

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 22, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Carol Belmore from the Owatonna Middle School who will present information on the "REACH" program.

BIRTHDAYS: Jim Wendorff, April 21, Cindy Scheid, April 25 Dale Gandrud, April 28

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

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Ringo, Romania

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

April is Maternal Child Health Month on the ROTARY calendar. ROTARY projects support maternal and child health through education, immunizations, birth kits and mobile health clinics. Your donation to the annual fund makes these resources available so that mothers and children can live longer and grow stronger.

Our club is sponsoring a Better Angels workshop "Becoming a Better Angel in Your Own World tomorrow night from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Owatonna. This workshop will help you become more aware of polarization inside us and between us. All ROTARIANS are invited.

A couple of fair notes: Nomination forms are now available for the 2019 Senior Citizen Volunteers of the Year. The award to the man and woman volunteer is sponsored by the Steele County Exchange Club in cooperation with the fair. A male and female senior citizen age 70 and over will be selected and honored on Senior Day at the fair. Nomination forms are available at the fair office, West Hills Social Commons online at scff.org or from Bruce Kubicek at 451-6616.

Fair dates this year are August 13-18. The slogan for this year is "Summer Days, Carnival Lights".

The Owatonna Flower Basket program can use some financial help. If you can send a few bucks it would be appreciated. Make checks to the Chamber of Commerce and label the check "Flower Basket Program".

A little-known fact: Although John Wayne often wore a hat in his films, his temper would flare if anyone left a hat on top of a bed. According to his daughter, Wayne was deeply superstitious and subscribed to the not uncommon fear that a hat on a bed was a harbinger of bad luck.

Another little-known fact: Author Charles Dickens carried a navigational compass with him at all times and always faced north when he slept. He believed it improved his creativity and writing.

As you know, our club passed out dictionaries to all 3rd graders in Owatonna schools again this year. Did you know? ROTARY Clubs passed out 1,491,808 dictionaries this year. Over the years of the program, ROTARY Clubs have passed out 31,605,381 dictionaries to students.

So anyway: My wife had been after me for several weeks to varnish the wooden seat on our toilet. Finally, while she was out, I got around to doing it. After finishing, I left to tend to another matter. She returned, undressed to take a shower. Before showering, she sat on the toilet. As she tried to stand up, she realized the not-quite-dry epoxy paint had glued her to the seat. I got home and realized her predicament. No success as we pushed and pulled. Finally, in desperation, I undid the toilet seat bolts. She wrapped a sheet around herself and I drove her to the emergency room. The ER doc got her into a position where he could study how to free her. She tried to enlighten the embarrassment by saying, "Well, Doctor, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before." The doctor replied, "Actually, I've seen lots of them...I just never saw one mounted and framed!"