

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

July 24: Vanessa Jensen, Director, Junior Achievement

July 31: Scott Mohs: Riverfront Project

August 7: Scott Kozelka, 2023 Fair Preview

August 14: Kelly McIntee: Youth Oriented Leadership Organization

August 21: Jennifer Thiele, Director: Steele County History Center

August 28: Club business

September 4: No meeting...Labor Day

September 11: Annette Duncan, Steele County United Way

September 18: Open

September 25: Business meeting

October 2: Sara McKay and Tom Dufresne: Owatonna Foundation

October 9: Patricia McCleese: District Governor

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Monday, July 24, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Vanessa Jensen, Director of the Owatonna Junior Achievement program.

BIRTHDAYS: Ray Stawarz, July 23, Kory Kath, July 28

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

From R.I President R. Gordon R. Mcinally: "As we begin this journey together, I take inspiration from Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who in the 18th century spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting 'sense and worth over all the earth.' This has long been my call to action and I share it now with you. Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of ROTARY afresh. Let us work together joyously and *Create Hope in the World.*

NOTES FROM THE JULY BOARD MEETING

*Dictionary project: Kellen reported that he and Ryan are looking at possible books about ROTARY that would be readable by 3rd graders. This book would replace the Dictionary project.

*Youth Exchange: Mike Jensen still searching for a third family.

*Clock Update: Lois reported that the process is moving ahead. There is a red cone in front of the history center marking where the clock will go. Contributions to the clock project are needed from members of the club. Write a check to the OWATONNA ROTARY CLUB with the I.D. being the clock project. Checks can be given to treasurer Jim Brunner.

Zoom meeting update: Kellen reports that the last 3 meetings have been available on Zoom. He will report the Zoom address which will be published in future O'Pinions.

*Treasurer report: Jim Brunner declares the job of treasurer is open. He needs to retire from this job, but he said "I am at an advanced age which requires a new treasurer. It is not a difficult job, but requires a person who is available at all times. Anyone who feels they could take on the treasurer duties should contact Jim.

Noted

More than 550 Americans are reported as missing in Mexico according to Mexican government records, up from 324 in 2020 and almost certainly an undercount. All told, at least 112,150 people have gone missing in Mexico amid an ongoing plague of drug-cartel killings and abductions.

So anyway: A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Hunting flies" he replied. "Oh, killed any?" she said. "Yep, 3 males, 2 females" he answered. Intrigued, the wife asked "How can you tell them apart?" Husband: "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."