



O-Pinion

Owatonna, 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

Austin	Mondays	Noon	Holiday Inn	Winona	Wednesdays	Noon	Westfield Golf Club
Janesville	Thursdays	Noon	Purple Goose Eatery	Northfield	Thursdays	12:15	United Methodist Ch.
Owatonna Early Edition	Wednesdays	7 AM	Owatonna Fire Hall	Great Rochester	Wednesdays	12:10	Double Tree Hotel
Rochester Risers	Tuesdays	7 AM	Hilton Garden Inn	Rochester	Thursdays	11:30	Holiday Inn
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie's Grill	Albert Lea	Wednesdays	Noon	Riverland College
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Marriott				

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- November 7: Awarding of Vern White Award
- November 14: District Gov. Jim Hunt Visit
- November 21: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Mayo Health System, Owatonna
- November 28: Deb Knutson: Canoe Journey down the mighty Mississippi to the Gulf
- December 5: Dr. Burkholder, Mayo Health System: Avoiding a Stroke, Signs and Symptoms
- December 12: Patrick Donahue, James J. Hill Center
- December 19: Program on Rotary Foundation
- December 26: Margaret Sager, Returnee from Brazil
- January 2: Lizzie: Farewell
- January 9: Kathleen Segna, Principal, St. Mary's School
- January 16: Duke Pieper, author of book, "I'm Alive, Courage, Hope and a Miracle
- January 23: Marcus Jarvis, Immigration Lawyer
- January 30: Melanie Tschida, Red Cross
- February 6: Dan McIntosh, County Attorney
- February 13: Dave Beaver, Manager, Owatonna Airport
- February 20: Open
- February 27: Open

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Monday, November 28, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Deb Knutson brings us the fascinating story of three women who journeyed by canoe down the Mississippi from the mouth to the Gulf of Mexico. The trip took nine years!

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Caitlin Anderson, Braxton Blood, Ashley Intress, Toria Koch

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Lizzie (Zimbabwe) and Leticia (Brazil)

DECEMBER GREETERS: Michelle Redman, Scott Limberg, Wes Kain

DECEMBER STUDENTS: Ashley Green, Samantha Mundale, Grayson Ogle, Samantha Schwartz

DECEMBER INVOCATION: Ryan Gillespie

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Life expectancy globally for girls born in 2015 is 73.8 years and for boys, 69.1 according to the World Health Organization's 2016 World Health Statistics. Newborns in 29 high-income nations have an average life expectancy of 80-plus years, while in 22 sub-Saharan African nations, life expectancy averages less than 60 years. Contaminated water, smoking, indoor air pollution, HIV, and pregnancy complications and childbirth are a few health challenges that must be addressed, WHO reports.

32.1% of 18 to 34-year-old Americans lived with a parent in 2014 vs. 31.6 percent who were married or cohabiting in a separate household, according to the Pew Research Center. That marked the first time that living with a parent was the most common living arrangement among young adults. A substantial decline in marriage rates, and cohabitation in this age group is primarily behind the statistics. Young adults living with a romantic partner in their own household peaked in 1960 at 62%.

Happiness is.....

Denmark is the happiest country in the world according to the World Happiness Report. Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, Finland, Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia and Sweden round out the top 10 nations; The U.S. ranks 13th. Rankings are based on self-reported life satisfaction as well as six factors including healthy years of life expectancy, social support, freedom, and lack of corruption. The authors say happiness rankings can measure a nation's social progress and lead to public policy goals.

Did you know?

Dumbo, Walt Disney's 4th animated film released 75 years ago told the tale of a baby elephant ridiculed because of his big ears...who then learned how to use them to fly. Like all Disney movies, Dumbo contains a hidden Mickey. When Dumbo takes a bath, Mickey's face appears briefly in the bubbles.

When President Truman visited Disneyland in 1957, he refused to come aboard the popular Dumbo attraction. Truman, a Democrat, didn't want to be seen riding in the symbol of the Republican Party!

And finally, in the original story, Dumbo the Flying Elephant, Dumbo's sidekick was a _____. (answer below)

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah....she can order for herself." That's when the fight started.....

Answer to Dumbo question: a bird (not a mouse).