

Rotary *O-Pinion*

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Meeting each Monday 12:00 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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THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ROTARY IS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES THAT INCLUDE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT MEMBERS WILL ENGAGE IN SERVICE ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

PROGRAMS

Dec. 2: Mark Blando, Public Library Director

Dec. 9: Holly Jorgeson: Let's Smile/ OHS Christmas Carolers

Dec. 16: Ed Boeve, District Governor

Dec. 23: No meeting

Dec. 30: No meeting

Jan. 6: Lonny Stormo, Crutches for Africa

Jan, 13: Jess Crotser, Recruitment Specialist, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Jan. 20: Charlie Mandile, Executive Director, Free Clinic

Jan 27: Business Meeting/Erin Baker, Camp Enterprise Attendee

Feb 3: Christina Wright-Peterson, Executive Director: Season's Hospice

Feb. 10: Pearl Randon, United Way Youth Support Coordinator

Feb. 17: Edna Ringhofer: Healthy Seniors

Feb. 24: Business Meeting: Classification Talk and review of Owatonna, 2024: Brad Meier

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Monday, January 13, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Guest speaker will be Jess Crotser, Recruitment Specialist-Big Brothers/Sisters

BIRTHDAYS: Dan Jacott, January 18

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Brielle Burns, Isabella Schultz, Logan Langeberg, Lily Trager, Hannah Parrish

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Lea from Belgium

A MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT STEPHANIE A. URCHICK: "Think back to what drew you to ROTARY. Chances are it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people...the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back." At Owatonna noon ROTARY I would assume it is the friendships you have gained at our meetings. The programs are interesting and informative and members have the chance to give input to the program chair (Todd) on future programs. No doubt, ROTARY is the top service club in the minds of Owatonna residents. Let's make it our goal to add to the numbers of new members that will enjoy ROTARY as we do.

As of today, all of March program dates are open.

This is hysterical. You have to try this. While sitting in a chair, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction. There's nothing you can do about it and I know you're going to try it again!

A thank you to ROTARIAN Mike Jensen for sending out the O'Pinion on e-mail the week before an oncoming meeting and also for bringing printed versions to our meetings. Also, a thank you to ROTARIAN Annie Harman for assisting speakers with slides they wish to use during their presentation. Thanks also to ROTARIAN Brad Vettrus for assuming the treasurer duties and thanks to ROTARIAN Lois Nelson for her leadership in the secretary's position.

In 1975, a special handbook was published: "So, your husband is a ROTARIAN?" This was before women could be members. The handbook explained the history and purpose of ROTARY. Wives of ROTARIANS were referred to as "ROTARY ANNS" and were encouraged to get together occasionally for coffee, lunches or special parties.

So anyway: A fellow was carrying a length of pipe down the sidewalk on Cedar Ave. Jerry Besser popped out of his new store and asked, "Are you a pole vaulter?" The fellow said, "No, I'm Norwegian, but how did you know my name was Valter?"