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

November 27: Business meeting

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

December 11: Kory Kath, OHS Principal

December 18: Annual Meeting

December 25: No Meeting

January 1: No Meeting

January 8: Dr. Jason Wray, Mayo Medical Center, Owatonna

January 15: Owatonna Arts Center

January 22: DECA at OHS

January 29: Business Meeting

Feb. 5: Deb Knutson, Canoeing the Red River to Hudson Bay

Feb. 12: Rob Cunningham, CEO, Olmstead Medical Center

Feb. 19: Juber Arteaga: Living under dictatorship in Venezuela

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Monday, December 11, 2023   Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Kory Kath, fellow ROTARIAN and Principal of the Owatonna High School will be our speaker. How have things gone in the new high school? Kory will address that subject and more.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Sadie Fox, Carsen Phelps, Carter Hanson, Kiley Knudson and Norah Sletten

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Earl Knauss got a lesson in food waste when he received a neighbor's gift of three bushels of red peppers that had been cast aside by a farm because they were misshapen. "I discovered that odd-shaped blemished, and imperfect vegetables would be dumped or destroyed", says Knauss of the ROTARY Club of Hamburg in western New York State. He asked the farmer's owner for more of the unsalable produce and collected 18-gallon totes of vegetables that he sent to food pantries. The Farm to Family project has since expanded to include three farms, and the Hamburg Club formerly adopted it in 2018. From May to December, ROTARY members and friends work alongside Knauss delivering vegetables to about 3,000 families. In 2022, they provided more than 100,000 pounds of vegetables to 23 distribution sites. Just an example of what ROTARY does to help others in need.

When you give to the ROTARY FOUNDATION, you're supporting the work of ROTARY members who are working with communities around the world to find sustainable solutions to their needs. ROTARIANS are taking action to make a difference. But the Foundation needs your help. A gift today can accomplish great things from delivering polio vaccines that protect children for a lifetime to providing medical equipment that gives newborns a health start. YOUR GIFT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Donations can be given to ROTARIANS Jim Brunner or Dick Slieter.

ROTARY GIFT EXCHANGE

At one time, a Christmas gift exchange was always held the last meeting before Christmas. ROTARIANS would bring a humorous wrapped gift to the meeting. Gifts were then passed around the room to members. When the music stopped, the gift you were holding was yours. Then each ROTARIAN had to stand up and reveal his gift. One I can remember that brought the house down was a book on contraception methods which was received by Msgr. Henry Speck!

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Little boy sitting on Santa's lap. ...."and can you bring my mommy some more of that juice she drinks in the afternoon? It really mellows her out!"