



**O-Pinion**  
Owatonna, Minnesota

**ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY**

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	Thursdays	Noon	Purple Goose Eatery	Northfield	Thursdays	12:15	United Methodist Ch.
Owatonna Early Edition	Wednesdays	7 AM	Owatonna Fire Hall	Great Rochester	Wednesdays	12:10	Double Tree Hotel
Rochester Risers	Tuesdays	7 AM	Hilton Garden Inn	Rochester	Thursdays	11:30	Holiday Inn
Red Wing	Tuesdays	Noon	St. James Hotel	Waseca	Thursdays	Noon	Miller/Armstrong
Faribault	Wednesdays	Noon	Bernie’s Grill	Albert Lea	Wednesdays	Noon	Riverland College
Greater Mankato	Wednesdays	11:55	Courtyard by Marriott				

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- October 3: Owatonna Foundation Week
- October 10: Candidates: County Commissioner
- October 17: Candidates: City Council
- October 24: Candidates: School Board
- October 31: Candidates: State House and Senate
- November 7: Awarding of Vern White Award
- November 14: District Gov. Visit
- November 21: Students: Camp Enterprise
- November 28: Exchange Student Lizzie from Zimbabwe
- December 5: Dr. Burkholder, Mayo Health System: Avoiding a Stroke, Signs and Symptoms
- December 12: Patrick Donahue, James J. Hill Center
- December 19: Program on Rotary Foundation
- December 26: Margaret Sager, Returnee from Brazil
- January 2: Open
- January 9: Deb Knutson, Canoe Journey Down the Mississippi to the Gulf
- January 16: Duke Pieper, author of book, “I’m Alive, Courage, Hope and a Miracle

# ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, October 3, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** A presentation on the Owatonna Foundation. Next week is Owatonna Foundation Week.  
**MEETING AT THE STEELE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Mark Randall, Oct. 4, Dennis VonRuden, Oct. 5

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Lizzie (Zimbabwe) and Leticia (Brazil)

**OCTOBER STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Spencer Graff, Drew Hudock, Natalie Shroyer and Erin Steffenson.

## **ROTARY NOTES**

Here are the founders and initial trustees of the Owatonna Foundation...many of them were ROTARIANS: Mark Alexander, George A.M. Anderson, John Buston, Carl Dahlstrom, Vic Diedrich, Daniel C. Gainey, E.W. Hammel, Henry Hartle, Carl Jolly, Reuben Kaplan, Sid Kinyon, Samuel Lord, Julius Meyer, Harold Nelson, James K. Rietz, William Ringhofer, Irvin Rosa, Clifford Sommer and F. Keen Young.

A meeting of STRIVE students and mentors for this year will be held at 10:00 this Thursday, October 6 in the OHS media center. Use the south doors for entry. Mentors are needed, so if interested, contact ROTARIAN Tom Sager or just come to the meeting.

Q: What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

A: They were all invented by women

Before ROTARY took on the task of polio eradication, 350,000 people, nearly all of them children, were paralyzed by polio every year. Today, 31 years after the launch of PolioPlus, the children of the Philippines, and all but two other countries in the world, are growing up with that knowledge, and that fear, of polio. Instead of 1,000 new cases of polio every day, we are averaging less than one per week. But as the fear of polio wanes, so does awareness of the disease. Now, more than ever, it is vitally important to keep that awareness high and to push polio eradication to the top of the public agenda and our governments' priorities. We need to make sure the world knows that our work to eradicate polio isn't over yet, but that ROTARY is in it to end it. October 24 is WORLD POLIO DAY to help raise awareness and the funding we need to reach full eradication.

Looking for store boats, cars, campers for the winter at the fairgrounds? Call 451-5305. Items will be received for storage on Oct. 15 and 16...larger units on the 15<sup>th</sup> in the Foundation Building and Radel Building and cars and smaller units on the 16<sup>th</sup> in the beer garden.

## **AROUND TOWN**

\*The Owatonna Public Utilities will be observing "Public Power Week" this week with an open house this Thursday, October 6 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit and tour your utility plant.

\*The Owatonna Elks Lodge will hold their annual Holiday Craft Sale on Saturday, November 5. If you wish to reserve a display space to sell crafts, you should call Janelle Salcedo at 213-0917. Cost per space is \$30.00.

The annual Firefighter of the Year banquet, sponsored by the Owatonna Exchange Club, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Eagles Club. This year's honored firefighter is Matt Thurnau. Tickets are \$22.00 and available at Kottke Jewelers, Insty Prints and the City Administration Building. Deadline to purchase is October 10.

Two farmers were comparing notes on the poor harvest. "Jeb, I'm telling you the wheat was so poor I had to harvest it with a scissors." "That's nothing Grady, I had to lather my field and shave it!"