

# 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: Brenda 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: Hosting: National Honor Society, OHS

May 22: Silvia, Inbound Student from Italy

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 24, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Guest speaker will be Kaia (Duffus) Liang who is now living in Owatonna after residing in China for the last seven years. Kaia was also a ROTARY Outbound Student to India in 2006.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dale Gandrud, April 28

**APRIL STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last day for Angana Patel, Tatum Rau, Danielle Sanjuanero and Grace Nirk

**UPCOMING MAY STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Jackson Vogt, Jaemi Medina and Kathy Morales.

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

The VFW Memorial Day Parade Committee has announced that the traditional Memorial Day Parade has been eliminated beginning this year. Instead, concentration will take place toward the Memorial Day program held at the Four Seasons. The VFW has been experiencing several years in a row of dwindling members wanting to organize the parade. Bob Rezaz, one of the remaining two members of the committee said, "Age and physical abilities have taken their toll. We just can't do it anymore. There are no young folks willing to organize the parade anymore."

Some days I amaze myself....other days, I put my keys in the fridge!

### **ROTARIANS....PEOPLE OF ACTION**

ROTARIANS are playing a critical role addressing WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) necessary for community health, economic growth, food security, education well-being and the alleviation of poverty.

THE NEXT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IS IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Turkey and Syria, killing tens of thousands of people and reducing huge sections of cities to rubble. Within hours, RI President Jennifer Jones activated ROTRY'S Disaster Response Fund to earthquake relief. While mourning their losses, Turkish ROTARIANS rushed to help others.

Did you know? The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour is 65,000.

Each king in a deck of cards represents a great king from history: Spades: King David; Hearts, Charlemagne; Clubs, Alexander the Great; Diamonds, Julius Caesar.

### **So Anyway**

I was having trouble with my computer, so I called Harold, the computer guy, to come over. Harold clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. He gave me a bill for a minimum service call. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So what was wrong?" He replied, "It was an ID ten T error." I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An ID ten T error? What's that, in case in need to fix it again?" Harold grinned, "Haven't you heard of an ID ten T error before?" "No," I replied. "Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out." So, wrote down ID10T. I used to like Harold!"