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## 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

Sept. 17

Stormy Trom, Director, Steele County Food Shelf

Sept. 24

Business Meeting

Oct. 1

School Board Candidates

Oct. 8

City Council/Mayor Candidates

Oct. 15

State House and Senate Candidates

October 22

County Board Candidates

October 29

Business meeting/Presentation by United Way

November 5

Chris Herzog: Rotary Foundation Month

November 12

Program by U. of M. Alumni

November 19

Peter Grant, Supt. of Public Schools

November 26

Business/Introduction of new Exchange Students/Camp Enterprise student

December 3

Val Rose, OHS Options Program

December 10

Linda Christianson: Overcoming Polio Challenges...Past and Present

December 17

Holiday Show

# ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, October 1, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** This is the first of four Meet the Candidate sessions we will be holding each Monday this month. Today, we feature candidates for Owatonna School Board including David Anderson, Ron Van Nurden, Keynen Wall, Dale Fairbanks and Eric Schuster (4 year term), Mark Sebring and Bill Wall (2 year term)

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dennis VonRuden, Oct. 5

**IN-BOUND STUDENTS:** October students include Martha Floy, Courtney Lynch, Katy Schroeffer and Leah Hawkins.

**EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Minako Hamoto, Japan, Yolanda Sabater, Spain, Livia Getzner, Austria

Weekly quiz: Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. (answer at the bottom of the page)

## **ROTARY NOTES**

ROTARIAN Jen Dunn Foster shares a letter sent from outbound student Mick Ditlevson: "As you can guess, I am having a fabulous time here. My host family is great and has given me a lot of freedom to go out and experience Denmark. I have been in school for about four weeks. Two of those weeks I have had language classes after school and the intro camp took up another week My teachers here have been great in helping me keep up to date with my work so that I might still attain some level of academic success this year despite the language difference. My class has become a solid friend group and they have introduced me to many other people. Hopefully my paperwork for a visa will be completed soon and I should be able to start playing sports and join other groups. This week I should finally be getting my violin and I will be able to start taking lessons at the Royal Danish Academy of Music. I also have found a ROTARIAN that frequently attends orchestral concerts by the Copenhagen Philharmonic. I'm hoping to also see the Berliner Philharmonic when I go to Berlin in October. Sounds like I will for sure be going to Rome and possible have the chance to go the Alps over winter break. A lot of this is dependent on what the ROTARY Club will let me do." Mick

## **AROUND TOWN**

The Owatonna Harvest Fest is this week. It will kick off on Thursday with merchant scarecrow judging. Friday is the sidewalk sale downtown and the OHS homecoming parade (1:40 p.m.).

Saturday's activities begin in Central Park with the Farmer's Market. The third annual Great Pumpkin Contest will be held in Central Park Saturday morning. Bring your pumpkin to the band shell from 9:00-10:30 a.m. to have it weighed and registered. Free pumpkin painting beginning at 9:30 Saturday sponsored by St. Clair's. Owatonna Care Center will be selling pumpkin and apple pie to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

The Steele County Historical Society is hosting a Cemetery Walk at Forest Hill Cemetery from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The walk will feature six people from Steele County's past. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and will be available at the site that morning.

So anyway: Conjoined twins walk into a pub in Toronto and park themselves on a bar stool. One of them says to the bartender, "Don't mind us, we're joined at the hip. I'm John, he's Jim. Two Molson Canadian beers please." The bartender, feeling slightly awkward tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers. "Been on holiday, lads?" "Off to England next month." Says John. We go to England every year, hire a car, and drive for miles, don't we Jim?" Jim agrees. "Ah, England! Says the barkeep. "Wonderful country...the history, the beer, the culture....." "Nah, we don't like that British junk," says John. "Hamburgers and Molson's beer, that's us, eh Jim? And, we can't stand the English; they're so arrogant and rude. Not civil and polite like us Canadians." "So, why keep going to England?" asks the Bartender. "It's the only chance Jim gets to drive!"

Answer to weekly quiz: Boxing