Rotary O-Pinion

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

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 ROTARY CLUB OF OWATONNA IS THE GO TO AND BELONG TO CLUB FOR CONNECTING PROFESSIONALS, EMBODYING SERVICE AND UPLIFTING YOUTH.

PROGRAMS

Nov. 2: Steele County, District 1 and 2...Lunch at 11:30
Nov. 9: Alfred Zdrazil...Human Trafficking
Nov. 16: Paul Harris/Vern White Award
Nov. 23: Ethan Rindfleisch, Public Health Specialist
Nov. 30: Business: Rotary 101
Dec. 7: Open
Dec. 14: Annette Duncan, United Way: OHS Christmas Carolers at noon
Dec. 21: Annual Meeting

ROTARY O'PINION

THIS WEEK: Welcome to ROTARIANS and special guests as we present the Paul Harris/VernWhite award to Owatonna's Vern Wilker.

BIRTHDAYS: Charlie Postlewaite, Nov. 15, Jessy Grove, Nov. 18

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Everett Miller, Penelope Ulland, Micah Gentz, Carson Van Gelder, Lowell Schultz.

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Fedrica, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

*The ROTARY INTERNATIONAL President is Yinka Babaloa of Kenya. He is a real leader in ROTARY. A ROTARIAN, Jamia Yassin of Nairobi, Kenya, had this to say about Yinka: "I first met Yinka at a ROTARY Institute in Diani, Kenya. I noticed how he drew ROTARIANS together, leading through warmth, energy and purpose. In 2020, I joined a polio immunization mission in Nigeria, with Yinka leading the ROTARIANS. Until then, polio to me had meant awareness walks, posters and fund raising campaigns. Working along health teams, vaccinating children, verifying cold-chain statistics, and witnessing PolioPlus in action transformed my understanding of ROTARY's impact and service. That same year, the World Health Organization's African region was certified free of wild poliovirus. Yinka's hands-on leadership, discipline, and ability to inspire service strengthened my commitment. I began my journey into ROTARACT, progressed into ROTARY and now serve as district-governor nominee. His journey reminds me that leadership is not defined by title, but by showing up, serving consistently, and helping find the courage to lead."

*A local note: The VFW is collecting frozen turkeys to be used for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This Friday is the deadline date to drop off the birds.

*Remember, Owatonna's winter parking restrictions go into effect tonight thru March 31. If parking on the street between 12:01 am and noon: Park on even-numbered side of the street on even calendar days. Park on odd-numbered side on odd calendar days. If you park after noon and eve your car overnight, plan for the midnight date change.

ROTARY SHORT TAKES:

*This month marks the centennial of ROTARY in Venezuela; The ROTARY Club of Caracas was originally chartered Nov. 7, 1926.

*Finally: "So, I've been barking for 20 minutes and you keep telling me to shut up. Anyway, your car is gone."