

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

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

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: Open

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

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Monday, Feb. 5, 2014

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK; Remember when Deb Knutson of Owatonna and her two canoeing partners paddled their canoe from the mouth of the Mississippi River to the Gulf? The three embarked two years ago on a canoe journey to the north. This summer will be the last leg of the three-year adventure to the north. Deb will be our guest speaker today.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to our February students: Paytyn Struss, Luca Gfrerer s, Madie McGinn, Anna Cox and Ava Schauweker

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper from Finland

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

There is no better time than February to kick off ROTARY'S "Share the Love" campaign, promoting the importance of giving to the ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL SHARE FUND. The "Share the Love" campaign rewards giving in the month of February with matching point incentives for Paul Harris Fellow awards. Plain and simple, the more we give to the ANNUAL-SHARE FUND, the more impact we can have in our communities and around the world as these are the funds that come back to our clubs/district to utilize in grants. This year an achievable goal of raising \$450,000 in our district for the Annual-Share Fund (we are currently at \$240,000). Now is the time for all of us to work together to achieve our goal.

ROTARIAN Dick Slieter will be in charge of receiving contributions this month for our club. Label checks "Share the Love. We hope you are excited about the POSITIVE PEACE, THE HOPE, AND THE IMPACT your contribution will make.

SO ANYWAY: Sister Mary, who worked for a home-health agency, was out making her rounds visiting home-bound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a gas station was nearby. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her the only gas can he had was loaned out, but she could wait till he returned. The nun was on the way to see a patient and didn't want to wait. She walked back to her car and looked for something she could fill with gas. She spotted a bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, she carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gas and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas in her tank, Ole and Sven watched from across the street. Ole turned to Sven and said, "I don't know 'bout you, but if it starts, I'm turning Catholic!"