

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

November 14

University of Minnesota Alumni Association

November 21

Steven Resler, National Pork Board and Minn. Pork Producers

November 28

Business Meeting/Camp Enterprise Student

December 5

Melanie Nelson: EPES

December 12

Bill Donovan, Owatonna Area Hospice

December 19

Club Christmas Show with Patty Kark (wives/husbands/significant others invited)

December 26

NO MEETING

January 2

NO MEETING

January 9

Anita Pfiefer, Owatonna Postmaster

January 16

Barb Liebenstein, Midwest Dairy Association

January 23

Former Congressman Tim Penny: "What's Going on in Washington?"

January 30

Business Meeting

February 6

Open

February 13

Open

February 20

Open

**REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY**

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Monday, November 14, 2011

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** The University of Minnesota Alumni Association will present the program today. Welcome to Mary Kay Delvo and Dr. Gary Johnson, U of M Extension Professor of Urban and Community Forestry. Dr. Johnson's topic will be "Preparing Communities for Catastrophic Tree Loss".

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dave Effertz, Nov. 14,

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Lauren Numedahl, Clair Konold, Lauren Hoen and Anna Christensen

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Carla deOliveria Silva, Brazil, and Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark.

## **FROM RI PRESIDENT KALYAN BANERJEE**

"I believe that being a ROTARIAN means looking at all of our resources differently. What is the most good that we could choose to do with what we have? What are the choices that will ultimately leave us the richest? In ROTARY, we are all aware of the great needs in so many parts of our world. And, we all know how much we can do to help through our ROTARY FOUNDATION. We can change lives, we can restore hope, we can build futures....if we choose to."

November is Foundation Month. To donate to the Foundation, makes checks to ROTARY FOUNDATION and send to ROTARIAN Chris Herzog.

With program awards totaling more than \$200 million in 2009-10, the ROTARY FOUNDATION provides financial support for a wide range of humanitarian and educational programs initiated by local clubs and districts around the world. The FOUNDATION has earned a grade of A+ from the American Institute of Philanthropy, a top rating of four stars from Charity Navigator, and full accreditation from the Wise Giving Alliance of the Better Business Bureau. Only 2.3 percent of Foundation funding goes to administrative expenses, and 7.3 percent goes to fundraising. The Foundation focuses more than 90 percent of its spending on programs, far exceeding the threshold of 75 percent that independent charity-rating services view as a measure of high efficiency.

ROTARIAN Tom Kuntz will host the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast this coming Thursday. Tickets at \$10.00 should be purchased by today and are available at Kottke Jewelers, HyVee and the Park and Recreation Office. The event will be held at the Owatonna Arts Center.

## **AROUND TOWN**

The Owatonna Women's Club Holiday Event will be held this Saturday, November 19, at the Eagles Club. Back by popular demand are "The Classics" with their Las Vegas style show. Tickets are \$25.00 and available at Kottke Jewelers.

The Christmas lights parade and lighting ceremony in Central Park is scheduled for December 1. Anyone wishing to participate in the Christmas lights parade should contact Tom Brick at Owatonna Shoe.

So anyway: Two brooms were hanging in the closet and after a while they got to know each other so well, they decided to get married. One broom was, of course, the bride broom and the other the groom broom. The bride broom looked very beautiful in her white dress. The groom broom was handsome and suave in his tux. The wedding was lovely. After the wedding, at the wedding dinner, the bride-broom leaned over and said to the groom-broom, "I think I am going to have a little whisk broom!" "IMPOSSIBLE!" said the groom broom. (Are you ready for this? Brace yourself, this is going to hurt!) "We haven't even swept together!" (Sounds to me like she's been sweeping around!!)