

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/Mayor Candidates

Oct. 15

State House and Senate Candidates

October 22

County Board Candidates

October 29

Business meeting/Presentation by United Way

November 5

Chris Herzog: Rotary Foundation Month

November 12

Program by U. of M. Alumni

November 19

Peter Grant, Supt. of Public Schools

November 26

Business/Introduction of new Exchange Students/Camp Enterprise student

December 3

Val Rose, OHS Options Program

December 10

Open

December 17

Holiday Show

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, September 24, 2012

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: This is our regular monthly business meeting.

BIRTHDAYS: Holly Hull, Sept. 26, Kim Cosens, Sept. 28, Stephanie Olson, Sept. 29

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for McKenna Hansen, Kellen Glynn, Emily VonWald and Lara Butler

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

OCTOBER STUDENT ROTARIANS: Martha Floy, Courtney Lynch, Katy Schjroeffer, Leah Hawkins

ROTARY NOTES

Greeters scheduled for October are Mark Fritsch, Jennifer Wignall, and Barb Jacobson

Invocation leader for October is Kris Busse

A reminder that beginning with the next meeting and running through October 22, lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. so that we may begin our candidate forums around noon.

From RI President Sakuji Tanaka

“Membership is important in ROTARY! It is not enough to bring new members into ROTARY. We want them to stay. We want the new, young members to become long time members. We want them to be ROTARY leaders in 10, 20 or 30 years. How do we do this? We look at our product. We have to look at ROTARY not with our own eyes, but with new eyes. When we invite a new member to join and that person’s answer is no, we should ask why. This is not to pressure someone into joining It is to find out more information. What are the obstacles to membership? Is it an inconvenient meeting time or is it too much of a time commitment.

We need to ask questions, and we need to open ourselves to the answers. Our new Avenue of New Generations Service is an important step in ensuring many future generations of ROTARY and of SERVICE ABOVE SELF.”

The ROTARY Club of Rotorua North is helping to restore the native vegetation of Mount Ngongotaha by taking district governors up the mountain the first time they visit the club. After a Skyline gondola ride, each governor plants a native tree and is added to the list of names on a commemorative board. The tradition has helped create a small forest of trees.

The first ROTARY convention to be held outside the U.S. was in June 1921 in Edinburgh, Scotland. About 1,100 ROTARIANS and family members from the U.S. and Canada heard a send-off message from U.S. President Warren Harding before beginning their voyage from New York, which took more than a week. Edinburgh was a meaningful convention site for ROTARIANS, who knew it as the hometown of Jean Thomson Harris, wife of Paul. Harris.

So anyway: A couple in their 90’s are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they’re physically ok, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. “Want anything while I’m in the kitchen?” he asks. “Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?” “Sure”. “Don’t you think you should write it down so you can remember it?” she asks. “No, I can remember it.” “Well, I’d like some strawberries on top too. Maybe you should write it down so you don’t forget it.” He says, “I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.” “I’d also like whipped cream. I’m certain you’ll forget that, write it down,” she asks. Irritated, he says, “I don’t need to write it down...I can remember it. ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream. I got it, for goodness sake. Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. “Where’s my toast?”