

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

March 25: Business meeting

April 1: Lisa Kern, Benedictine

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

April 15: Jena Tuma, Parks and Recreation Director

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

April 29: Business meeting

May 6: Ron Cox : Midwest Workforce Strategies: Research on workforce shortages in the Midwest

May 13: Presentation by In-Bound Exchange Student, Casper, Camp RYLA report, Isiah Smith

May 20: Hosting OHS National Honor Society...speaker: Supt. Jeff Elstad

May 27: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 3: Whitney Johnson, President, Allina in Owatonna and Faribault

June 10: Kat Lineker, President, Riverland College

June 17: Dan Bass, Winona. The story of his plane landing north of Beaver Lake while he was unconscious.

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Monday, April 1, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Guest speaker will be Lisa Kern, Director, Benedictine Living (formerly KODA)

BIRTHDAYS: Dick Slieter and Loren Olson, April 6

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Brody Goodnature, Logan O'Connor and Kate Sande

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

The Board of Directors approved \$125 to the Owatonna Flower Committee. The money will be used to purchase a flower basket to be hung on a light pole in downtown Owatonna. If you wish to give an individual donation for the flower baskets, just send it to the Chamber of Commerce in Owatonna. Label checks "Flower Basket Fund".

Did you know? The Owatonna Foundation gave \$10,000 to the Owatonna Gun Club for the building construction and \$10,000 for concrete boxes and throwers.

ROTARY CLUBS IN JAPAN MAKE MENTAL HEALTH A PRIORITY

Responding to a rise in suicides during COVID, Japan's prime minister in 2021 appointed a new cabinet minister to address loneliness and isolation. No-profit and community-based organizations in Japan, including ROTARY Clubs, are also making mental health a priority. An example: During Suicide Prevention Week in September, members of the ROTARY Club of Nagoya-North gathered outside a local government building to distribute educational materials. The handouts included for recognizing the signs of mental illness and resources for finding counseling and other help.

Rotarian Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct has been adopted for use by ROTARIANS: As a ROTARIAN, I will 1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life, 2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect, 3. Use my professional skills through ROTARY to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community, 4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on ROTARY or other ROTARIANS, 5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in ROTARY meetings, events and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

Finally: The Amish power ball is up to 287 chickens and a goat!

Old guy: "I never use turn signals. It's nobody else's business where I'm going!"