

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

September 15

Lori Running, ADD

September 22

United Way Campaign

September 29

Candidates for city election

October 6

Visit from District Gov. Karel Weigel

October 13

Candidates for county election

October 20

Candidates for school board

October 27

Candidates for Legislature

November 3

Foundation Month

November 10

Nora Rubish, Outbound returnee from Finsterwaide Germany

November 17

Scott Russel, Klatt Airshows

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 Torbpour, Winter State Entertainment

January 19

Quentin Smith, "Bike Across America"

January 26

Open

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, November 3, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: This is the beginning of Foundation Month on the ROTARY calendar. Today, we are proud to present the Paul Harris/Vern White Award to Sister Franchon Pirkel, Chaplain at Hospice House in Owatonna. Franchon has served the Owatonna Area Hospice House as its Chaplain since 1996.

BIRTHDAYS: John Connor, Nov. 4, Dave Ramsey, Nov. 5

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Welcome to Morgan Malo, Maria Versteeg, Anna Moe and Hannah Valen

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

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Scott Limberg reports that 772 volunteers packed 864 boxes of food recently in the Feed My Starving Children event. That equaled 186,624 meals, enough to feed 511 kids. A big thanks to members of the Owatonna ROTARY Club for all your support. We made a difference this past weekend!

A MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT GARY C.K. HUANG

“You could say that ROTARY is built of service: Each project is another brick in the big building that is ROTARY. If our service forms the bricks, then there is no question that friendship is the mortar that holds those bricks together. I see this every day, but nowhere more clearly than at some of the most special ROTARY Club events: their centennial celebrations. In ROTARY, strong friendships and great service go hand in hand. When we enjoy our work, we want to do it. We want to work harder, and we want to work better. We look forward to ROTARY meetings. Even when our lives are busy, we make ROTARY a priority, because we want to see our friends and we want to serve.

Our ROTARY friendships give light to our lives, and it is ROTARY friendship...as well as service...that lets us “*Light Up Rotary*”.

A NOTE FROM A ROTARIAN

“We are so, so close to ending polio around the world that it makes me proud to be a ROTARIAN. But, as proud as I am of our international successes, I worry about our own children. In the United States and perhaps elsewhere, a substantial number of parents don't vaccinate their children and won't, even to the extent of getting around school vaccination requirements by home schooling. Many young children right now are unvaccinated and dependent on the herd effect to protect them. India is polio-free now, will the United States remain that way?” Thomas Jenkins, Westland, Mich.

Meanwhile, polio is surging again in Pakistan, frustrating world health officials and RI trying to wipe out the disease. The country reported 202 cases of paralysis, the first time in 14 years it topped 200. Pakistan is the only country where the virus is spreading fast. “Eight of Afghanistan's 10 cases are linked to Pakistan,” said Dr. Elias Durray, who directs the World Health Organization's response in Pakistan. Nigeria and Somalia have fewer than 10 cases each and Africa may be polio-free by 2015. But in Pakistan, the virus is laughing at us and doing whatever it wants.”

Ujibar was trying to get a job in India. The personnel manager said, “Ujibar, you have passed all the tests, except one. It is a simple test of your English language skills. Unless you pass it, you cannot qualify for this job. Now, you must make a sentence using the words, Yellow, Pink and Green. Ujibar thought for a few minutes and said, “Mister Manager, I am ready. The telephone goes **green, green**, and I **pink** it up and say, ‘**Yellow**, this is Ujibar. Ujibar now works at a call center. No doubt you have spoken to him!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK AND DON'T FORGET TO VOTE TOMORROW!