

The

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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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
April 30	Business Meeting/Camp RYLA student presentation
May 7	Kim Cosens, Pete Guenther: Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival
May 14	National Honor Society: Jeff Williams, Speaker
May 23 (RSVP TODAY!)	90 th Birthday Celebration...Evening Meeting
May 28	No meeting...Memorial Day
June 4	Exchange Student Carla Presentation
June 11	Exchange Student Johan Presentation
June 18	Dave Marcoux, Bremer Foundation
June 25	New officer and Board Installation
July 2	Mayor Tom Kuntz, Kris Busse: State of the City
July 9	GSE Team from Turkey
July 16	Penny Vizina: Care of your eyes
July 23	Primary Election Candidates
July 30	Business Meeting
August 6	Preview: 2012 Steele County Free Fair: Jim Gleason
August 13	Bryan Rossi: Executive Director: Novation Education Opportunities

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, May 14, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A special ROTARY welcome to members of the Owatonna High School National Honor Society. We salute you today for your accomplishments and congratulate you. Speaking to the NHS members will be Jeff Williams who teaches science at OHS and is the football coach.

BIRTHDAYS: Mike Jensen, May 16, Ralph Carpenter, May 19

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Cooper Kruesel, Max Fraser, Dalton Homeier and Jordan Fogarty

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Carla from Brazil and Johan from Denmark

ROTARY NOTES

A reminder that next week there will be NO Monday meeting on 5/21/12. Instead, we will meet for our **90th Anniversary Celebration** at the Country Club on Wednesday the 23rd. **RSVP Required - \$25 per person.** Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Tom Thorfinnson. Tom is currently in the private practice of corporate and real estate law in Eden Prairie. He has been a ROTARIAN since 1980 and served as District Governor in 1996-1997. He and his wife, Jamie, are Level II Major Donors to the ROTARY FOUNDATION.

RSVP TODAY send an email to renee@owatonna.info & the Owatonna Rotary Club will invoice you (\$25 per person that you RSVP for) *or bring your RSVP card to this Monday's meeting.*

Don't forget the ROTARY Document Shredding Project to be held this coming Saturday, May 19, in the Cashwise parking lot...9:00-11:00 a.m.

You may be interested in how the National Honor Society members are selected. First, a list is obtained of all students in grades 11 and 12 with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. These students are contacted and asked to fill out the Student Activity Information Form which asks students to list co-curricular activities, leadership positions, community activities, recognitions or awards received. They must write an essay related to the National Honor Society. Students are also asked to obtain two recommendations...one from a person associated with OHS and one that is not associated with OHS. These forms and recommendations go to the faculty selection council which consists of eleven present staff members. This council is responsible for the final selection. Each faculty member must make a vote of in or out for each student based on all four NHS characteristics: academics, leadership, service to others and character. The final approval of each candidate for membership is by majority vote of this council. The list of selected and non-selected students is presented to the principal. Selected members are then inducted into the National Honor Society. Mike Stormo is the NHS advisor.

The installation of Joe Kovarik as District Governor for 2012-'13 will be held on June 19 at the Minnesota History Center from 5:00-8:00 p.m. "Together We'll Write History" is the theme for the evening. Tickets available until June 12 for \$35.00. After June 12, ticket price is \$45.00. If you want additional details, please contact Shelly Rucks from the St. Paul ROTARY Club at 651-259-3126.

ROTARIAN Stephanie Olson has accepted the position of Youth Service Director for our club.

NHS members: Enjoy your life because someday you will grow old, retire and live by the following:

*At my age, Happy Hour is a nap!

*Senility ain't bad. I wrap my own Christmas presents, I never watch reruns, I can hide my own Easter eggs and I get to meet new people every day.

*I went to the doctor and said, "Doc, I think I'm getting senile. Several times lately, I have forgotten to zip up." "That's not senility," replied the doc. "Senility is when you forget to zip down."