

O-PinionOwatonna, Minnesota

ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

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

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Austin	Mondays	Noon	Holiday Inn
Janesville	Thursdays	Noon	Purple Goose Eatery
Owatonna Early Edition	Wednesdays	7 AM	Owatonna Fire Hall
Rochester Risers	Tuesdays	7 AM	Hilton Garden Inn
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Mariott

Winona Westfield Golf Club Wednesdays Noon Northfield Thursdays 12:15 United Methodist Ch. Great Rochester Wednesdays 12:10 Double Tree Hotel Rochester Thursdays 11:30 Holiday Inn Waseca Thursdays Noon Miller/Armstrong Wednesdays Wedgewood Cove Albert Lea Noon

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 13: Tim Grant: "Personal Happiness is a Prerequisite for a Successful Life

March 20: Leadership Owatonna March 27: OHS Robotics Team

March 31: Celebration of Club's 95th birthday...Jefts Hall, Pillsbury

April 3: No meeting

April 10: Lynn Betzold: Honoring Choices: End of Life Living

April 17: Malika and Taha Muhammed: "We Survived Iraq and Turkey: Long Road to Freedom"

April 24: Chuck Jamison, retiring director of Young Life in Owatonna.

May 1: STRIVE graduates

May 8: OHS National Honor Society

May 15: Camp Ryla attendees

May 22: Margaret Sager...returning outbound from Spain

May 29: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 5: Leticia farewell

June 12: Wenger Band Festival: Kim Cosens; Abigail Hansen, Minnesota Outstanding Young Woman of Year

June 19: Amy Rogganbuck: Community Services Director, Steele County

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, May 8, 2017 Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: This week the members of the 2016-2017 National Honor Society at Owatonna High School are our guests. Pins and certificates will be awarded and guest speaker is Mark Sebring, Chairman of the School Board.

BIRTHDAYS: Lois Nelson, May 13

MAY STUDENT ROTARIANS: Mark Kubista, Tommy Pfeifer, Herbert Rand, Elliott Rysavy

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Leticia (Brazil) and Jeffrey (South Africa)

ROTARY NOTES

Here is how members of the National Honor Society are selected:

- 1.A list is obtained of all students in grades 11 and 12 with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
- 2. 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, recognition or awards received and an essay on a topic that will be related to National Honor Society. Students will also be asked to obtain two recommendations on the forms provided, one from a person associated with OHS such as a teacher, coach, advisor and one that is not associated with OHS such as a church leader, employer, or person you have volunteered service to or with.
- 3. These forms go to the faculty selection council consisting of 11 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: academic, leadership, service to others and character. The final decision of approval of each candidate for members is by majority vote of this council.
- 4. The list of selected and non-selected students is presented to the principal. Selected members are then inducted into the National Honor Society.

FACTS FOR ROTARIANS AND HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS

Researchers in California have unraveled one of life's enduring mysteries: Why do shoelaces come undone? Here's the story: When running, the foot hits the ground at about seven times the force of gravity. The knot stretches and relaxes in response. As it loosens, swinging legs apply an inertial force on the free ends of the laces and pretty soon they are flopping around like overcooked spaghetti. To fix the problem, fix the knot. A weak knot will typically have one loop pointing toward the toes and one toward the ankle. A stronger knot typically has the loops oriented on opposite sides.

So anyway: When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But somehow I always had something else to take care of first...the truck, the car, playing golf. There was always something more important to me. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time, then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again, I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp!"

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK TO ALL THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS!