CALENDAR. PROMOTE READING SKILLS AND A LOVE OF BOOKS. VISIT OUR OWATONNA PUBLIC LIBRARY OFTEN! Country music star Dolly Parton said in March, 2010 ROTARIAN magazine: "I love everything about a book...the way it feels and the way it smells. My hope is that no child will ever have to grow up without books."

Dozens of U.S. libraries have drive-through windows, allowing patrons to borrow material without leaving their cars. Some community libraries let residents check out books from vending machines. The machines can hold up to 500 books.

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Lonna Lysne who was named by the Owatonna Business Women as the recipient of the 2014 "Pioneer Woman Award." The award is presented to a Steele County woman who by her perseverance and leadership carved significant footprints in the community and world at large. By doing so, she created positive role models for women coming after her.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME GOES INTO EFFECT THIS SUNDAY AT 2:00 A.M. TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT.

FROM RI PRESIDENT RON BURTON:

"We all know that millions of children all over the world cannot read. That's why we make basic education and literacy a priority in our ROTARY service. As we mark Literacy Month in ROTARY, we remind ourselves what a gift we are giving when we help a child to read...whether it's a child on the other side of the world, or right in our own hometown."

ROTARIAN Stan Groff has been appointed the Interim Public Health Nursing Department director in Steele County. He will assume the administration duties of Public Health Nursing. Stan was Director of Steele County Social Services for 25 years before retiring.

The 2014 RI Convention will be held in Sydney, Australia. Register by March 31 for a reduced rate. Go to www.riconvention.org.

Some airline humor

*On a Southwest flight, where there is no assigned seating, you just sit where you want. Passengers were having a hard time choosing when a flight attendant announced, "People, people...we're not picking out furniture here...find a seat and get in it!"

*On a Continental flight with a very 'senior' flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

*"There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane."

*"Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."