

# 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	ROTARIAN Glen Meger: Trends in funeral services today
Dec 16	Tim Penney, Director, So. Minn. Initiative plus OHS Christmas Carolers
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 7, 2013

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** What kind of issues does a small community like Medford face? We'll find out today as our own Lois Nelson, who serves as Mayor of Medford, talks about the daily issues that the oldest community in Steele County deals with.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Mary Kay Feltes, October 12

**OCTOBER STUDENTS OF MONTH:** Welcome to Hayden Holland, Andrew Stelter, Colin Titus and Michael Schmitz

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

### **ROTARY NOTES**

ROTARIAN Jen Dunn Foster informed the club last week that Andrea Rosine of Italy has had to return home due to unforeseen medical issues.

The Paul Harris/Vern White Award presentation has been delayed until spring.

**From RI President Ron Burton:**

“October is the month we set aside to remind ourselves of our second Avenue of Service: Vocational Service. While some ROTARIANS call this the “forgotten area of service, I would disagree. In fact, vocational service is the avenue through which we serve so often, we don’t always recognize it as service.

Vocational Service has its roots in the second object of ROTARY, which encourages all ROTARIANS to hold high ethical standards in our business affairs and our professions, to recognize all useful occupations as worthy of respect, and to dignify work as an opportunity to serve society. In short, the idea of vocational service is that our jobs, in themselves, are a way of serving society. Whether we are serving customers, teaching students or treating patients, whether we’re involved in commerce, research, the media, or any one of countless other fields, we take pride in doing our work with competence and integrity. Every occupation fills a need, and by doing our work well, we are contributing to our communities and our society.”

ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, Chief of Police, reports that the Owatonna Police Department and the Owatonna Public School district will be enhancing their partnership during this school year in an effort to increase school security. The department is currently in the process of hiring three additional community service officers (CSO’s) who will be primarily assigned to work within the schools. Two of the CSO’s will be assigned to the Owatonna High School and one will be assigned to work in the Owatonna Junior High. The three positions will be funded by the school district.

In Hungary, the ROTARY Clubs of Budapest-City, Hungary and Cluj Napoca, Romania, have worked with several other clubs to deliver 420 infant mattresses outfitted with respiratory sensor units, to 19 Romanian hospitals and 55 children’s clinics. The Budapest City club had carried out a similar project in Hungary, and plans are under way to distribute mattresses in Serbia.

Here’s a question posed by ROTARIAN Charlie Herrmann: If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

Two old guys talking on a bench in Central Park. “My 85<sup>th</sup> birthday yesterday. Wife gave me an SUV.” “Wow, that’s amazing! Imagine, an SUV! What a great gift!” “Yup...socks, underwear and Viagra!”

So you heard about the Miss Norway contest? The winner came in third!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!