

Rotary O-Pinion

IMAGINE ROTARY

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, Ingrid Kubisak, Dave Chatalaine “Let Africa Live”

April 10: Glenda Smith, Chamber of Commerce: Owatonna Hosting Gov. Pheasant Opener

April 17: Jen Swanson, Principal, St. Mary’s School

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 Italy

May 22: Club Business

May 29: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 5: Open

June 12: Leslea Partridge, 2023 Marching Band Festival

June 19: Rick Bussler, Publisher, Blooming Prairie Times

June 26: Club Business

ROTARY OPINION

Monday, April 17, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Jen Swanson, Principal, St. Mary's School

BIRTHDAYS: Jim Wendorff, April 21

STUDENT ROTARIANS; APRIL: Angana Patel, Tatum Rau, Danielle Sanjuanero, Grace Nick

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

April 19 marks the 155th anniversary of our founder's birth. Commemorate his legacy with a gift to the ROTARY FOUNDATION! Checks to the ROTARY FOUNDATION can be given to ROTARIAN Jim Brunner.

OVERHEARD ON SOCIAL MEDIA: In December, Sarah Laughton wrote about how her experience as a ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT and AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR led to a 25-year career with the United Nations World Food Programme.

"I truly believe that these exchange programs have so much power to create peacebuilders." Martina Lastikova

"My ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE YEAR was so important for my growth and development. My language and communication skills have been pivotal in my career. I still have a bond with my American siblings. Thank You ROTARY!" Annika Svensson Dalgren.

CREATE, SHARE, CONNECT with ROTARY!

Hey ROTARIANS, don't worry about getting older...you're still gonna do dumb stuff only slower!

HUNTER HOST VOLUNTEERS

Last week, the Chamber of Commerce noted that they are looking for Hunter Hosts to participate in the Gov. Pheasant Opener. You should embrace the role of an ambassador of our great Minnesota Pheasant hunting tradition, and share your Pheasant hunting skills with invited guests coming to the Owatonna area this fall. Each hunter host will lead two to four GPHO guests on a hunt. Hunter hosts are asked not to carry a gun during the hunt. Interested? Contact Scott Roemhildt at scott.roemhildt@state.mn.us. Hosts will not be asked to accommodate hunters in their home for sleeping accommodations during the weekend.

BALD IS COMPETITIVE

In Tsuruta, Japan, an annual sporting event was halted for three years during the pandemic. But, now, it's back. The Suction Cup Tug-Of-War, in which pairs of bald men attach suction cups to their heads and pull in opposite directions, took place Feb. 22. The event is sponsored by the city's Bald Men's Club, which welcomes people who "view baldness in a positive manner" and want to "brighten the world with our shiny heads!"

SO ANYWAY

When the power mower was broken and wouldn't run, Lena kept hinting to her husband, Ole, that he should get it fixed. Somehow, the message never sunk in. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When Ole arrived home one day, he found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of scissors. He watched silently, and then went into the house. When he came out again, he handed her a toothbrush and said, "When you finish cutting da grass, you might as well sweep the sidewalks." As Ole was relating this episode to his buddy Sven, he said, "Dad doctors say I vill probably valk again, but vill always have a limp!"