

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

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 2: Al Smith, “Women of War”

March 9: Joe Stiles, Furnishing Hope

March 16: Meeting canceled

March 23: Meeting canceled

March 30: Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford

April 6: Kyle Skov, City Public Works Director

April 13: Dr. Richard Huston, PolioPlus trip to Pakistan

April 20: STRIVE graduation

April 27: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Mayo Clinic Health System

May 4: Camp RYLA Students

May 11: Hosting OHS National Honor Society: Speaker: Joyce Madsen

May 18: Andi Arnold, Safe and Drug Free Coalition

May 25: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 1: Monique Hammond: Hearing Loss, the Silent Epidemic

June 8: Jeff Elstad: Superintendent of Schools: Update on building of new high school

June 15: Open

June 22: Dr. Laura Niederhofer, University of Minnesota Researcher

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Monday, April 20, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

Meeting to be held at 12 noon on Zoom!

THIS WEEK: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

BIRTHDAYS: Steve Rohlik, April 18, Ann Miller, April 19, Todd Buegler, April 20, Jim Wendorff, April 21, Cindy Scheid, April 25.

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Ryek, Germany

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

In April, ROTARY turns its attention to maternal and child health. We can look to clubs like the ROTARACT Club of Calabart South-CB, Nigeria, for inspiration. It teamed up with the ROTARACT Club of Canaan City in a program focused on educating mothers on best practices to prevent infant mortality and promote postnatal health for themselves and their babies. In Bangladesh, the ROTARY Club of Dhaka North provides free surgeries and medicine to pregnant women who cannot afford the hospital costs associated with giving birth.

According to the World Health Organization the risk of a woman in a low-income country dying during pregnancy or childbirth, or from related causes, is about 120 times higher than that of a woman living in a high-income country. It is encouraging that infant mortality rates are declining globally, yet 4 million babies annually still die within the first year of life.

Do you know? What grocery store occupied the space before Hy-Vee? It was Pat's Supermarket, operated by Pat Oulhoff.

In a global survey of 8,000 people in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Russia, Japan, the U.K and the U.S., 54% see the coronavirus as a "high or very high threat to the world and 33% see it as a moderate threat. 85% of those surveyed support mandatory screening of those traveling from infected countries, and 66% think the government should ban travel to infected countries. 46% think that the outbreak will not be over anytime soon.

ROTARIAN Jerry Deetz is back home from Rochester and undergoing physical therapy to enable him to walk again.

"My body absorbed so much soap and detergent lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet."

An Easter story for ROTARIANS: A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit ump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid hitting it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps right in front of the car. The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulls over and gets out to see what has become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay, the rabbit is the Easter Bunny and he is DEAD! The driver feels so awful that he begins to cry. A beautiful blonde woman driving down the highway, sees a man crying on the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong. "I feel terrible," he explains. "I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny with my car and KILLED HIM" The blonde says, "Don't worry." She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can. She walks over to the limp, dead Easter Bunny, bends down and sprays the contents on him. The Easter Bunny jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road. Ten feet away, he stops, turns around and waves again. He hops down the road another ten feet, turns and waves, hops another ten feet, turns and waves, and repeats this again and again and again and again until he hops out of sight.

The man is astonished. He runs over to the woman and demands, "What is in that can? What did you spray on the Easter Bunny?" The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label. It says, (Are you ready for this?), (Are you sure?), (You know you're gonna be sorry), (Last chance) (ok, here it is). It says, "Hair spray restores life to dead hair, and adds permanent wave."