

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. 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

April 29: Business meeting

May 6: Ron Cox, Midwest Workforce Strategies: Midwest Workforce Challenges

May 13: Presentation by In-Bound Exchange Student, Casper

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Monday, March 4, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: An update on the Chamber of Commerce and the city from ROTARION Brad Meier

BIRTHDAYS: Jeff Mundale, and Ryan Gillespie, March 2, Sara McKay, March 3

MARCH STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Laken Meier, Anah Packard, Samantha Bogen and Elizabeth Randel

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper from Finland

ROTARIAN NOTES

From RI President R. Gordon R. Mcinally: "There are many pathways to peace and in ROTARY, we are fortunate to have ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS who demonstrate this truth time and again. Each year, ROTARY awards up to 130 Fellowships for leaders around the world to study peace and development. What these Peace Fellows learn prepares them to work in conflict prevention and resolution and promote positive peace."

The newest word this year: "Cockwomble". This is a person, usually male, prone to making outrageously stupid statements and/or inappropriate behavior while generally having a very high opinion of their own wisdom and importance. Oh Scotland, the English language is forever in your debt!

Did You Know? The Owatonna Foundation has given grants to the Homestead House when it was in operation. Grants totaled \$278,523 with the largest being \$250,000 for the Homestead House build.

ROTARIANS Ryan Gillespie and Vanessa Jensen are among the nominees for the Owatonna Business Women "Woman of Achievement" award. The award will be presented at a banquet March 16 at Spare Time Entertainment.

ROTARIAN Jeff Mundale reports that the City Council approved a donation to the Police Department from Life Fitness. They donated a set of dumbbells with a rack and adjustable bench valued at \$6,681.00. Jeff reports that the generous donation fits right into the goal to improve wellness amongst the OPD staff.

So anyway: A man and his wife were in town visiting his elderly father. When they meet, the father introduces them to his new girlfriend. At the end of the day, the younger man takes his father aside and says, "Dad, I need to talk to you about your new girlfriend." His father said, "Isn't she wonderful? She can't seem to keep her hands off me. I've made love in the past three months than I had in the 20 years I was married to your mom." Son says, "Dad, all she's after is your dry-cleaning business." Father: "Thank goodness I own that dry-cleaning business!"

