



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

- Sept. 19: United Way Kickoff
- Sept. 26: Anne Cummins, Federal Correction Institution, Waseca
- 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 Beth 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: Christmas Musical
- December 26: Margaret Sager, Returnee from Brazil
- January 9: Deb Knutson, Canoe Journey Down the Mississippi to the Gulf
- January 16: Open

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Monday, September 12, 2016

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: ROTARIAN Mike Jensen will speak about upcoming Culturfest and some of the history of the celebration.

BIRTHDAYS: Chuck Driessen, Brock Veldman, Sept. 6, David Vandergon, Sept. 8, Lon Thiele, Sept. 9, Jim Brunner, Sept. 17, Mike Gandrud, Sept. 18.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Hunter Atkinson, Nathan Deason, Noah Loveless and Derek Thada
IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Beth (Zimbabwe) & Leticia (Brazil)

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

From the most recent board meeting:

Financial goals for this year: ROTARY FOUNDATION: \$5,000 target.

POLIOPLUS: \$1,000 target

FAST FOR HOPE: Nicargua Initiative: \$1,000 target

MEMBERSHIP: Targeting growth from 110 to 120 members

HANDS-ON PROJECTS: STRIVE program, Ethics Workshop, Dictionary Project

Where It All Began

In this ROTARY year, we are marking the centennial of our ROTARY FOUNDATION in the city where it all began, Atlanta. Our 108th RI Convention promises to be one of the most exciting yet, with inspiring speakers, great entertainment, and a wide array of breakout sessions to help you move your ROTARY service forward.

Whether you're a regular convention goer, haven't been to one in years or haven't yet attended your first, the 2017 convention will be the one you won't want to miss. Atlanta is a great destination in its own right, with great food, friendly people, and many local attractions to enjoy. To learn more and save money on registration, visit WWW.riconvention.org.

Facts for ROTARIANS

The first novel ever written on a typewriter, Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable Cars are the only mobile national monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades: King David; Hearts: Charlemagne; Clubs: Alexander the Great; Diamonds: Julius Caesar

Around Town

*A brat fundraiser will be held at the Rice Lake Church this Sunday, September 18 from 11:00 to 3:00.

*Brad Meier is returning to Owatonna to serve as the next President and CEO of the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce. He served Owatonna in the same capacity from 2005 to 2013 and has served most recently as President of the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce. He has more than 15 years of chamber leadership experience.

Did you know? Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. "Wal Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!