

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

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 Candidates

Oct. 15

State House and Senate Candidates

October 22

Preview: United Way Campaign: Evelina Giobbe

October 29

Business meeting/presentation on Foundation Month

November 5

Alyssa Anderson, Pork Ambassador

November 12

Program by U. of M. Alumni

November 19

Harmon Squires

November 26

Business Meeting

December 3

Open

December 10

Open

December 17

Holiday Show

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, September 10, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A special ROTARY welcome to our District Governor, Joe Kovarik!

BIRTHDAYS: Sorry, none

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to McKenna Hansen, Kellen Glynn, Emily VonWald and Lara Butler

IN-BOUND STUDENTS: Livia Getzner, Austria, Minako Itamoto, Japan and Yolanda Sabater, Spain

ROTARY NOTES:

SEPTEMBER IS "NEW GENERATIONS MONTH" ON THE ROTARY CALENDAR.

From RI President Sakuji Tanaka: "Many of you know that we now have five Avenues of Service in ROTARY. The fifth, and newest, is 'New Generations Service.'" There are many ways to serve through this avenue. All of the work we do to education children, to improve maternal health, to help families live healthier lives...all of this is service to New Generations. We also serve New Generations by working to eradicate polio, helping to ensure that future generations of children will be born into a polio-free world. Our youth and young adult programs are a very important part of this Avenue of Service. We must remember that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. By helping to develop young leaders and bringing younger members into our clubs, we strengthen communities...and ROTARY's future."

NEXT RI CONVENTION: LISBON, PORTUGAL: JUNE 23-26.

FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION HAS HELPED CLUBS PROMOTE PEACE, IMPROVE LIVES AND ENCOURAGED STUDY ABROAD. IN 2013, IT STILL WILL!

A ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE with District 5080, British Columbia: This outbound trip runs May 21-June 2, 2013. This district is located in British Columbia, Canada. The ideal number of participants in this exchange is eight to ten and applicants must be ROTARIANS, spouses and/or friends. Applications are being taken now for this 2013 exchange. They are available on the District website.

ROTARIAN Tabby DeLeeuw is looking for 5 more mentors for this school year's STRIVE program. Please contact her if you are interested.

Despite the dramatic drop in polio cases in the last year, the threat of continued transmission due to funding and immunization gaps has driven the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to launch the "Global Polio Emergency Action Plan 2012-13. The plan will boost immunization coverage in the three remaining polio endemic countries –Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan –to levels needed to stop polio transmission. Health ministers meeting at the World Health Assembly in Geneva adopted a resolution on May 25 that declared "the completion of polio eradication to be a "programmatically emergency for global public health". Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization, notes: "Polio eradication is at a tipping point between success and failure. We are in emergency mode to tip it toward success...working faster and better, focusing on the areas where children are most vulnerable."

A deep and mythical, truly beautiful Indian legend: A man asked an American Indian what was his wife's name. He replied, "He is five horses". The man said, "That's an unusual name for your wife. What does it mean?" The old Indian answered, "It old Indian name. It mean...nag, nag,nag,nag, nag!"

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!