

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, February 12, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Rob Cunningham, CEO of Olmstead Medical Center which will be opening a facility in the Riverfront project.

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Olson, Feb. 11, Charlie Herrmann, Feb. 17

STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR FEB: Paytyn Struss, Luca Gferer, Madie McGinn, Anna Cox, Ava Schauweker

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

FROM R.I. PRESIDENT R.GORDON R. MCINALLY: "I am enthused and encouraged by your embrace of mental health initiatives throughout the ROTARY world. More than 1,000 of you have responded so far to an ongoing survey by the ROTARY ACTION GROUP on Mental Health Initiatives, offering your feedback on what ROTARY can do to improve the personal well-being of members. ROTARY members are asking for more fellowship, camaraderie, conversation, cohesiveness, and connection. They also want more recognition, validation, and integration. They are searching for more service opportunities and they want more wellness activities, including mental health speakers, awareness efforts and education."

2029 RI Convention close-by

It has been announced that the 2029 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL convention will be held in Minneapolis. Just think, no need for a passport or plane tickets. It is a thrilling event and opens your mind to the depth and breadth of ROTARY. WE WILL SHINE IN 2929!

Did you know? The Owatonna Foundation gave a grant in the amount of \$250,000 to the 761 School District for the Foundation Room in the new High School, partnering with the 761 Foundation.

SO ANYWAY: While riding my Harley, I swerved to avoid hitting a deer, lost control and landed in a ditch, severely banging my head. Dazed and confused, I crawled out of the ditch when a shiny new convertible pulled up with a very beautiful woman who asked, "Are you ok?" "I'm ok, I think," I replied as I pulled myself up to the side of the car. She said, "Get in and I'll take you home, so I can clean and bandage that scrape on your head." "That's nice of you," I said, "but I don't think my wife will like me doing that!" "Oh come now, I'm a nurse," she insisted. "I need to treat you properly." Shaken and weak, I agreed but repeated, "I'm sure my wife won't like this." We arrived at her place and after a couple of cold beers and the bandaging, I thanked her and said I felt a lot better. "Don't be silly," she said. "Stay for a while. She won't know anything. By the way, where is she?" I replied, "Still in the ditch with the Harley, I guess!"