

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

Date

Program

October 22

County Board Candidates

October 29

Business meeting/Presentation by United Way

November 5

Chris Herzog: Rotary Foundation Month

November 12

Program by U. of M. Alumni

November 19

Peter Grant, Supt. of Public Schools

November 26

Business Meeting..Intro. of Exchange Students plus Camp Enterprise student.

December 3

Val Rose: OHS Options Program

December 10

Linda Christianson, Author and personal story about Polio

December 17

Holiday Show with Norrine Jensen

December 24

No meeting

December 31

No meeting

January 7

Dave Hietala, Academic Dean, Riverland

January 14

Alyssa Anderson: Steele County Pork Ambassador

January 21

Ibrahim Hussein: Somali American Cultural Society of Owatonna

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, November 12, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to the University of Minnesota Alumni. Speaker will be Stephen Lehmkuhle, University of Minnesota, Rochester.

BIRTHDAYS: Jen Dunn-Foster, Nov. 11, David Effertz, Nov. 14

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to November students including Rachel Malo, Andrew Malo, Katie Nosbush and Jacob Wareheim

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Yolanda Marin, Spain, Livia Getzner, Austria

ROTARY NOTES

November is Foundation Month on the ROTARY calendar. It is ROTARIAN Chris Herzog's goal to have 100% participation from club members to the ROTARY FOUNDATION. As he explained last week, you can become a member of a Foundation "Trio" along with two other ROTARIANS...(\$250 a year for three years) or you can just send your own individual contribution to the Foundation. Make checks out to the ROTARY FOUNDATION, and send them to Chris at 125 Landmark Dr. N.E..

A FOUNDATION THOUGHT: The annual "Programs Fund" is the primary source of unrestricted support for the FOUNDATION's programs in more than 160 countries. From digging clean water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given moment in a day, thousands of ROTARIANS volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that all contributions given to the Annual Programs Fund are spent wisely on quality ROTARY projects. Only if every ROTARIAN makes a gift to the Foundation every year will we be able to continue to do the great work of our ROTARY FOUNDATION.

ROTARIAN Bill Kottke has been given the honor of tripping the switch to turn on the Central Park holiday lights after the lighted downtown parade on November 29.

Question for bright people: In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle? (Answer below)

Thanks to ROTARIAN Kim Cosens for the great piano playing!

Here's one from Uncle Charlie Herrmann: "I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night, so I went to a shrink and told him I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy!" "Just put yourself in my hands for one year," said the shrink. "Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears." "How much do you charge?" "Eighty dollars per visit," replied the doctor. "I'll sleep on it," I said. Six months later the doctor met me on the street. "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" he asked. "Well, eighty bucks a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! A bartender cured me for \$10.00. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new pickup!" "Is that so. And how, may I ask did the bartender cure you?" "He told me to cut the legs off the bed! Ain't nobody under there now!!!" Moral: FORGET THE SHRINKS. HAVE A DRINK AND TALK TO A BARTENDER!

Answer to question for bright people: How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.

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