

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 31, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A few business items, then we will hear from Scott Mohs about the Riverfront project.

BIRTHDAYS: Jerry Deetz, July 31, Troy Klecker, Aug. 2, Wes Kain, Aug. 5

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Keep in mind a non-ROTARIAN person or persons for nomination of the Paul Harris/Vern White Award to be given on November 13. Nomination forms are available on the tables.

FROM RI PRESIDENT R. GORDON R. MCINALLY

“This year we’re prioritizing projects to support mental health. This effort is deeply personal to me. I know what it’s like to see someone suffer in silence. I have also witnessed the power of personal connections, the value of discussing emotional and mental well-being and the lifesaving impact of preventive care and treatment. Research shows that performing acts of kindness is an effective step any of us can take to protect our well-being. And, by building peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world.”

Did you Know? The number of recent high school graduates who went on to enroll in college dropped 8% from 2019-2022...the steepest decline on record. During the pandemic, students grew frustrated with remote learning, became more wary of taking on debt, and were tempted by higher pay and signing bonuses in the service industry.

Those of you who have been following the illness of ROTARIAN Mike Jensen’s wife, you will be happy to know that she got a clean bill of health recently from Doctors at Mayo.

So Anyway

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind. Today, I got a call from Home Depot who installed them. The man complained that the work had been completed a year ago and I still hadn’t paid for them. Well, I’m not stupid. So I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year...“that these windows would pay for themselves in a year. Helloooo, it’s been a year, so they’re paid for,” I told him. There was only silence on the end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back! I bet he felt like an idiot!”

Finally: Saw a sign in a store that said, “We treat you like family”. Yup, not going in there!