

Rotary O-Pinion

CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD

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

November 27: Business meeting

January 8: Bill Lawrence, Memorial Chili Feed

January 15: Owatonna Arts Center

January 22: DECA at OHS

January 29: Business Meeting

Feb. 5: Deb Knutson, Canoeing the Red River to Hudson Bay

Feb. 12: Rob Cunningham, CEO, Olmstead Medical Center

Feb. 19: Juber Arteaga: Living under dictatorship in Venezuela

March 4: Chamber of Commerce

March 11: Amy Eppen: Ann Bancroft Foundation

March 18:

March 25: Business meeting

April 1: Open

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Monday, January 15, 2024

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THIS WEEK: Representatives of the Owatonna Arts Center

BIRTHDAYS: Dan Jacott, Jan. 18, Gregg Draeger and Andy Michaletz, January 20

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Danika Kaytor, Ian Cassen, Carsyn Brady, Arielle Thurber, Shelby Born

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

ROTARY NOTES

From RI President R. Gordon R. McInally: "ROTARY is made up of 1.4 million people in communities all over the globe who are united in our commitment to building a peaceful world. We strive to insure that our words and actions prioritize the health and safety of our global membership and the communities where we live and serve. Our members seek to offer humanitarian assistance to those affected by conflict, and our global reach requires that we promote peace building and conflict prevention with cross-cultural, cross-border connections and friendship through ROTARY.

Funeral services for former ROTARIAN Jim Killen were held last Saturday. Jim was frustrated when his hearing did not let him hear our speakers so he dropped his membership. What a wonderful talent. How many of you have Killen Prints in your home or office? He was so talented and had received many national awards for his paintings.

On the political side: A late USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll: *Trump now leads Biden with Hispanic Voters (39%-34%). Trump also now leads Biden with voters under 35 (37%-33%). Support for Biden in the Black community has plummeted from 87% to 63%.

Whaaat? In Stenille, Denmark, a vehicle fire also damaged a nearby house. Firefighters arriving on the scene discovered that the owner was using a toaster on the front of the car to keep its EV battery warm. The car was heavily damaged and the owner had to pay a fine. (It takes all kinds!)

Finally: A Rabbi's advice: Man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it! My wife is poisoning me!" The Rabbi is very surprised by this and asks, "How can that be?" Tell you what. Let me talk to her. I'll see what I can find out and let you know". A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, "Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours! You want my advice?" The man anxiously says, "Yes, Rabbi". "Take the poison," says the Rabbi.