

# **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 Mariott				

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### **DATE**

February 16 Dr. Brad Thompson: Physical Medicine and Rehab.

February 23 Internal club meeting/Matt & Denise Tveite: Service on Mercy Ship

March 2 Literary Month: Owatonna Public Library

March 9 Human Trafficking: Sister Anne

March 16 Human Rights Commission: Pastor Cindy Halverson

March 23 Bob Showers..."The Twins at the old Met"

March 30 Internal club meeting

April 6 Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, President, Riverland Community College April 13 United Way report: Tanya Paley, Dave Albrecht, Kim Schaufenbuel

April 20 Steele County Safe/Drug Free Coalition

April 27 Internal club meeting/John Klatt, Klatt Airshows

May 4 STRIVE graduation

May 11 OHS National Honor Society

May 18 Camp RYLA report/farewell from outbounds

May 25 No Meeting...Memorial Day

June 1 Kim Cosens: Wenger Marching Band Fest./Farewell from Aya

June 8 Farewell from Joao and Cindy

June 15 Update on Camp Pillsbury/Vonda White June 22 Jane Nyquist, Public Health Nursing

June 29 Induction of new officers

### **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, March 9, 2015 Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Sister Anne Walch, Human Trafficking Awareness Educator and Sister Brianna McCarthy, Pastoral Counselor who will address Human Trafficking. Both are from Rochester.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Patrick McDermott, March 14

<u>STUDENT ROTARIANS:</u> Andrew Abbas, Kendra Cummins, Madeline Haberman and Kathryn Dufrane <u>IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:</u> Joao Bueno, Brazil, Aya Murakumi, Japan, Cindy Delemare, France

#### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From RI President Gary Huang: "What better way to celebrate the end of the 2014-2015 ROTARY year, and Light Up ROTARY with your friends, than to travel together to the 106<sup>th</sup> annual RI convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil. This is the biggest ROTARY party of the year. The convention will begin on Saturday, June 6 and after the opening ceremony there will be a traditional Brazilian Carnival party and a Samba School Parade. The party and parade will feature the bright colors, feathers and sequins of Carnival costumes as well as the sights and sounds of samba, the Afro-Brazilian music and dance and the delicious food and drinks of Sao Paulo.

In ROTARY, service and friendship go hand in hand. As you focus on the work of this ROTARY year, I ask you not to lose sight of the importance of international friendship and to register for the Sao Paulo convention now at <a href="https://www.riconvention.org">www.riconvention.org</a>. Pre-registration pricing ends on March 31.

The United States Army Field Band & Soldiers Chorus will be presenting a free concert on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the OHS auditorium. Tickets are free and are available at Kottke Jewelers, Owatonna Peoples Press and Tri M Graphics. The band and chorus are the musical ambassadors of the Army.

St. Patty's Day is just around the corner. A St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 17 at the Owatonna Elks Lodge featuring an authentic Irish Menu of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Baby Red Potatoes and dessert. Tickets are available in advance at the Elks Lodge and at Kottke Jewelers. \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Homestead Hospice House Patient Care Fund.

Enjoy a barbecue rib dinner and support the Steele County Free Fair! The fair and Hy-Vee are offering the barbecue ribs "Round-Up Supper" this Saturday from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Hy-Vee casual dining area. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available at the door.

Meanwhile you can "round up" your purchases at Hy-Vee this Wednesday through Saturday to also lend support of the fair. Example: If your purchase is \$35.25 at the cash register and you round up to \$36.00, that 75 cents will go to the SCFF building fund.

ROTARIAN Dave Albrecht reminds you of an open house event at the hospital tomorrow at the Penny George Institute for Health and Healing, the new integrative therapy outpatient clinic. Hours will be from 3:00-5:30 p.m. in the hospital's Vision Conference Room 1489. The new services that will be offered to the community range from acupuncture to medical massage therapy to aromatherapy and are designed to help patients achieve their health goals.

The next Veteran's Roundtable will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Owatonna. Speaker will be Ken Axelson of Wanamingo, who served as a medic attached to a landing brigade.

In a winter travel warning due to snowfall and bad roads, the following was advised. Anyone traveling should have a shovel, blankets or sleeping bag, extra clothing, 24 hours worth of food, de-icer, rock salt, flashlight with spare batteries, road flares, full gas tank/can, first aid kit, booster cables. Ole sez, "I looked like a danged idiot on the bus dis morning!"