

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. 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: Jenna Tuma, Owatonna Parks and Recreation Director

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

April 29: Business meeting

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Monday, February 19, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Juber Arteaga of Owatonna. The presentation will be "Living Under a Dictatorship in Venezuela."

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Paytyn Struss, Luca Gferer, Anna Cox and Ava Schauweker

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

FROM RI PRESIDENT R.GORDON R MCINALLY:

"Our members not only appreciate the greater focus on Mental Health, but they also believe that making more of the ROTARY experience will materially improve their lives. I find it interesting that members are not asking anything dramatically new of their club...rather they want more of what we do best. For example, connection can be improved during meetings simply by urging members to seat themselves with different tables to encourage speaking with someone new."

DID YOU KNOW? The Owatonna Foundation has given several grants to the West Hills over the years. *1981 construction of the tennis bubble for \$30,000, *1981 tennis building for \$11,223 *1981 tennis building for \$157,000, *1993 tennis center roof for \$30,000, *2018 tennis building improvements for \$3,800. Totaling \$232,723.00.

OHS MUSEUM

Have you wondered what is happening to the items collected in the Owatonna High School museum that have been collected and put into showcases over the years? Before the museum artifacts were moved to storage, the displays remained largely unchanged for years. The new OHS features four separate display spaces where museum volunteers can design new themed displays. As guests enter the school, they'll have the opportunity to view artifacts in the main office.

The bult of the museum's collection, collected by Darryl Hill, will remain in the former school. Although the original structure is slated for demolition, the district will repurpose some of the later additions to consolidate its offices and maintenance facilities onto one campus. Museum storage, currently housed in a cramped office adjacent to the old library, will move upstairs to a repurposed classroom and have double the space as before.

So anyway: My bank called me to let me know I had an outstanding balance. I said, "Thanks, I used to do gymnastics and hung up. That was nice of them to say.