

# 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**

April 15: State of the City Report: Kris Busse and Mayor Kuntz

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.

June 24: Business Meeting...Year End Celebration!

July 1: Sean Williams: Executive Director-Owatonna Business Development Center

July 8: Past District Governor Jim Hunt

# **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, April 22, 2024 Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We will hear from Beth Hortop, Executive Director, Exchange Club Center for Family Unity.

BIRTHDAYS: Jim Wendorf, April 21, Tom Partridge, April 22

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

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Casper, Finland

## **ROTARY NOTES**

Last January, ROTARY highlighted how members are addressing the opioid crisis in the United States, including through a multifaceted initiative called **Project Smart.** It's heartening to see initiatives like Project Smart making a positive difference from prevention to treatment.

You are invited to the opening of the 1920 Owatonna High School Time Capsule that was discovered in the 1920 Owatonna High School cornerstone. The time box will be opened at 5:00 tonight in the Owatonna City Council Chambers. The event will also be live streamed on the Owatonna Public Schools YouTube channel, youtube.com@owatonna publicschools.

## DO YOU KNOW?

- A. I'm Popeye the sailor man; I'm Popeye the sailor man. I'm strong to the finish......I'm Popeye the sailor man. ("cause I eats me spinach", "my dad was big and Finnish", "Isn't the music a bit tinnish?")
- B. What did Jimmy Durante say at the end of every show?
- C. Way before Air Jordan, what was a kid's shoe of choice? (Answers below)

Joke of the week: A wife's eulogy at her husband's funeral: "Norman needed a blood transfusion but his blood type was not on record, so the doctors asked me if I knew what it was. They urgently needed to know to save her husband's life. Tragically, I had never known his blood type. I only had time to sit and say goodbye. I'll never forget how supportive Norman was. Even as he was fading away, he kept whispering to me, 'Be Positive, Be Positive'. That was my Norman...always thinking of others.

**Answers to riddles:** A: "cause I eats me spinach", B: "Good night Mrs. Calabash wherever you are.", C: P.F. Flyers.

You know when you buy a bag of lettuce, it gets all soggy and brown? Cookies don't do that!