

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: Eva Balzer, Manager, Sherwin Williams: "Beautifying under the Bridge"

September 25: Business meeting

October 2: Sara McKay and Tom Dufresne: Owatonna Foundation

October 9: Patricia McCleese: District Governor

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Monday, August 21, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Jennifer Thiele, Director of the Steele County History Center.

BIRTHDAYS: Kris Busse, Aug. 21, Randy Rickman, Aug. 25

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper P., Finland

FROM RI PRESIDENT R.L GORDON R. MCINALLY

“The U.S. Surgeon General recently declared loneliness a public health epidemic. Dr. Vivek Murthy said, ‘We must prioritize building social connection the same way we have prioritized other critical public health issues such as tobacco, obesity, and substance use disorders.’ I am proud of what ROTARY has done across generations to build those kinds of social connections.”

ROTARIANS should know that a well-known choral teacher at OHS, Roger Tenney, passed away last week at age 93. Tenney was named National Teacher of the Year by Look Magazine in 1967. He and his entire choir traveled to Washington D.C. where they sang at various gatherings and for President Johnson and Vice President Humphrey. He was the founder and director of the Roger Tenney Chorale which traveled around Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin to sing concerts. But most importantly, he directed our young people in high school choirs well known throughout the state. A memorial service will be held in September.

The 2023 fair is over. Next year’s fair will be August 13-18. The fair board will gather tonight to assess this year’s fair and make initial suggestions for next year.

How loud can you burp?

Maryland’s Kimberly Winter has belched her way into history with a Guinness World Record. Winter broke the previous record for the loudest female burp with a 107.3 growler! That’s louder than a blender, an electric handheld drill and even some motorcycles! She prepared for the event with breakfast, coffee, and beer. Winter said to achieve the big belch, she takes a deep breath and tries to “manipulate that into something monstrous and magical. She admitted that she enjoys shocking strangers with her burps. “I love to be loud and proud.”

OHS grads on the force

ROTARIAN Police Chief Jeff Mundale proudly points out that there are 11 sworn peace officers on the Owatonna Police Force that are OHS grads. There are also three non-sworn staff that are OHS grads as well. I challenge any other police department with those kinds of numbers of local grads on their force.

So anyway

Two women in a bus were fighting bitterly over the last available seat. The conductor had already tried unsuccessfully to intervene when the bus driver yelled to the conductor. “Let the ugly one have a seat!” Both women stood for the rest of the journey.