

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

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| 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 15, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: This we will feature a "Meet the Legislative Candidates" forum. Welcome to: Vern Swedin and Vicki Jensen (District 24 Senate), Larry Johnson, John Petersburg and Craig Brenden (District 24 A House) and Patti Fritz and Dan Kaiser (District 24 B House). Next week, our final forum with County Commissioner candidates.

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Albrecht, Tanya Paley, Aug. 14, Jennifer Wignall, Greg Zweber, Aug. 20

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Martha Floy, Courtney Lynch, Katy Schjroepfer and Leah Hawkins

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

WEEKLY NOTES

Interested in genealogy? On Monday, October 22, the Steele County Historical Society will host the Family Genealogy Forum at the History Center. This is a great opportunity for the public to come and see what is offered at the History Center for personal genealogy research. The forum is free to the public.

Having trouble sleeping? The Owatonna Hospital is offering a free Sleep Disorder Seminar on Tuesday, October 23 and on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the hospital service conference room 1484. Men and women are invited to join certified sleep professionals with the Owatonna Hospital Sleep lab to learn about the importance of sleep, signs and symptoms of sleep disorders, medical concerns associated with sleep disorders, the screen tools available to identify your risk and treatment options. The class is free and limited to the first 40 who register. Call 977-2190.

Do you have a car, boat, camper etc that you wish to store on the fairgrounds over the winter? Call Josh Prokopec at 676-3914.

Question for bright people: Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables? (Answer below)

ROTARY NOTES

Applications are now being accepted for the ROTARY Friendship Exchange with District 5080 in British Columbia. This district consists of geographic area of Southeastern British Columbia, Canada, Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington State. District 5080 consists of 64 clubs with a membership of about 2870 ROTARIANS. See ROTARIAN Dr. Pat Greenwood or check the ROTARY website. Questions can also be answered by District 5960 Friendship Exchange Chair Cheryl Kohout at Cherylkohout@aol.com or 651-442-7986.

INTERESTED IN JOINING EITHER THE MORNING OR NOON ROTARY CLUB? SEE ROTARIANS EARL ANDERSON (noon) or JOHN HAVELKA (morning).

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns?" "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Answer to question for bright people: Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: Asparagus and rhubarb.