

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	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	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	Vicki Geetreft: RFE Taiwan
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 7, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: ROTARIAN Kim Cosens and OHS Band Director Pete Guenther will bring us up to date on the plans for this year's Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival, scheduled for June 16.

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Williams, May 6, Dan McIntosh, May 11, Lois Nelson, May 13

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

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

ROTARY NOTES

MAY IS 'END POLIO NOW' MONTH ON THE ROTARY CALENDAR

Mark May 19 on your calendar for the annual ROTARY Shredding Project to be held in the Cashwise parking lot from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

It's coming soon! A celebration of Owatonna ROTARY's 90th anniversary on May 23 at the Owatonna Country Club. You should have received an invitation in the mail. Please RSVP as soon as possible. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. Remember, no meeting on Monday, May 21.

Some ROTARY History:

*Through the years, ROTARY has become involved in many community projects, but perhaps one of the most remembered is the Christmas program which was held each year for the children of the State School. It included reindeer and Santa Clause who all came to Owatonna via the Rock Island Line.

*A Thanksgiving project was conducted for a number of years. ROTARIANS took turns taking a basket of food to an elderly woman, and after her death, it was discovered that she was worth better than one-half million dollars!

*At the 50th anniversary program of the ROTARY Club, Dr. A.J. Olson, a long-time ROTARY member spoke on the beginnings of the ROTARY and its history.

*1980 marked the year RI voted to extend membership to woman. Owatonna inducted its first women members in 1987 including Betsy Lindgren and Sabra Otteson. Sabra was the first third generation family member to become a ROTARIAN at the Owatonna Club. She remains that today. Her grandfather, E.K. Whiting was a charter member of the club

*In 1980, one of the ROTARY programs centered around mobile telephones. Sabra served as president of this club in 1993-1994. Her presidential term followed that of Sharon West.

*Up until the mid seventies, programs were assigned to individual ROTARIANS. There was a monthly chairman named and it was his responsibility to make sure there were programs for each meeting. The plan wasn't entirely successful and many times a meeting would be held and no program had been scheduled. That was when ROTARIAN Todd Hale took over the program scheduling which he continues to do today. It was initially an easy task because he met so many interesting people through his work at KRFO and they were booked as speakers. Programs are now booked weeks, if not months ahead.

*The Owatonna ROTARY club "welcome" message on I-35 exit as highway 14 is spelled out in a hedge that is made up of 150 individual shrubs. The message is approximately 25 by 100 feet and was made possible by the Owatonna ROTARY club which donated funds for installation of the living bill board

Puns from ROTARIAN Jen Dunn Foster:

*I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

*Jokes about German Sausage are the wurst.

*I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

*How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it!