

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 8, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: ROTARIANS Kriss Busse and Mayor Tom Kuntz will give the "State of the City" report.

BIRTHDAYS: Todd Hale, April 8, Julie Anderson, April 9, Bruce Paulson, April 13

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

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

FROM RI PRESIDENT R.GORDON R. MCINALLY

"These are times that cry out for peace. The Middle East is in its most volatile condition in years. The war in Ukraine is the largest in Europe since WW II, and there are armed conflicts in Sudan, and parts of Central Africa. Nearly every continent is experiencing a major armed conflict. ROTARY has a vital role to play in advancing the cause of peace. I often say ROTARY needs to work toward peace as aggressively as those who wish to wage war. It's the spirit found in our vision statement: 'Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. We must never lose track of that last call...that to bring about change in the world, we need to foster change within.'"

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Did you know? In 2004, the Owatonna Foundation granted \$1,000,000 to the River Springs Water Park. This is the largest grant the Owatonna Foundation has given to date.

ROTARIAN Edna Ringhofer reminds ROTARIANS that there are still limited seats available for the upcoming "Dancing With The Steele County Stars" being held April 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school Wenger Auditorium. The show will also be streamed on Owatonna Live. Any tickets left will be available at the door.

ROTARIAN Police Chief Jeff Mundale says that the Owatonna Police Department E-bikes have been deployed. The OPD purchased two of what are called "assist bikes". Twelve patrol officers, one Community Service Officers and three Reserve Officers have been trained in the use of the bikes. The bikes will be used to patrol areas where the traditional squad cars are less effective including walking-bike trails, city parks and the downtown business districts. Bike officers will also monitor animals running loose in city parks.

So Anyway: A man came out of his house one morning to find the trunk his car pushed in. He was relieved to see a note on his windshield. It read, "As I am writing this, fifty people are watching me. They think I am giving you my name, address, license number and insurance company. I'm not."