

The

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	Noon	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	Noon	Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

March 25

Business Meeting/Cardinal Stritch University

April 1

Joan Ward, Hospice Grief Coordinator

April 8

Owatonna Foundation Presentation

April 15

Kathy Stutzman, Street Girls Aid Project in Ghana

April 22

Owatonna Police Dept. update

April 29

Business Meeting: Czech GSA Team/Induction of Paul Harris Fellows

May 6

STRIVE Student Recognition

May 13

OHS National Honor Society

May 20

Exchange Student Livia Getzner/Camp RYLA Report

May 27

No meeting...Memorial Day

June 3

Exchange Student Yolanda Marin/Kim Cosens: Preview of Band Festival

June 10

Melanie Nelson: EPES

June 17

Open

June 24

Business Meeting/Classification Talk: Doug Johnson

July 1

Open

July 8

Quentin Smith, Outbound Exchange Student

July 15

Ibrahim Almugateeb: Saudi Arabia

July 22

Open

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, May 6, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to our STRIVE graduates! We will be recognizing our STRIVE students and their Mentors at today's meeting.

BIRTHDAYS: Dan McIntosh, May 6, Syd Briggs, May 11

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to our May Student ROTARIANS...Brody Hudson, Daniel Heslep, Amy Blanchette and Megan Wencil

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Livia Getzner, Austria, Yolanda Marin, Spain

ROTARY NOTES

Mark your calendars! ROTARY document shredding project Saturday, May 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the northwest corner of Cashwise Foods parking lot. Service is free however a free will donation will be accepted to benefit the STRIVE program. ROTARIAN Earl Anderson in charge.

Announcing the 2013 fall "Fast for Hope" delegation to Nicaragua, September 14th thru September 23rd. If you have always wanted to be a part of a ROTARY delegation to a foreign country, but don't have the time to be part of a FSE team, this team could be the answer. The team will be led by Bev Driscoll of the Stillwater Club who has made multiple trips to Nicaragua and you will be guided by the experienced team, Escuela AKF. The delegation will be capped at approximately 12 so early application is encouraged. Application forms are available on the Fast for Hope link on the website.

District 5960 ROTARIANS, their spouses, significant others and friends are welcome to apply. You do not need to be able to speak Spanish, interpreters will be provided, although on a group basis, not an individual basis. Some knowledge of Spanish (i.e. useful phrases) would be beneficial in communicating with the people you meet.

So far, District 5960 has sent 13 delegations to Nicaragua. Not one delegate has visited Nicaragua who has not thought it was a life changing experience. If you are willing to risk stepping out of your comfort zone, be assured that you will be a changed person and your worldview expanded.

ROTARIANS know that an RI Convention will be a sociable experience, but those planning to travel to Lisbon for the 2013 convention, June 23-26, have even more reason to expect an amicable welcome. The travel website TripAdvisor has named Lisbon the friendliest city in Europe. It ranked as the third most hospitable city in the world...after Cancun, Mexico and Tokyo. Portugal's capital also led the rankings in the "best value for money" category and last year, Lisbon made the USA Today list of "10 surprisingly cheap European cities."

Paul Harris said it: "ROTARY'S success or failure in its efforts to popularize its ideals of service throughout the world will depend upon the thoughtfulness, the humbleness and purposefulness with which it goes about its task."

George Burns said it: "The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and to have the two as close together as possible."

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine!

Now that I'm older, I seem to have more patience. Turns out I just don't give a damn!