

# **O-Pinion**Owatonna, Minnesota

# **ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY**

Meeting each Monday 12:10 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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### **AREA MEETING PLACES & TIMES**

Austin
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Mondays Thursdays Wednesdays Tuesdays Tuesdays Wednesdays

Wednesdays

Noon Holiday Inn
Noon Purple Goose Eatery
7 AM Owatonna Fire Hall
7 AM Hilton Garden Inn
Noon St. James Hotel
Noon Bernie's Grill
11:55 Courtyard by Mariott

Winona Northfield Great Rochester Rochester Waseca

Albert Lea

Wednesdays Thursdays Wednesdays Thursdays Thursdays Wednesdays

Noon 12:15 12:10 11:30

Noon

Noon

Jim Brunner

Westfield Golf Club United Methodist Ch. Double Tree Hotel Holiday Inn

Holiday Inn
Miller/Armstrong
Riverland College

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

March 13: Tim Grant: "Personal Happiness is a Prerequisite for a Successful Life

March 20: Leadership Owatonna March 27: OHS Robotics Team

March 31: Celebration of Club's 95th birthday...Jefts Hall, Pillsbury

April 3: No meeting

April 10: Lynn Betzold: Honoring Choices: End of Life Living

April 17: Malika and Taha Muhammed: "We Survived Iraq and Turkey: Long Road to Freedom"

April 24: Chuck Jamison, retiring director of Young Life in Owatonna.

May 1: STRIVE graduates

May 8: OHS National Honor Society

May 15: Camp Ryla attendees

May 22: Dave Beaver, Airport Manager

May 29: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 5: Leticia farewell

June 12: Wenger Band Festival: Kim Cosens

June 19: Amy Rogganbuck: Community Services Director, Steele County

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, April 10, 2017 Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Lynn Betzold, Program Coordinator of "Honoring Choice" End of Life Living.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Loren Olson, April 6, Todd Hale, April 8, Julie Anderson and Harold McGregor, April 9, Bruce Paulson, April 13, Cory Mensink, April 14.

**STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR APRIL:** Welcome to Payton Adams, Windham Anez, Ellie Boisen and Anna Weisenburger.

**IN BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Leticia, Brazil, Jeffrey, South Africa

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

Thanks to ROTARIAN Lois Nelson and the committee who arranged for the special 95th birthday celebration a week ago. It was a first class night!

Mark your calendars! Our club will be sponsoring the annual Shredding Project on Saturday, May 20, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the north side of the Retrofit Building. Check out those old records and other papers that you don't need any more and shred them. Donations will be accepted designated for the OHS STRIVE Mentoring program.

### A MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT JOHN GERM

"Thirty years ago there were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio per year world-wide. As of this month, only 37 cases of polio had been recorded in 2016, the lowest number in history. All of the other cases, and the paralysis and death they would have brought were prevented through the widespread use of a safe, reliable and inexpensive vaccine.

This month, from April 24-30, ROTARY joins WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in celebrating World Immunization Week, raising awareness of the incredible impact that vaccines have had on global health. In an uncertain world, vaccines offer something remarkable: a way to protect our children throughout their lives. By working together to safeguard all children against polio and other preventable diseases, ROTARY is truly SERVING HUMANITY, now and for generations.

Here's a question for ROTARIANS to ponder: Is it possible for a modern passenger jet to fly 8,000 miles in a straight line before refueling? (Answer below)

We're all getting older. How do we know? Here are a few hints: Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work! You feel like the morning after, and you haven't been anywhere. You join the health club and don't go. You need your glasses to find your glasses. Your back goes out more than you do. Your knees buckle, but your belt won't. You look forward to a dull evening! You stop looking forward to your next birthday, but you're glad when it arrives. All of the cops in town look like and are young kids. You miss radio station KNXR. No matter what is going on, you'll change your schedule if an event involves your grandchildren. You used to worry about the size of your car....now it's your stomach and your prostate!

So anyway: One lazy Sunday morning, as the wife and I were sitting at the breakfast table, I said, "When I die, I want you to sell all my stuff immediately." She asked, "Now, why would you want me to do something like that?" "I figure you'd eventually remarry, and I don't want some other jerk using my stuff." She looked at me intently and said, "What makes you think I'd marry another jerk?"

Answer to the question for ROTARIANS: If a plane flew in a straight line, it would end up in space with no place to refuel. Passenger planes follow the curvature of the earth.