

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

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: Leslie Partridge, Preview, Wenger Marching Band Festival

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

July 15: Amber Aaseth, Steele County Public Health Director

July 22: Rebel Alliance Robotics Team

July 29: Business Meeting

August 5: Scott Kozelka: Preview of Steele County Fair

August 12: Brenda Smith, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director

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Monday, June 3, 2024

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THIS WEEK. Welcome to Whitney Johnson, President of Allina in Owatonna and Faribault.

BIRTHDAYS: None this week

INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Ann Miller has resigned as President of our Club due to the advancing illness of her husband. Glen Meger has offered to preside over our meetings until the new administration is sworn in. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ann and her family.

This month marks the centennial of ROTARY in Chile and Switzerland., where the first clubs were chartered in Valparasio and Zurich, respectively.

Long time ROTARIAN and a lifetime member Charlie Herrmann passed away on May 23. Charlie was an entertaining member and he spoke to the National Honor Society for many years. He loved his fellow ROTARIANS. Outside of ROTARY, Charlie served as President of the Owatonna School Board for at least two decades. A memorial service will be scheduled later.

The funeral for former Owatonna ROTARY member Dr. Dave Landswerk will be held this Thursday in Plymouth. Dave was a long time member of our club and continued his ROTARY membership when he moved to Wayzata to assume the Superintendency of the Wayzata Schools. He died at age 86.

SO ANYWAY: The story of the golfer with no enemies. Meet Walter Barnes. All golfers should live so long as to become like this kind old man. Toward the end of the Sunday service, the minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies"? Eighty percent of the congregation held up their hands. The minister then repeated his question. All responded positively this time except one man, Walter Barnes. The minister asked, "Mr. Barnes, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any", he replied gruffly. "Mr. Barnes, that is very unusual How old are you?" "Ninety nine", he replied. The congregation stood up and clapped their hands. "Mr. Barnes," the minister said, "Would you please come down front and tell us how a person can live 99 years and not have an enemy in the world? "The old golfer tottered down the aisle, stopped in front of the pulpit, turned around, faced the congregation and simply said, "I outlived all them jerks." Then he calmly returned to his seat.