

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 22, 2024

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THIS WEEK: We will hear about the DECA program at Owatonna High School.

BIRTHDAYS: Glen Meger, Jan. 25, Tom Dufresne, Jan. 28

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

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

ROTARIAN NOTES

*From RI President R. Gordon R. Mcinally: "For decades, ROTARY has harnessed cross-cultural, cross border connections and friendship. We carry out service projects, support peace fellowships and establish programs like Rotary Peace Centers to help build lasting peace. Our members also take action to promote Positive Peace, addressing the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources."

*Long time ROTARIAN Bill Regan passed away a week and a half ago. Services were held on January 15. It was Bill who started the transportation weekly of our student ROTARIANS. One of his buses carried the students to and from our meetings. His daughter, Katy, also a ROTARIAN is continuing this practice.

Did you know? Over the years, how much money has been granted by the Owatonna Foundation towards recreation projects in Owatonna? Answer: Roughly around \$4.5 million which does not include various grants that were awarded over the years to clubs or associations (ex: Bullpen Club, Blue Line Club, Soccer Association, etc.).

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Little Bruce and Jenny are only 10 years old, but they know they are in love. One day they decide they want to get married, so Bruce goes to Jenny's father to ask for her hand. Bruce bravely walks up to him and says, "Mr. Smith, me and Jenny are in love and I want to ask you for her hand in marriage." Thinking that this was just the cutest thing, Mr. Smith replies, "Well, Bruce, you are only 10. Where will you two live?" Without even taking a moment to think about it, Bruce replies, "In Jenny's room. It's bigger than mine and we can both fit there nicely." Mr. Smith says with a huge grin, "Okay, then how will you live? You're not old enough to get a job. You'll need to support Jenny." Again, Bruce instantly replies, "Our allowance, Jenny makes five bucks a week and I make 10 bucks a week. That's about 60 bucks a month, so that should do us just fine." Mr. Smith is impressed Bruce has put so much thought into this. "Bruce, I have one more question. What will you do if the two of you should have little children of your own?" Bruce just shrugs his shoulders and says, "Well, we've been lucky so far!"