

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

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

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Monday, April 29, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A business meeting and a classification talk by ROTARIAN Dennis VonRuden.

BIRTHDAYS: Dale Gandrud, April 28, Josh Meillier, May 1

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Brody Goodnature, Logan O'Connor, Kate Sande and Ava Otto

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FOM RI PRESIDENT R. GORDON R. MCINALLY: "I am deeply gratified by ROTARY magazine's focus on mental health. May's ROTARIAN magazine focus on mental health. I'm ecstatic about the enthusiasm across the world in the past year to better support the mental health needs of each other and the people we serve. As we look ahead, the ROTARY ACTION GROUP on Mental Health Initiatives will play a critical leadership role in promoting proven, measurable projects. In doing so, it will empower clubs to focus on initiatives that drive scalable, sustainable impact.

BRAD VETTRUS RETIREMENT

Our treasurer, Brad Vettrus, will retire after a banking career of over 30 years, with a reception this coming Wednesday, May 1 at the Home Federal office from 8:30 to 4:30. Brad has given eleven years of dedication to Home Federal. All ROTARIANS are welcome to stop by and congratulate him.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

It's been announced that the Early Edition ROTARY Club, in collaboration with the VFW, American Legion and the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce will bring the Memorial Day parade back to Owatonna. The parade has not been held for two years and will not be held this year. The Early Edition ROTARY Club is leading the effort to bring the parade back in 2025. If you wish to get involved in helping in any way, big or small, contact Julie Rethemeier at eeowatonnarotary.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lake Kohlmeier was the very first major gift to the Owatonna Foundation. The gift was valued at \$7,000! Sixty acres of valuable city land were deeded to the Owatonna Foundation for community use by Mrs. George Kohlmier. The grant, a memorial from her husband, the late Mr. Kohlmeier, long time city resident. The deed specifies that the Kohlmier Company have exclusive rights to use the property and remove all sand, gravel, and stone for a period of 25 years. The property encompasses the present swimming beach, which when fully developed, is to be known as Kohlmier Lake. In 1987, the Kohlmier property was deeded to the city for \$12,000 in the same year. Kaplan's Woods Parkway project later was granted \$298,611 for future development.

THE WEEK'S JOKE *My wife said, "Whatcha doin' today?" I said, "Nothing." She said, "You did that yesterday," I said, "I wasn't finished."

*Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour, and by the time I leave, I look just fine."

