

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: Jen Swanson: Principal: St. Mary’s School

April 17: Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Public Schools

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: Glenda Smith, Chamber of Commerce: Gov. Pheasant Opener

June 12: Leslea Partridge, 2023 Marching Band Festival

June 19: Rick Bussler, Publisher, Blooming Prairie Times

June 26: Club Business

July 3: No meeting

ROTARY OPINION

Monday, April 3, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: The topic is “Let Africa Live” Guest speakers will be Liz Andrist, Dave Chatalaine and Ingrid Kubisa

BIRTHDAYS: Loren Olson, April 6, Dick Slieter, April 6, Todd Hale, April 8, Julie Anderson, April 9

APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Welcome to Angana Patel, Tatum Rau, Danielle Sanjuanero and Grace Nirk

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Silvia from Italy

ROTARY NOTES

FROM RI PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES: “None of us will forget how the pandemic altered our lives. Each of us had to traverse this period of uncertainty, and no one had a free pass from the effects. I personally believe this has created space for a different kind of global leadership.....one that is courageous, empathetic and vulnerable.”

A CITY INVITATION TO ROTARIANS

ROTARIANS are invited to come to City Hall tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. to see the City Council Chambers for the final time in the current state A ground breaking event will be held to kick off renovations of this space that will be occurring over the next several months.

Beginning with tomorrow’s City Council meeting, the Council will meet in the Gainey Room at the Public Library. The following meetings will also be relocated during the renovation: Planning Commission: Gainey Room at library; Housing and Redevelopment Authority: 2nd floor conference room at City Hall; Parks and Recreation Board: location will rotate...check Owatonna.gov; Economic Development Authority: 2nd floor conference room in City Hall.

The West Hills Commission has been an integral part of planning the renovations and working with the State Historical Preservation Office. Their support of this project includes the creating of a historical display that will demonstrate the ways the space has been used over time. Original architectural elements will be incorporated into the design of the renovated space to preserving aspects of the room’s past.

The construction is expected to be completed in early 2024.

LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

More than 40 high school students from the Barr Beacon School in Walsall, England, were stranded in the United States for four extra days after a ski trip to New Hampshire. It wasn’t weather that shut down their travel, but the fact that the Kancamagus Lodge in Lincoln, New Hampshire, “accidentally” shredded 42 of their passports. Fortunately, head teacher Katie Hobbs, who was not on the trip was on top of the situation and had the group head to New York City, where the British Embassy prepared emergency documents. In the meantime, the kids toured the city and had a wonderful time.

So Anyway

Remember, never leave home without a kiss, hug and an “I Love You”. Then remove the dog hair from your mouth as you walk to the car.