

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 18, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Annual meeting of our club plus a classification talk by Todd Hale (47 years late!)

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Carsen Phelps, Sadie Fox, Carter Hanson, Kiley Hanson and Norah Sletten

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

The holidays are a time of warmth and togetherness but also of reflection. Above all, the season is a time of generosity, especially to those less fortunate. During your holiday giving, remember that gifts to the ROTARY FOUNDATION may not fit nicely in a gift box, yet they keep on giving throughout the year.

December is also Disease Prevention and Treatment month. Just think of all the ROTARY efforts that would not be possible with the generosity of you, our ROTARY family. Consider the incredible progress we have achieved in our fight to end polio....the countless lives we've saved and the hope we've restored. Think of all the clinics around the world ROTARY has equipped and the medical professionals trained through the Foundation grants, helping fight heart disease and Guinea worm disease.

As you approach the end of the year, remember the ROTARY FOUNDATION. Make out a check to the Foundation and give to ROTARIAN Jim Brunner.

TWO WEEKS OFF!

This is the final meeting for the year 2023. There will be no meetings on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1.

ALLERGIES TO CHRISTMAS TREE

Angela Presti of Parma, Ohio, was excited to bring home her first real Christmas tree and decorate it with her daughter. But a few hours later, she noticed her face was swollen, her cheek was hot and itchy, she couldn't swallow, her throat started closing and her breathing was wheezy. Emergency room staff told her that the problem was likely tied to her tree; about 7% of the population suffers from "Christmas Tree Syndrome", caused not so much by the tree itself, as does the mold that grows on it while in the sales lot. Doctors recommend an artificial tree.

SO ANYWAY

Ole was cutting a hole in the ice for ice fishing. A booming voice from the skies said, "There are no fish!" Ole moved to a different spot and cut again. The voice repeated, "There are no fish here". "Is dat you God?" asked Ole. "No, said the voice. "I'm the rink manager!"

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!. SEE YOU ON JANUARY 8!