

Rotary O-Pinion

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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

- March 7: Scott Limberg: The Growth of Owatonna Live
- March 14: Owatonna Update: Troy Klecker, City of Owatonna
- March 21: Julie Bleckeberg Fiske, Exec. Dir. of Growing Hope
- March 28: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong!: Lois Nelson: Steve Arnold, Dave Effertz
- April 4: No Meeting
- April 11: Lon Thiele, Steele County Sheriff
- April 18: Anne Peterson, Manager, Minn. State Orphanage Museum
- April 25: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson
- May 2: Kathey Huisman, Exchange Club Center for Child Abuse
- May 9: STRIVE Student Recognition
- May 16: National Honor Society Recognition
- May 23: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson
- May 30: No meeting...Memorial Day
- June 6: Matt Durand and Karina Schmitz: Steele County Housing Coalition
- June 13: Leslea Partridge: Wenger Marching Band Festival
- June 20: Mark Blando, Director, Owatonna Public Library
- June 27: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong!
- July 4: No Meeting

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Monday, April 11, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our own member, Steele County Sheriff Lon Thiele.

BIRTHDAYS: Loren Olson and Dick Slieter, April 6, Todd Hale, April 8, Julie Anderson, April 9, Bruce Paulson, April 13, Doug Ruth, April 17.

APRIL STUDENTS: Abigale Dirks, Mirah Eichten, Savannah Smith and Grace Jacobs

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

What a wonderful event the 100th Anniversary dinner and program was! If you missed it, here is a link to Owatonna Live for replay: <https://owatonnalive.lightcast.com/player/40153/448776>

FROM RI PRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHTA: “It has been so exciting to see ROTARY members come together at the presidential conferences to share ideas about using our areas of focus to bring about lasting change in the world. The past and upcoming presidential conferences are looking at our new area of focus...the environment....and how our work to protect our planet must also support our efforts to grow local economies, especially in places with the greatest poverty.”

HUMANITARIAN SUPORT IN UKRAINE REGION

In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, the ROTARY FOUNDATION has created an official channel for ROTARY members to contribute funds to support the relief efforts underway by ROTARY districts and has designated its Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions. Now through April 30, ROTARY districts can transfer unallocated District Designated Funds to the Disaster Response Fund, directly supporting these Ukraine-special humanitarian grants.

Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund in support of Ukraine can be made at my.rotary.org/disaster-response-fund. All funds need to be received by April 30 in order to qualify for use in support of the Ukrainian relief effort. Although the Disaster Response Fund will be the main avenue for ROTARY FOUNDATION support, ROTARY clubs are also encouraged to create their own responses to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

AROUND TOWN

It's been announced that Owatonna's oldest church will be closing. The First Baptist Church in Owatonna, which has been located on Main Street for 67 years, has been sold. The building and its contents will be purchased by Redemption Church of Owatonna. Since COVID reduced its congregation to about 20 people there just isn't enough energy to keep it going.

The Owatonna Music Boosters will induct several musicians into the Music Boosters Hall of Fame at this year's OHS Pop Concert. No induction ceremony was held in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID so these nominees for those two years will be inducted this year. The Class of 2020 includes Ray Lacina, Carol Jensen, Laurie Meister and Lothar and Pat Meisel. The Class of 2021 include Alonzo Gutterson, Peter Schleif and Jack Hockenberry. This year's Class includes Judy Thon Jones, The Thon Company and John Holland.

So anyway: During a long stay of looking around a car show, a couple of my friends and I stopped in at “Hooters” for some Hot Wings and few beers. After being there for awhile, and observing the busy girls rushing around one of my friends asked me which waitress I would like to be stuck in an elevator with. I told him, “The one who knows how to fix elevators.” I'm old, tired and I pee a lot!”

Finally, do you know that awesome feeling when you get into bed, fall right to sleep, stay asleep all night, and wake up feeling refreshed and ready to take on the day? Yeah, me neither!