

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
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 7, 2011

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Tim Penny, Director of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Sabra Otteson, Nov. 9, Barry Gillespie, Nov. 10, Jen Dun Foster, Nov. 11

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** A ROTARY welcome to Lauren Numedahl, Claire Konold, Lauren Hoen and Anna Christensen

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Carla deOliveira Silva, Brazil, Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark

## **ROTARY NOTES**

ROTARIAN Jen Dunn Foster informed the club this past Monday that we will host THREE in-bound students next year. The call is out for host homes so if you are interested, contact Jen.

Welcome to Dewey Polson, our newest member!

November is FOUNDATION MONTH. The goal for our club is to receive \$10,000 for the Foundation from club members. Checks can be made out to Rotary Foundation and given or sent to ROTARIAN Chris Herzog.

The mission of the ROTARY FOUNDATION is to enable ROTARIANS to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. It sounds so simple, but it means so much to every one of the people touched by FOUNDATION supported programs every year...the children too poor to go to school, the families who have lost everything in disaster, the communities that lack sanitation, clean water and medical care. It means so much to the two billion children now living lives free from polio. Because of the work that the FOUNDATION has helped support, five million cases of paralysis and more than 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.

## **AROUND TOWN**

The Owatonna Women's Club holiday evening will be held on November 19. Featured will be "The Classics" with a Vegas style show. Proceeds benefit Beds for Kids, Defibrillators for the Owatonna Police Department, Exchange Club Center for Family Unity and Toys for Tots.

Beth Bednar, author and former news anchor at KAAL TV in Austin, will be in Owatonna this Thursday evening, November 10, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss behind-the-scene stories of the 1995 mysterious disappearance of Mason City television news personality Jodi Huisentrut. She has written a book on the investigation called "Dead Air". There is a \$14.00 fee to attend and pre-registration is required. Call Community Ed at 444-7900.

So anyway: The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram and Maxwell, invented and developed the first automobile air conditioner. On a hot July day, 1946, the temperature was 97 degrees in Detroit. The 4 brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that 4 gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter. Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner and cooled the car off immediately. The old man got very excited and offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label "The Goldberg Air Conditioner" on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed. Now, old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be show. And so, to this day, all Ford air conditioners show -Lo, Norm, Hi and Max on the controls.