

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

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 5: Roger Warehime, Manager, Owatonna Public Utilities

April 12: Brad Meier, President, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

April 19: Rick Heidick: Fast for Hope

April 26: Jenna Tuma, New Owatonna Parks and Recreation Director

May 3: Dave Albrecht, Retired President, Owatonna Allina Hospital

May 10: Jen Swanson, Principal, St. Mary's School

May 17: Rotary Foundation Program

May 24: Scot Davis, former OHS Wrestling Coach

May 31: Memorial Day...no meeting

June 7: Missy Ahrens and Tim Truelson, Parks and Rec....Presentation of Rotary Check for We All Play

June 14: Preview: Wenger Marching Band Festival

June 21: Butterfly Project: Dr. Beth, Chad Lange, Jim Brunner

June 28: David Yorks: Discrepancies in the President Kennedy Assassination.

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Monday, April 26, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Jenna Tuma, new Owatonna Parks and Recreation Director.

BIRTHDAYS: Cindy Scheid, April 25, Dave Williams, April 30, Josh Meiller, May 1

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Arian Piepho, Emily Hagen, Gabe Tratz and Lauren Phelps

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

IMPORTANT: YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE VOTED TO RESUME IN-PERSON MEETINGS AT THE OCC ON JUNE 7!

AROUND TOWN

A few changes or cancellations have been announced. The VFW has announced that there will be no Memorial Day Parade again this year, due to lingering COVID-19. Corky's Early Bird Softball tournament has been moved to the last weekend in July. The Steele County Free Fair is being planned for August 17-22.

Any ROTARIANS who have suggestions for the 2022 fair theme should send it to the SCFF, Box 650, Owatonna by May 15. The theme does not have to rhyme, should be fairly short and something that brings to mind the Steele County Free Fair.

May 1 is the deadline date to submit nominations for the male and female senior citizen of the year. Forms are available at the fair office or on the fair website.

How long is this social distancing supposed to last? My husband keeps trying to come into the house!

WE ALL AGREE

We all agree that we need clean water for survival, we all need healthy soil and oceans for food, and we all need clean air for a healthy respiratory system. If we simply focus on what we need to do to achieve these, then we improve our climate health as well. People and the planet are inextricably linked. We must care for both. ROTARY has now expanded to formally include our planet.

REMEMBERING OUR DREAMS

Do you remember your dreams? Why is it so difficult to remember the majority of dreams we experience? Science shows that when our brains are asleep, nothing we experience is encoded into memory. To remember fragments of a dream, one must awaken, at least somewhat, while it is occurring, and even then, the memory is likely to be fleeting. Those that recall more of their dreams may be slightly more wakeful in general, especially if they're making an effort to remember or keep record of them. Recurring dreams are more likely to be remembered because of the increased numbers of opportunities to awaken during them. Frightening dreams are sometimes recalled only because they wake you up.

So anyway: Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged, however, while working as a student nurse a young lady found an elderly gentleman, already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet. He insisted he didn't need her help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let her wheel him to the elevator. On the way down, the student nurse asked the man if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs changing out of her hospital gown."