

Rotary



O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

LIGHT UP ROTARY

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	12:15	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	12:10	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DATE

November 10

Nora Rubish, Outbound returnee from Finsterwaide Germany

November 17

Dr. Keith Paley: Hernia Repair

November 24

Business Meeting...Camp Enterprise Students

December 1

Joe Devetter, Returning outbound to Spain

December 8

Shelly Rockman, Exec. Dir., South Central College, Faribault campus

December 15

Jenine Koziolk, Outreach Specialist, Fountain Centers/OHS Carolers

December 22

Christmas musical

December 29

Business Meeting/Scott Limberg, Owatonna Live

January 5

Farewell from Tlotlo

January 12

Hamid Torabpour, Winter State Entertainment

January 19

Quentin Smith, "Bike Across America"

January 26

Internal club meeting

February 2

Jennifer Libby, President, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

February 9

Mayor Tom Kuntz: State of the City

February 16

Dr. Brad Thompson: Physical Medicine and Rehab.

February 23

Internal club meeting

March 2

Literary Month: Owatonna Public Library

March 9

Open

March 16

Open

March 23

Bob Showers... "The Twins at the old Met"

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, November 17, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Dr. Keith Paley, a surgeon at the Mayo Clinic, Owatonna. Dr. Paley will speak on the latest methods of hernia repair.

BIRTHDAYS: Evelina Giobbe, Nov. 21

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Maria Versteeg, Morgan Malo, Anna Moe, Hanna Valen

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Aya Murakumi, Japan, Tloto Lestedi, South Africa, Cindy Delemare, France, Joiao Bueno, Brazil

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Tom Sager needs volunteer help to distribute dictionaries to 3rd graders in the Owatonna Schools. The dictionary distribution will take place at all the schools in a couple of weeks. There is a sign up sheet provided at the registration table.

ROTARIAN Glen Meger was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Steele County Free Fair. Glen will work in the area of Four Seasons concessions.

Well, it's official ROTARY set a new Guinness World Record with its World's Biggest Commercial public awareness campaign to rally support for polio eradication. Nearly 120,000 people, including 177 celebrities, posted pictures of themselves making the "This Close sign", building the largest photo awareness campaign ever; the photos were then turned into a digital commercial of more than 3.5 hours. Participants included actors Maria Grazia Cucinotta and Jackie Chan, philanthropist Bill Gates, golfer Jack Nicklaus, Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu and musicians Ziggy Marley and Psy." The World's Biggest Commercial brought attention to ROTARY's program of the highest priority...the eradication of polio. John Germ, chair of the International PolioPlus Committee said, "Awareness is important because as long as there is a case anywhere, the virus can spread. Eradication is necessary to protect the children of the world." The effort also encouraged participants to add their names to a petition asking governments to provide the funding and resources needed to immunize the world's children against polio. 5.5 billion is the project amount in U.S. dollars needed to end polio forever. One hundred seventy three countries are represented in the campaign.

A COUPLE OF FACTS FOR ROTARIANS TO ENJOY

An employee of Navy Pier in Chicago has broken the record for the longest Ferris wheel ride. Park operations manager Clinton Shepherd spent 48 hours, 8 minutes and 25 seconds riding Navy Pier's Ferris wheel over a recent weekend. Guinness World Records allowed him to have one five-minute break each hour.

One of our most inspiring, enduring red-white-and-blue anthems celebrates its birthday this week...sort of. Irvin Berlin wrote an early version of "God Bless America" in 1918, but the one we know and love today was first performed on a Nov. 11, 1938 radio broadcast by Kate Smith, soon becoming a flag-waving patriotic favorite and Smith's signature song.

A preacher was making his rounds on a bicycle when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much for the mower?" asked the preacher? "Just enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle," said the little boy. After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?" The little boy asked if he could try it out first and after riding the bike around a little while said, "Mister, you've got a deal." The preacher took the mower and began to crank it. He pulled on the rope a few times with no response. The preacher called the little boy over and said, "It won't start." The boy said, "That's because you have to cuss at it to get it started." The preacher said, "I can't cuss. I don't even remember how to cuss." The little boy looked at him happily and said, "You just keep pulling on that rope. It'll come back to ya.!"