

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

August 1

Doug and Connie Ruth, trip to Ethiopia

August 8

Elmer Reseland/Jim Gleason: Preview of 2011 SCFF

August 15

K-8 Exploration...Owatonna Public Schools

August 22

Syd Briggs, General Manager, Steele-Waseca Co-Op Elec.

August 29

Business meeting

September 5

NO MEETING..LABOR DAY

September 12

Visit from Dist. Gov. Judy Freund

September 19

Introduction of new In-Bound Exchange Students

September 26

Business meeting/Presentation by United Way

October 3

Books for Africa

October 10

November school district vote

October 17

Fred Senn, Fallon Worldwide

October 24

Anita Pfeifer, Owatonna Postmaster

October 31

Business Meeting/Preview of Foundation Month

November 7

Tim Penny, Southern Minnesota Initiative

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY!

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, September 12, 2011

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: An Owatonna ROTARY welcome to our District Governor, Judy Freund!

BIRTHDAYS: Jim Brunner, Sept. 17, Edna Ringhofer, Sept. 18

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to September Student ROTARIANS Tess Starman, Emily Moothart, Laura Meyer and Zach Miller.

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Carla de Oliveira Silva, Brazil and Johan Wagner Frandsen, Denmark.

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Dave Olson is still seeking mentors for the upcoming STRIVE program at Owatonna High School. Meeting dates this year are Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 20, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, Mar. 20 and Apr. 23. Meetings are from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the OHS Plaza A. Sixteen to eighteen students are expected this year. So far we are only half there. Those who have volunteered include ROTARIANS Bruce Paulson, Loren Olson, Dave Effertz, Kim Westphal, Sonja Duruji, Suzie Hoopes and Lois Nelson. If you have time available, please consider volunteering to be a mentor. You will have an opportunity to positively impact a student who needs some guidance and motivation. Contact ROTARIANS Tabby Deleeuw at miketabby@msn.com or Dave Olson at dolson@rkelec.com.

A MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT KALYAN BANERJEE: “We have a color for the 2011-12 ROTARY year and that color is green. Why green? Because green is the color of new life, of bright leaves bursting forth from spreading branches. And there is no doubt that it is time to “green” ROTARY.

Overall in ROTARY, only 11 percent of our members are under the age of 40 while 68 percent are over 50 and 39 percent are over 60. It's not too hard to see where this will lead us 10, 20 and 30 years down the line, if we don't do something about it now. It is not enough to simply bring in new members. We need to bring in younger members, who will breathe new life and new vigor into our organization.

How can we be more attractive to younger members, who are so different in so many ways from the young professionals of a generation or two ago? We have to come to them where they are...and for most young people, where they are is on the Internet, on Facebook, on Twitter and e-mail and on their smart phones. A club that doesn't have a presence on the Internet simply doesn't exist as far as they are concerned. A club's website is its public face...and it has to be a good one!”

More test questions for old kids

1. The name of the small person who sang “Call for Phillip Morris” cigarettes was _____
2. Lucky Strike's motto was “LSMFT”. That stood for _____
3. Who was the sponsor of the Red Skelton radio/TV show for years? _____

You know you're from a small town when:

*You used to “drag” on Main Street

*You scheduled parties around the schedules of different police officers, because you knew which ones would bust you and which ones wouldn't.

*It was cool to date somebody from the neighboring town

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, “What's on TV?” I said, “Dust.” And then the fight started.

Answers to Old Kid's Quiz:

1. Johnny Phillip Morris
2. Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco
3. Johnson's Wax