

# 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	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	Old Main Village				

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### DATE

Oct. 7	Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford
Oct. 14	County Officials Public Works Bldg.
Oct. 21	School Levy Question
Oct. 28	Business Meeting
Nov. 4	Foundation Month
Nov. 11	Lesa Anderson: "Twelve Families for the Holidays"
Nov. 18	Mick Ditlevson, Outbound to Denmark
Nov. 25	Business Meeting/Camp Enterprise Students Morgan Malo & Isaac Torres
Dec. 2	Mike Johnson, Owatonna Fire Chief
Dec. 9	Glen Meger: Trends in funeral services today. Also OHS Carolers
Dec. 16	Tim Penney, Director, So. Minn. Initiative.
Dec. 23	Christmas Show with Emma Hellevik of Medford
Dec. 30	Business Meeting
Jan. 6	Open
Jan. 13	Open
Jan. 20	Diane Dulaney, RN: "Aroma Therapy"
Jan. 27	Business meeting
Feb. 3	Program on: "Fast for Hope"

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, October 14, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Representatives of Steele County will pass along information regarding the proposed county transportation building.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dave Albrecht and Tanya Paley, Oct. 14, Greg Zweber, Oct. 20

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Andrew Stelter, Colin Titus, Hayden Holland, Michael Schmitz

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Thor Thanormthin, Thailand, Adish Hirve, India

### **ROTARY NOTES**

The distribution of dictionaries to area elementary schools will take place October 22, 23 and 24. Watch for a sign up sheet.

ROTARIAN Dave Albrecht reminds you that the Owatonna Hospital is now offering room service to inpatients in the Birth Center, Medical-Surgical and Special Care Units. The room service option is designed to provide another level of customer service to the patients and families that they serve. As an alternative to the standard food service trays, inpatients in these units will now have the option to order specialty dishes through the room service option. Available Monday-Sunday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., patients dial 72111 from their hospital phones to place their orders. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert, beverage and ala carte options ranging from scrambled eggs and bacon to a full-service pasta bar. Options also include choices for patients on a clear liquid diet and full liquid diet, but patients on a modified or restricted diet will be able to make selections with the support of their care team and dietary staff. Food is delivered to the patient's bedside in 30-45 minutes, prepared to the patient's specifications. Mary Jensen, Food Service Manager said, "This is a great alternative to the food service trays, and offers the patient a new level of comfort and control while they are staying with us."

Laura Heyne, who spoke to us about Junior Achievement, is looking for volunteers in grades K-5 at all of the elementary schools in town. The commitment is five sessions, usually over the course of five weeks, 30-50 minutes a session. JA provides you with training and all of the materials to teach the sessions. If you are interested in becoming involved, e-mail Laura at [laura@jaum.org](mailto:laura@jaum.org).

Take special note that next week spouses and friends are invited to the public information meeting on the upcoming school levy question. The session will be conducted by ROTARIANS Tom Sager and Pete Grant.

On the ROTARY calendar: Wednesday, October 16 is World Food Day. ROTARIANS are working to end hunger. Learn more at [www.alleviatehunger.org](http://www.alleviatehunger.org). Also, Friday, October 18, marks the birthday of Gustavus Loehr, one of ROTARY'S four founding fathers. He hosted the first ROTARY meeting in his downtown Chicago Office on February 23, 1905.

Remember, the aspect of membership in ROTARY is as old as ROTARY itself. Paul Harris himself wrote often of the business advantages of ROTARY membership, believing that being a ROTARIAN means a person holds a certain set of values that will make him or her a good person to do business with. Today, with the world more connected than ever, ROTARY membership is an honor that we should be proud to share.

One from Charlie: "I almost had a psychic girlfriend....but she left me before we met"!

The county game warden dies, and Sven and Ole devise a plan that will hopefully land one of them the job. They flip a coin, and Ole calls it. "You'd be calling the Mayor, Sven," he says. So Sven calls up the Mayor and says, Mayor, I hear da game warden died last night. If it's all right with you, I'd like to take his place." The Mayor replies, "It's all right with me if it's all right with the undertaker!"