

Rotary O-Pinion

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

.April 3: Liz Andrist: "Let Africa Live"

April 10: Jen Swanson: Principal: St. Mary's School

April 17: Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Public Schools

April 24: Kaia (Duffus) Liang: 2006 Outbound Student to India, lived in China the last 7 years

May 1: Owatonna Foundation

May 8: Jared Hendricks, Energy Conservation Officer, Owatonna Public Utilities (addressing solar energy)

May 15: Silvia, In-Bound Exchange Student from

May 29: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 5: Glenda Smith, Chamber of Commerce: Gov. Pheasant Opener

June 12: Leslea Partridge, 2023 Marching Band Festival

June 19: Rick Bussler, Publisher, Blooming Prairie Times

June 26: Club Business

July 3: No meeting

July 10: Michelle Redman, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

July 17: Rick Heidick: ROTARY LIFT PROGRAM

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Monday, April 10, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Jen Swanson, Principal, St. Mary's School.

BIRTHDAYS: Julie Anderson, April 9, Bruce Paulson, April 13

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Angana Patel, Tatus Rau, Danielle Sanjuanero, Grace Nirk

In Bound Exchange Student: Silvia, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Each November, nearly 8,000 cyclists take part in El Tour de Tucson, a ride to raise money for nonprofit causes. ROTARY members' participation began with Michael Harris, a member of the ROTARY Club of Tucson. He was not a cyclist himself, but was passionate about fielding a ROTARIAN team, seeing it as a way for smaller clubs to raise money for polio eradication. In 2009, he and his club assembled a small cycling group and raised \$25,000. Harris died in 2011, but what he started continues to grow. The results: Over the past 14 years, more than 1,000 ROTARIAN cyclists at El Tour have helped raised \$61.1 million, says Kirk Reed, an eight-time rider who chairs the ROTARY supported Ride to End Polio. This includes 2-to-1 matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For Fast Relief".

YOUNG LIFE CAKE AUCTION

Many of you participate in the Young Life Cake Auction, which is scheduled for this year on Saturday, April 22, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Fitting in with today's computerized generation, bidding will again be on line **beginning at 8 a.m. that Saturday. If you are submitting a cake, they can be brought to Trinity Lutheran on Friday from 2:00-7:00.** The public is invited to come and view the cakes on Friday night. There will also be sale cakes which will sell for \$40.00. The auction will take place from 8:00-1:00.

ROTARIANS INVITED TO ANOTHER SCHS 'EVENING AT JERRY'S

ROTARIANS are invited to another "Evening at Jerry's" sponsored by the Steele County Historical Society on Friday, April 28. Guests will be treated to live music while sipping cocktails from the 1960's as well as entrees drawn from Jerry's Supper Club menu. The entrees selected this year will be the Jerry's Ala Burger or Chicken Kiev on a bed of wild rice. Space is limited. Cost is \$75.00. Contact the SCHS at 451-1420.

Again, note that your board of directors have made the decision that there will be no meeting on July 3.

SO ANYWAY

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over the local Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."