

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

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

Feb. 26: Business Meeting

March 4: Chamber of Commerce

March 11: Amy Eppen: Ann Bancroft Foundation

March 18: Jennifer Tonko: Exec. Dir, Clean River Partners

March 25: Business meeting

April 1: Lisa Kern, Benedictine

April 8: State of the City: Mayor Kuntz and City Manager, Kris Busse

April 15: Kat Linaker, New President, Riverland College

April 22: Beth Hortop, Executive Director, Exchange Club Center for Family Unity

April 29: Business Meeting

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Monday, January 29, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our monthly business meeting. Mike Jensen on update on Youth Exchange, Lois Nelson on clock project and John Connor with Classification Talk.

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

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

FROM RI PRESIDENT R. Gordon R. Mcinally: “For decades, ROTARY has harnessed the connections of peace building and conflict prevention to carry out service projects, support peace fellowships and scholarships, 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. ROTARY members who wish to wage peace and use district grants and ROTARY FOUNDATION global grants to support projects with other ROTARY members that help refugees and displaced people, provide medical support and more worldwide. District designated funds or district cash can support our peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts.”

Did you know? The Owatonna Foundation has given three separate grants in the amount of \$90,341.00 to the Owatonna Business Development Center. In 1991, money was given for renovation costs and office equipment, then again in 1997 for construction, security, and signage and lastly in 2016 for a secure key fob entry system.

The Owatonna High School Music Hall of Fame committee has announced this year's inductees into the OHS Music Hall of Fame. They include: Erling Liane, OHS band director from 1953 to 1980, David Folland, 1979 Grad, award winning violin maker, Dan Folland, 1981 grad, orchestra teacher in Desert Ridge Arizona, Dian Folland D'Avazo, Assistant Concert Master with the Phoenix Symphony and Constance “Connie” Goslar, long time accompanist with Jim Hoffman, Roger Tenney, Al Zinter, Chris Harris, Brandon Berger and current OHS choral director Paula Asmus. The induction will take place at the Pops Concert on May 21.

So anyway: My wife and I were discussing aspects of our future so when it was my turn I asked her, “What will you do if I die before you?” After some thought, she said that she'd probably look for a house-sharing situation with three other single or widowed women who might be younger than herself. “What would you do?” she asked him. He said, “Probably the same thing.” That's when the fight started.