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# 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 19

Peter Grant, Supt. of Public Schools

November 26

Business Meeting..Intro. of Exchange Students plus Camp Enterprise students Justin Peeters (noon club) and Kaitlyn Seykora (morning club) plus induction of new members.

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

January 28

Business Meeting

February 4

John Klatt: "John Klatt Airshows"

February 11

Update: Owatonna Clinic

February 18

Karen Kasper: "Farming Today"

February 25

Business Meeting: Fast for Hope Program

# ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, November 26, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Regular business meeting, plus we'll hear from students who attended Camp Enterprise including Justin Peeters (noon club) and Kaitlyn Seykora (morning club). We will also have a formal introduction of our current exchange students.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dave Marcoux, Nov. 30

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last day for Rachel Malo, Andrew Malo, Katie Nosbush, Jacob Wareheim

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

**NEXT MONTH'S STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Trevor Carlson, Sara Jones, Kurtis Pierret, Miles Male

**GREETERS NEXT DECEMBER:** Troy Klecker, Bryce Wahl, and Tom Dufresne

**INVOCATION FOR DECEMBER:** Kim Westphal

## **ROTARY NOTES**

Our Christmas musical program is scheduled for the December 17 meeting. Norrine Jensen from Ellendale will present a program of seasonal music. Note that wives, husbands and significant others are welcome to come to the meeting. Cost for lunch is \$11.00.

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Melanie Nelson who was awarded a silver award in the ninth annual "Stevie Awards for Women in Business". The award was given out in a ceremony November 9 in New York. Melanie won in the female entrepreneur of the year category (consumer products 11-2,500 employees) for her work in nutrition education.

Have you sent in a contribution to the ROTARY FOUNDATION? We're coming to the end of Foundation Month and ROTARIAN Chris Herzog would like to see participation from every ROTARIAN. Make checks out to the ROTARY FOUNDATION, and send or give to Chris.

**QUESTION FOR BRIGHT ROTARIANS:** Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked or in any other form except fresh. (Answer below)

## **AROUND TOWN**

This Thursday will kick off the Christmas season in Owatonna with the lighted parade beginning at 6:00 p.m. The parade will start at Cedar and Rose and proceed to Central Park for the lighting ceremony. ROTARIAN Bill Kottke will trip the switch to turn on the Central Park lights. The Kitchen Restaurant will offer Christmas cookie decorating for the kids from 3:00-5:00 p.m. that day. Also, the First Baptist Church will offer a free chili supper while supplies last following the lighting ceremony.

The "Star of Hope" lighting at Homestead Hospice House will be held this Sunday, December 2. There will be a program at 5:00 at Daybreak Church. Ten dollars will purchase a light in memory or honor of a loved one. Proceeds will go to the Patient Care Fund which assists families with limited resources for the room and board at Homestead Hospice House.

ROTARIAN Dave Albrecht invited you to the Owatonna Hospital Healing Arts Program reception tomorrow from 4:00-6:00 p.m. You can meet the artists and view the works. The program is a collaboration between Owatonna Hospital and the Owatonna Arts Center to bring the visual arts, natural light, images and elements of nature to lessen stress and promote healing while a patient is in the hospital.

One year I decided to give my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift. The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I gave you last year"! That's when the fight started!

Answer to question: Lettuce