

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

October 2: Sara McKay and Tom Dufresne: Owatonna Foundation

October 9: Patricia McCleese: District Governor

October 16: Little Theatre preview

October 23: Dave Beaver, Manager, Owatonna Airport

October 30: Business Meeting

November 6: Regan Birr, a lifetime of fighting Lupus

November 13: Paul Harris/Vern White Award

November 20: Scott Duffus: Member of support crew for a group of paddlers that set a record paddling the entire length of the Mississippi River.

November 27: Business meeting

December 4: Tim Penny, former Congressman and President, S.E. Minnesota Initiative Fund

December 11: Kory Kath, OHS Principal

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Monday, October 23, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Dave Beaver, Manager of the Owatonna Airport

BIRTHDAYS: Doug Voss, Oct. 26

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Maybe our club could sponsor this for the Memorial Day Parade! For over 100 years, the grand parade of the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival has been a calendar highlight. There's an unusual draw for the festival: Horse manure, and in particular, where it lands. In May, the ROTARY Club of Wenatchee, Washington, held a raffle for people to guess where along the parade route the equine excrement would fall first. Those who correctly chose the first "drop zone" were entered into a \$10,000 grand prize drawing; four \$500 consolation prizes were offered for other zones. The concept, adapted from an idea of the ROTARY Club of Hailey, Idaho, raised \$14,000 for scholarships, gifts for families in transitional housing, and improvements to a farmer's market. A ROTARY past president said, "Selling the raffle tickets gives us the opportunity to talk to our community about the good works of ROTARY in a lighthearted way."

PROGRAMS

As you can see, programs have been booked through the second week of December. If you have a program you would like to bring to the club, get ahold of the program chair, Todd Hale.

IT TAKES ALL KINDS

A 20-YEAR-OLD Swiss man was taken to the hospital after trying not once, but twice, to put his face on the water nozzle at Genevas Jet d'Eau, a fountain that projects 110 gallons of water per second, reaching a height of 459 feet. His first attempt resulted in him being thrown backward. On his second try, he was thrown into the air and landed on a concrete walkway. Adding insult to injury, the company that operates the fountain intends to file a complaint against him for trespassing.

SCHS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Steele County Historical Society is taking names of those wishing to have their outdoor lighting listed on the SCHS Holiday Lights Cruise which begins on Thursday, November 23. Deadline to sign-up your home to be included on the list is November 14

SO ANYWAY

So let me get this straight. I go to the grocery store and buy a pound of sliced ham, wrapped in plastic, a loaf of bread in a plastic bag, a gallon of milk in a plastic jug, a pack of napkins wrapped in plastic, a Greek salad wrapped in plastic, a plastic bottle of mustard and a plastic bottle of ketchup and they won't give me a plastic bag to carry the groceries in because the plastic bag is bad for the environment!