

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY: BE THE INSPIRATION

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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PROGRAMS

April 8: Update on We All Play
April 15: Mac Hamilton, Developer
April 22: Carol Belmore: Middle School “REACH program
April 29: Former Senator Dave Durenberger
May 6: Camp RYLA students and STRIVE graduates
May 13: National Honor Society Students
May 20: Ed Marek, St. Paul Sunrise...District Fast for Hope
May 27: Memorial Day, no meeting
June 3: Farewell from Iringo
June 10: Chuck Driessen: History of Culligan and Culligan Ultrapure
June 17: Open
June 24: Open
July 1: “Nuga” Atewologun, President, Riverland
July 8: Open
July 15: Open
July 22: Open
July 29: Open
August 5: Preview: SCFF: Scott Kozelka
August 12: Open

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Monday, April 15, 2019

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Mac Hamilton, the developer and builder of the new apartment complex downtown on East Vine Street. Following the meeting today, Mac invites those interested for a short tour of the facility. Hard hats will have to be worn which will be provided.

BIRTHDAYS: Corey Mensink, April 15. Doug Ruth, April 17, Steve Rohlik, April 18, Ann Miller, April 19, Pastor Todd Buegler and Carol Nelson, April 20

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Ana Wilker, Carter Kuehn, Reese Lindholm and Jessica Spatenka

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Iringo, Romania

ROTARY NOTES

From RI President Barry Rassin: "Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a woman dies from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. And babies whose mothers die within the first six weeks of their lives are far more likely to die themselves than babies whose mothers survive. As I've traveled around the world as President of ROTARY, I've met families for whom these aren't simply tragic statistics. But I've also met people who are devoting themselves to helping mothers and children, and because of them I'm hopeful. Because many of these people are ROTARIANS, I'm also proud. APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH on the ROTARY calendar.

Transformation service is what ROTARIANS do best. Because of our networks which span the globe, our community presence, which allows us to see what's most needed, and our expertise, which encompasses countless skills and professions, we're able to serve in a manner that has no equal. And we're able to *Be the Inspiration* as we help those who need us most.

Just what you wanted to know! A Dutch man and a Belgian woman have been named co-victors of the European Gull Screeching championship Reggy Laatish, 31, from Amsterdam and Bregje Iding, 21, from Hasselt, bested a field of competitors who dressed in seagull costumes, flapped wings and imitated a seagull's cawing. One judge said, "It sounds quite stupid, but it is a real science".

Doubtful it could happen in Owatonna! New York City is poised to become America's first city to implement so-called congestion pricing...a fee for vehicles to enter its most traffic-choked streets. The fees haven't been finalized, but a state panel last year suggested a daily charge of \$11.52 for cars and \$25.34 for trucks.

A CHEATER! Dozens of golf partners of Donald Trump say he routinely and flagrantly cheats at the game, giving himself a do-over for shots he hits into water hazards, having his caddie move his ball from the rough into the fairway and even kicking an opponent's ball off the green and into a bunker.

About 70% of U.S. produce has pesticide residue even after being washed, a new study by the Environmental Working Group found. Strawberries, spinach and kale had the highest levels of pesticide.

Finally, 29% of Americans think President Trump has been cleared of wrongdoing by the Mueller report. 40% say he has not been cleared. 31% are not sure.

So anyway: With the couple celebrating their 50th anniversary, the minister asked Brother Ralph to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he managed to live with the same woman all these years The husband replied, "Well, I treated her with respect, spent money on her, but mostly I took her traveling on special occasions." The minister inquired trips to where? "For our 25th anniversary I took her to Beijing, China." "What a terrific example you are to all husbands Ralph Please tell us what you're going to do for your wife on your 50th?" Brother Ralph: "I'm going over to get her!"