

# 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	Courtyard by Marriott				

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### DATE

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

July 14

Thor Thanormthin, Exchange Student from Thailand

July 21

Pat Heydon, Exec. Dir, Habitat for Humanity

July 28

Business Mtg, plus Dr. Brian Bunkers, David Berg, Mayo Health System

August 4

Miranda Schimek: Outbound returnee from Colombia

August 11

Lonna Lysne, RFE to Argentina

August 18

Holly Jorgensen, RDH: "Let's Smile, Inc.

August 25

Business Meeting

September 1

NO MEETING...LABOR DAY

September 8

Open

September 15

Open

September 22

United Way Campaign

September 29

Business Meeting

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, May 19, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** A busy day. We say farewell to our May students of the month, we induct some Paul Harris Fellows and we will get a quick introduction to our upcoming outbound students.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Shane Sattler, Ken Wilcox, Penny Vizina, May 22, Stephen Smith, May 23

**MAY STUDENTS:** Last day for Ty Sullivan, Cristian Ramirez, Bobbi Livengood and Maureen Gleason

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

### **ROTARY NOTES**

President Dave will be the officiating Chaplain for the Owatonna Memorial Day program at the Four Seasons Arena.

It was a boy, 8# 3 oz to ROTARIAN Tabby DeLeeuw on April 12. He joins a brother 13 and a sister 11.

For the past decade, ROTARY'S membership has lingered around 1.2 million. That means for every person who joined in the last 10 years, another person left. Today's numbers show ROTARY is not only stagnant but in decline in many areas. Our membership total as of July 1, 2013, was 1,185,000...the lowest figure in almost a decade. What is RI doing about it? There is a \$3 million effort to help clubs get and keep members. There are four pilot programs that 700 clubs around the globe are testing to keep current members engaged and to attract others.

We are fortunate that our membership continues to grow in our club.

Recent additions to our club membership include Matt May and Doug Belmore...welcome!

### **AROUND TOWN**

\*Did you know? At one time, Memorial Day exercises were always held outside. The first location was the band shell in Central Park. The second location was on the courthouse steps. Many years those attending dodged snowflakes on cold days. Rain also entered the picture and sometimes the exercises had to be canceled due to the weather.

\*The traditional soloist on Memorial Day in those early days was Henry Brown. Henry sang "God Bless America". He was raised at the Owatonna State School and at the time was the only black person living in Owatonna. He was well accepted in the community and was a Memorial Day tradition.

\*Berlyn Staska of Owatonna has played taps for Memorial Day for over 45 years, starting shortly after he returned home from the service.

OHS graduation is set for June 8 at the Four Seasons Arena. Did you know? At one time, graduation exercises were always held outdoors on the football field until the decision was made to continually hold them at the Four Seasons Arena. Custodial staff at the high school had to put chairs out on the field, with the thought that they might not be used if graduation was to be held inside due to weather. Four Seasons personnel had to put up chairs for all the grads even though, if the weather were good, they would never be used. Many senior classes opposed moving graduation indoors no matter what the weather, but the administration finally decided to make the move to the Four Seasons permanently.

Little Ole was playing little league baseball one day. All of a sudden the coach blew his whistle and called Little Ole over. "I'd like to explain some of the sportsmanship principals to you," said the coach. "We don't scream at the umpire, have temper tantrums, use bad language or pout when we lose. Do you understand that, Little Ole?" "Vell, ya, sure coach! Sure dew!" little Ole replied. "OK, that's good," said the coach. "Now do you think that you can explain that to your father sitting in the bleachers over there?"

REMEMBER: NO MEETING NEXT WEEK, MEMORIAL DAY!